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Bus services boosted in budget

A new rapid transit bus service to rival light rail will be launched in Brisbane's CBD next year as part of Council's massive \$164 million public transport investment in 2009/10.

Dubbed the 'City Glider', the service will link West End, South Brisbane, the CBD, Fortitude Valley and Newstead, helping reduce vehicle congestion in the inner-city.

The glider, which will be formally launched next year, is part of a massive \$100 million-plus investment in all forms of public and active transport, such as buses, hire bikes and ferries.

The City Glider route will initially be serviced by distinctively painted existing rigid and articulated buses, before those vehicles are replaced by large tram-like buses.

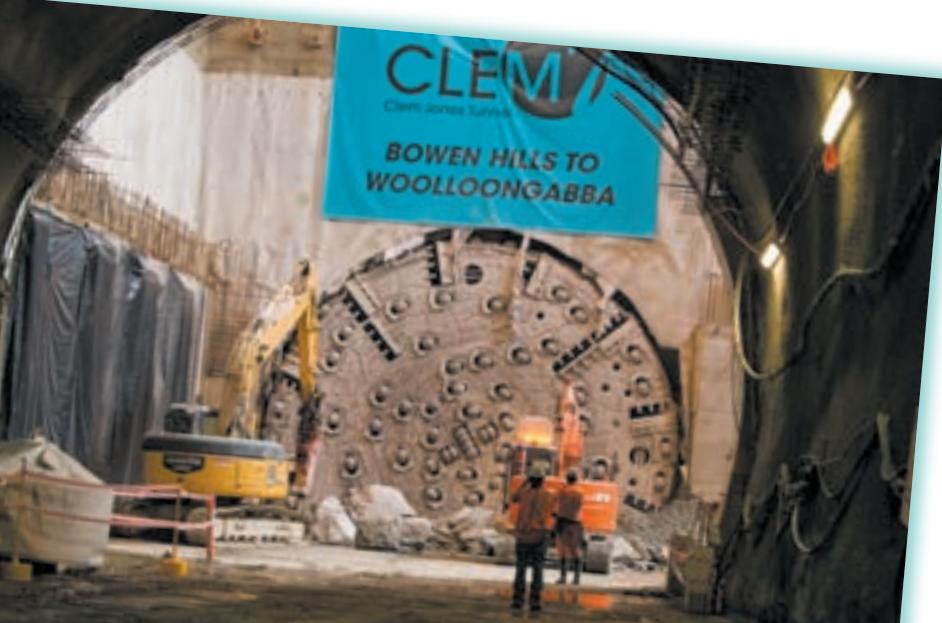
Getting Brisbane moving: Clem7 update

Tunnelling on the Clem Jones Tunnel (CLEM7) is complete after the second tunnel boring machine broke through at Woolloongabba.

The breakthrough represents an important milestone for the CLEM7 with both 4,000-tonne boring machines (named Matilda and Florence) having completed their historic 4.3 kilometre journey from Bowen Hills to Woolloongabba.

The 6.8 kilometre CLEM7 will connect Woolloongabba in the south to Bowen Hills in the north, and will be the first section of the new M7 motorway. The CLEM7 will bypass up to 23 sets of traffic lights, reduce travel time by up to 30%, cut fuel costs, lower stress and improve safety.

The Clem7 is on track for completion in 2010.



A message from Lord Mayor Campbell Newman

On 17 June, I delivered the 2009/10 Brisbane City Council budget to Council.

This budget – unlike those delivered in recent years – has been framed in very tough economic circumstances.

I am proud of what we've achieved with this budget; and I feel very strongly that the decisions we have made will ensure Brisbane ratepayers continue to benefit from our strong economic record.

We have had to bridge a \$45 million black hole caused by the Global Financial Crisis and ensure we minimise economic impacts on Brisbane residents.

There is no doubt that in the 12 months since the last budget, our local economy has changed considerably. Gone are the days of low unemployment, as well as the days of strong property price rises and rapid construction cost increases.

Our challenge has been to develop a responsible budget that cuts costs and provides a stimulus for the Brisbane economy. This has not been an easy task, but strong financial management is about making tough decisions.

This budget gets on with the job of tackling traffic congestion; addressing flood issues; buying new buses and CityCats; and ensuring much higher standards of cleanliness and service throughout the city.

Despite tough economic times, this budget continues to deliver on meeting our Vision for Brisbane 2026 and ensuring Brisbane is an easy living, smart thinking, world class city.

The budget overview on the inside of this edition of Living in Brisbane provides a good snapshot. Further information can be found by visiting www.brisbane.qld.gov.au or calling (07) 3403 8888.

Campbell Newman
LORD MAYOR



\$3.45 BILLION BUDGET 2009/10



\$1.53 BILLION
Infrastructure investment



\$231.4 MILLION
Record investment in public transport



\$109.6 MILLION
To reduce flooding



\$106.7 MILLION
Planning for Brisbane's future



\$93 MILLION
Improving and maintaining parks

\$748 **\$348**

FULL pension rebate
increase from \$710

PART pension rebate
increase from \$277

PENSIONER REBATE

Getting on with the

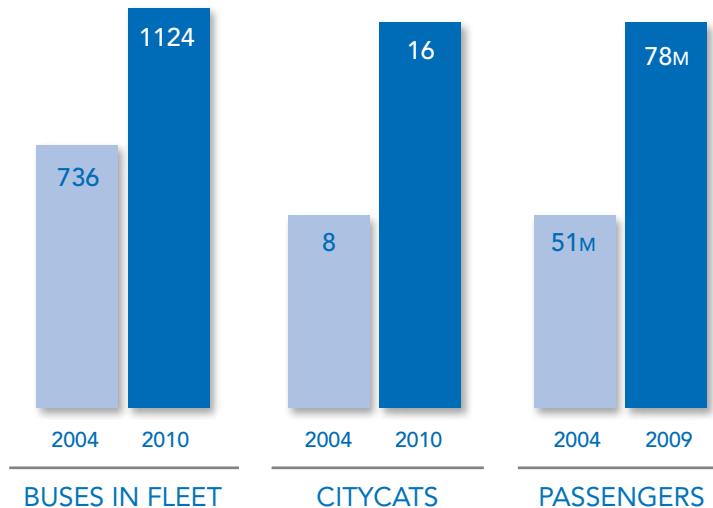
\$45.8 MILLION **\$45.1 MILLION** **\$40.5 MILLION**

Libraries

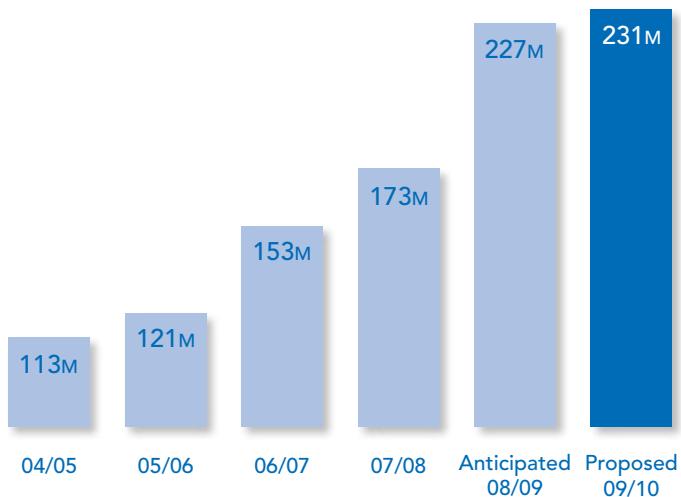
Road resurfacing

New bikeway
improvement
safety initiative

Record public transport investment & use:



Funding for public transport



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\$23 MILLION **\$20.4** MILLION

Major footpath
funding to improve
pedestrian safety

Expanding
bushland cover



29%
Road resurfacing



9.6%
Asset growth



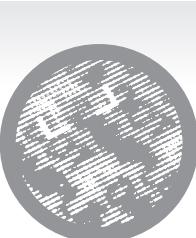
8%
Library funding



14,000
New jobs created



\$50 MILLION
Internal efficiency savings



Subsidised
microdots
for residents



Personal
safety
seminars
and self
defence



Extra bins in
parks and
on roadsides

\$500,000

\$425,000

200 NEW BINS

Residential rates and charges

South East Queensland urban councils

Average annual rates (2008/09) \$

500 | 1000 | 1500 | 2000 | 2500

Ipswich City Council

Gold Coast City Council

Redland Shire Council

Sunshine Coast Regional Council (North)

Moreton Regional Council (Pine Rivers)

Sunshine Coast Regional Council (South)

Logan City Council

Sunshine Coast Regional Council (Central)

Brisbane City Council

Moreton Regional Council (Caboolture)

Moreton Regional Council (Redcliffe)

(Average household bill assuming 143kL of water consumption)

Dearest

Cheapest

From October 1

Brisbane City Council will offer new
flexible rate payment options (via
periodic payments and direct debit)



Recognising local SES heroes

Work of local heroes, the State Emergency Service (SES) volunteers, is being recognised by Council in this year's budget.

While regularly playing a critical role in responding to emergencies, the SES, like many volunteer organisations, struggles to raise funds and recruit volunteers.

As part of Council's ongoing support of this wonderful organisation, \$300,000 will be provided for a new job tasking computer system.

Council will also match fundraising by SES volunteers dollar-for-dollar, and introduce annual service recognition payments – \$200 for one to five years service and \$500 for over five years – to help recruit and retain volunteers.

Neighbourhood Planning update

Neighbourhood Planning brings local communities and Council together to plan our city.

There are now 20 Neighbourhood Plans underway or already completed across Brisbane. As part of these plans, Council delivers improvements to local services and facilities that are suggested by the community.

In Chermside, young people wrote and produced their own 'Song for Chermside'. In Acacia Ridge, participants built a new picnic

precinct for the community. In Wynnum/Manly hundreds of street trees were planted. In Bracken Ridge a new heritage trail was created to commemorate the Indigenous history and early settlers to the area, and in the Centenary Suburbs a dark, dingy underpass was transformed with a colourful mural painted by a local artist.

These and many more improvements to local areas have taken place thanks to the community working with Council through Neighbourhood Planning.

To find out more, visit:
[www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/
neighbourhoodplanning](http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/neighbourhoodplanning).



Council investing \$8 million to redevelop and revitalise Chinatown Mall

Council's \$8 million Chinatown Mall redevelopment is creating an open, inviting space for people to enjoy its many cultural, shopping and dining experiences.

In consultation with the local community, and property and business owners, three specialist architects from Brisbane's sister city in China, Shenzhen, have worked with local designers and Council to develop an authentic Chinese design for the mall. Guided by Feng Shui principles, the water feature, artwork and hand-picked trees are being positioned to allow the harmonious flow of vital energy.

The mall's overall design is based on an ancient fable about a carp that became a dragon when it jumped over the Dragon Gate Mountain in Luoyang City, Henan Province.

Ambient lighting, street furniture and other constructed elements of the mall are influenced by traditional design and a total of six Chinese Dynasties will be represented in the Mall.

All Chinatown Mall businesses remain open for business and accessible to customers during construction. For more information call Council on (07) 3403 8888 or visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au and search for 'Chinatown Mall'.

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CityGlider Rapid Bus Service – Keeping Brisbane Moving



Council has allocated \$4.5 million for the new CityGlider bus rapid transit route between Newstead and West End.

The CityGlider will provide a new level of public transport service, delivering outstanding efficiency and reliability.

Dedicated buses will operate along a key transit route through the city, with priority measures in place to reduce delays.

CityGlider will operate on a high frequency timetable – departing every five minutes during peak times and every 10 to 15 minutes during off-peak hours. It will operate 18 hours a day from Sunday to Thursday and 24 hours on Friday and Saturday.

The first CityGlider service will commence mid-next year, providing a continuous link between West End and Newstead and access to key destinations along the corridor.

Subsequent stages of the CityGlider service are planned for progressive rollout to Hamilton, Woolloongabba and beyond.



CityGlider benefits

- faster travel times
- greater reliability
- increased frequency of service
- faster boarding
- greater connectivity to other travel modes
- improved public transport access across the inner city suburbs

CityCycle makes city travel easier



Brisbane City Council is committed to delivering CityCycle, a world-class public bike hire scheme.

CityCycle will provide residents with a convenient, healthy and cost-effective way to travel around the inner city while also providing an environmentally friendly transport alternative to help reduce traffic congestion, alleviate parking demand and create a cleaner, greener Brisbane.

CityCycle is part of the Lord Mayor's commitment to invest \$100 million in just four years to extend our existing bikeway network and make our city more cycle friendly.

The scheme is expected to be launched in 2010 and will ultimately provide up to 2000 bikes for hire from 150 bike parking stations. When complete it is anticipated the network will include: St Lucia, Toowong, Milton, the CBD, West End, South Brisbane, Kangaroo Point, Fortitude Valley, New Farm, and Newstead.



A message from Lord Mayor Campbell Newman

Welcome to the Spring edition of *Living in Brisbane*. As you may have noticed, Council is now sending *Living in Brisbane* via Australia Post. I am pleased to report this is a direct result of feedback received from many residents who asked for *Living in Brisbane* to be sent to all households and not just through the rates notice.

Following Council's 2009-10 Budget in June, we've been working hard to get on with our plans to improve public transport, create an exciting new bike hire scheme, save the heritage-listed City Hall and prepare for storm season.

Public transport in the inner-city will shortly undergo a revolution as two exciting new initiatives are introduced. CityCycle will be Australia's first large-scale public bike hire initiative, providing 2,000 bikes at 150 stations across the city. Council will also launch the new CityGlider service in mid-2010, which will use uniquely designed buses to provide a mass transit route for the busy Newstead – West End service.

Another major initiative that will soon be underway is the important restoration of City Hall. Many residents have told me how much the building means to them and how essential it is for Council to preserve this beautiful and historical building for future generations. With official restoration works scheduled to begin early next year, we would warmly welcome any donations from residents to help save this beautiful building. Details about how to donate are on the back page of this newsletter.

Finally, I encourage you to take a moment to read the Be Floodwise article on page three. As summer quickly approaches, this article provides some very valuable advice and simple tips to prepare for this year's storm season.

This is the last edition of *Living in Brisbane* before the festive season, so I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Campbell Newman
LORD MAYOR

Council continues targeting our worst congested roads



Brisbane's steady population growth is undoubtedly placing further strain on our transport network.

Council is getting on with the job of improving the suburban road network by implementing a number of road improvement projects across the city through the Road Action Program.

This unprecedented capital works program targets Brisbane's 21 most congested suburban roads and will fast-track 15 years of road works into just four years.

The program involves 57 projects and ranges from the upgrade of existing roads to increase capacity to intersection upgrades and establishing new suburban road links.

Some of the projects within the Road Action Program that have been recently completed or are currently being delivered include:

Project	Description	Timing
Bracken Ridge Road upgrade – stage 1	Upgrade of Bracken Ridge Road from two to four lanes between Lot Street and Barfoot Street	Completed in August 2009
Nudgee Road intersection upgrades	Upgrade of three key intersections on Nudgee Road to improve safety	Completed in May 2009
Scrub Road extension	Extension of Scrub Road approximately 800 metres and completion of the missing link between Carindale and Mansfield	Construction finishes late 2009
Gap Creek road upgrade	Upgrade of the single-lane bridge near Gap Creek Reserve, improvement of the Kookaburra Street/Gap Creek Road intersection and sealing the gravel section through Mt Coot-tha Forest Park	Construction starts late 2009
Blunder Road Stage 6	Construction of a four lane roadway on a new alignment	Construction starts early 2010

The Road Action Program is part of Council getting on with the job of improving travel time and increasing road user safety in Brisbane. For a list of all Council's major transport infrastructure projects, visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au and search 'Road Action Program.'



One-stop shop for planning and building in Brisbane

Using community feedback and formal research, Council recently launched a clear and concise one-stop online information shop for planning and building in Brisbane.

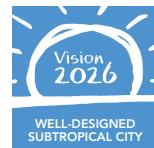
Anyone planning to buy, sell, renovate or develop a property in Brisbane can now save time and money by making Planning & Building their

first port of call for information.

The website provides easy-to-find and understand information on matters including:

- how to get started on Council approval for common building projects like carports and garages, decks and sheds
- how to prepare a development application – both small and large
- tips to avoid assessment delays.

Home owners, engineers, town planners, real estate agents, conveyancers, property developers, architects, and do-it-yourself renovators will benefit from visiting www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/planningandbuilding



Pay rates the easy way with Rates Assist direct debit

Council recently introduced Rates Assist giving ratepayers more options to pay by direct debit.

Option 1 – full payment is made on the due date (existing direct debit method).

Option 2 – periodic payments are made with the balance being paid on the due date (new).

Option 3 – periodic payments are made without the balance being paid on the due date (new).

Use Options 1 or 2 to receive a discount on every bill for paying on time. Otherwise, use Option 3 to make periodic payments.

Rates Assist provides a hassle-free way for ratepayers to pay their rates.

For more information or to obtain a copy of the Rates Assist Request form to start your easy pay option, phone Council on (07) 3403 8888, visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au or visit a Customer Service Centre or Ward Office.

Brisbane celebrates 150 years

On 6 September, tens of thousands of residents celebrated the 150th anniversary of Brisbane as a municipality. Along with hundreds of individual celebrations, the major free sesquicentenary outdoor party took place in three iconic Brisbane locations: the City Botanic Gardens, the Goodwill Bridge and South Bank Parklands.

A diverse range of multicultural and indigenous performances and musical acts entertained residents across four stages. An international food court catered for culinary tastes while Lions and Rotary cooked up Brisbane's Biggest Charity Sausage Sizzle which raised money for The Lord Mayor's Community Trust, Lions Medical Research and Brisbane's Foodbank.

The age old debate on whether it is better to live on the north or



south side of the Brisbane River was argued by a group of very passionate Brisbane identities, with the Lord Mayor remaining firmly neutral and loving Brisbane as a city.

The Come Celebrate event gave Brisbane residents a chance to reflect on the city's triumphs and its history with a 2km guided walk with storyboards from the newly released *Brisbane: 150 Stories* depicting events from the past 150 years.

The River Stage pumped as party goers enjoyed music into the evening from some of Brisbane's best musical acts with the eagerly anticipated return of *The Cat Empire* to Brisbane stages.

RiskSMART discount up to 30%



It's a big saving for Brisbane property owners who are planning home renovations or extensions and provides increased certainty for that important project.

The following development types are eligible for RiskSMART when lodged through a Council-accredited consultant:

- most common home extensions including new decks, carports and/or extra rooms
 - industrial developments in an area zoned for industry
 - subdivision of land (up to six lots)
 - unit blocks (up to six units)
 - single unit dwellings (up to six units)
 - small extensions in a shopping centre

RiskSMART is just one of the initiatives that will help make Brisbane City Council the most efficient organisation for processing development applications in Australia by 2010.

Visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/risksmart for more information.

Changes to your water account in 2010

There has been a change to the way water is supplied in South-East Queensland. The Queensland Government has taken over responsibility for bulk water, i.e. dams, bulk distribution and water treatment plants including chlorination and fluoridation.

As a result, three new integrated water businesses have been established and owned by the following councils:

1. Brisbane City Council, Ipswich City Council, Scenic Rim Regional Council, Lockyer Valley Regional Council and Somerset Regional Council
 2. Gold Coast City Council, Logan City Council and Redlands City Council
 3. Sunshine Coast Regional Council and Moreton Bay Regional Council.

Each new water business will be responsible for the ongoing delivery of water and waste water services



October marks the start of the summer storm season, and while we can't stop storms and floods

occurring, we can be proactive in preparing for the season. Here are some useful tips:

1. Understand your flood risk.
Obtain a free Floodwise Property Report from Council online at www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/floodwise
 2. Prepare your home and backyard by:
 - storing your valuables above likely flood levels
 - insuring your home and contents for flood
 - removing potential flood hazards from your yard
 - preparing a household emergency kit and checklist.
 3. Protect your property wherever possible by listening out for updates and warnings issued by the Bureau of Meteorology on www.bom.gov.au and via radio and television. Remember if you need to contact the police, fire department or ambulance call 000. For SES assistance contact 13 25 00.
 4. Be alert for hazards, including water blockages, unsafe electrical wiring and stray wildlife.

The best defence is to Be Floodwise during this season. For more information and how to prepare, visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/floodwise or contact Council on (07) 3403 8888.

to residents and commercial water customers in their regions.

The new business servicing Brisbane residents will issue a separate water and waste water account in 2010.

It will also have a new name, phone number and website.

No other Council services will be affected and you will still receive the same quality water and service you've come to expect from Council.

How you can help save City Hall

For almost a century, City Hall has hosted special moments that form not only Brisbane's history, but also individual treasured memories.

Council is currently undertaking a restoration to preserve City Hall for future generations and we're asking Brisbane residents to help us by donating to the National Trust City Hall Restoration Appeal.

You can contribute to the Appeal in the following ways:

- make an online donation at www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/cityhall
- post a cheque or money order to the National Trust Brisbane City Hall Appeal at GPO Box 1434, Brisbane Qld 4001
- phone Council on (07) 3403 8888.

Brisbane ratepayers will also notice that their Rate Account now includes an option for a voluntary contribution that will help save City Hall.

If you are interested in donating, make sure that you use the details included in the GREEN box at the bottom of your rates bill, as shown opposite.

Over the coming months, Brisbane residents will be regularly updated on the progress of the restoration. We appreciate your assistance and remember **all donations are tax-deductible**.

To find out more, visit

www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/cityhall

The image shows a sample of a Brisbane City Council rates bill. At the top right, there is a logo for 'BRISBANE CITY' with the tagline 'Dedicated to a better Brisbane'. Below the logo, it says 'Rate Account' and provides 'Property Location: 6 PEOPLE STREET SUBURB' and 'Issue Date: 01 Oct 2009'. In the middle of the bill, there is a green rectangular box containing the text 'HELP US SAVE CITY HALL' and instructions on how to make a \$15 donation. To the right of this box, there is a summary of charges table. At the bottom of the bill, there is a red circle highlighting the payment slip area where a \$15 donation is indicated. The payment slip includes fields for 'Biller Code', 'Ref.', 'Amt.', 'Due Date', 'Gross Amount', and 'Nett Amount'.

Opening Balance	0.00
Brisbane City Council Rates & Charges	648.95
Brisbane City Council Remissions	41.94
State Government Charges	53.61
Gross Amount	660.62
Discount (rounded) allowed if received by Due Date	15.02 CR
Nett Amount Payable	645.60
Optional Brisbane City Hall Appeal \$15 donation received by Due Date	660.60

If mailing your payment please tear off this slip and return with payment. Please do not staple this slip. See reverse for payment options.

Pay in person at any Post Office

Due Date: 02 Nov 2009

Gross Amount: \$660.62

Nett Amount: \$645.60

Engaging Brisbane's young people



Brisbane City Council is dedicated to helping young people create the Brisbane of the future.

Council is working hard to inspire and engage young people through a range of programs and activities that allow them to explore and achieve their aspirations.

By providing spaces such as Visible Ink Valley and Zillmere, PCYC



(Mt Gravatt), Albert Park Flexible Learning Centre (Milton) and LINX Youth Space (Wynnum), we support young people to initiate their own projects and businesses, access education and employment pathways and engage as active citizens.

Youth participation in Neighbourhood Planning and the Lord Mayor's Youth Advisory Council allows young people to have a say in Council decision making. Council also provides employment opportunities for young people through cadetships, apprenticeships, traineeships, graduate programs and a range of community employment initiatives.

To find out more about 'Free and Low Cost Stuff for Young People in Brisbane,' visit Council's youth website www.visibleink.org or www.brisbane.qld.gov.au and subscribe to the free e-newsletter.

Confident Brisbane residents



Council recently launched the second series of its popular free personal safety seminars, with more than 30 sessions on offer across Brisbane until December.

The seminars aim to meet Council's *Living in Brisbane 2026* vision for a friendly, safe city by empowering residents to feel confident in any situation.

The two and a half hour interactive sessions are suitable for individuals of all fitness levels and separately designed for women and men.

Invite your friends and family and book by calling Council on (07) 3403 8888 or visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/personalsafetyseminars for more information.



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REGION 1



Kingsford Smith Drive upgrade

Traffic and safety upgrades have now started on one of Brisbane's busiest roads, Kingsford Smith Drive. The upgrade is part of Council's Road Action Program, which fast tracks 15 years of road works into four – reducing traffic congestion, increasing safety and improving access across Brisbane's road network.

With Kingsford Smith Drive's detailed project design completed, construction between Harvey Street and Theodore Street started in January 2010 and should be completed in early 2011 (weather permitting).

The project will provide better transport infrastructure to service the area's

growing needs. It will improve traffic flow, capacity at intersections and motorists, pedestrian and cyclist safety.

The project involves:

- widening the road from four lanes to six
- providing on-road cycle lanes
- providing continuous pedestrian footpaths
- intersection upgrades.

For more information on the Kingsford Smith Drive, Harvey Street to Theodore Street upgrade project, contact Council on **3403 8888** or email roadactionprogram@brisbane.qld.gov.au



What's new about Living in Brisbane?

Council's *Living in Brisbane* newsletter is now giving residents more information on what's happening in Brisbane, as well as in their local areas.

To ensure you have more information regarding local projects and events in your neighbourhood, we have now split the distribution of *Living in Brisbane* into four different regions – as displayed by the map opposite. The regional map in the top right hand corner of the newsletter shows what region you are in.

As well as stories on citywide Council initiatives, each version now includes articles about what's happening in your region.

Feedback from the community also told us that more residents would like to receive *Living in Brisbane*, rather than just those who receive it with their



rates notices. As a result, each Brisbane household will now receive their own localised copy of *Living in Brisbane* in their mailbox – keeping everyone up to date on what's happening both across the city, and in their area.

Council welcomes feedback on how we can further improve this newsletter. Please call Council on **3403 8888** with any comments or suggestions you have.

Downfall Creek shared pathway project

As part of Council's commitment to provide \$100 million in new bikeway infrastructure over four years, construction will begin on the second stage of the Downfall Creek shared pathway at Banyo in April 2010.

The Downfall Creek shared pathway project is an important link in the area's bicycle and pedestrian network and will connect Virginia Recreation Reserve to the existing facility on Elliott Road.

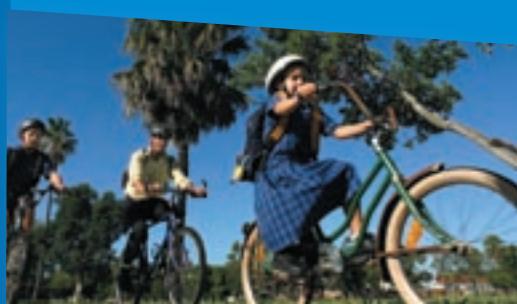
The second stage, which continues on from stage one (completed in early 2009), involves an off-road shared pathway from Elliott Road along Blinzingier Road, Downfall Road and Wellington Street to the Virginia Recreation Reserve adjacent to the Virginia Golf Course.

Key features of the project include:

- a 3m wide, 900m long shared facility designed for joint use by pedestrians and cyclists
- signage to key destinations
- additional landscaping along the pathway.

Weather permitting, the project will be finished in September 2010.

For more information about the Downfall Creek Banyo shared pathway stage two project, contact Council on **3403 8888** or email bikewayprojects@brisbane.qld.gov.au





River City Blueprint

As Brisbane continues to grow, pressure on the inner city and surrounding suburbs to support the living, working, and lifestyle needs of our growing population will increase. Council recognises that planning is vital to protect the character and unique lifestyle of our city. That's why Council and the Queensland Government are working together with the community to develop the River City Blueprint, an overarching plan for the inner five kilometres of the city.

The River City Blueprint is intended to be a comprehensive, sustainable plan that considers our inner city's future needs, while integrating with wider

plans for the region and our state.

The blueprint will connect Brisbane's existing cultural, learning, research and lifestyle precincts with integrated residential communities. A key focus will be on improved pedestrian, cycle and mass transit options – changing the way people access and move around the city.

The blueprint will help generate broader economic opportunities, and support a dynamic and diverse community in and around the city.

To find out more and have your say on our city's future, visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au and search for River City Blueprint or call Council on 3403 8888.

Residents invited to CLEM7 community open day

The Clem Jones Tunnel (CLEM7) is close to completion and residents are now invited to the CLEM7 community open day on Sunday 28 February 2010.

Commemorate this historic occasion with the opportunity to walk through the tunnel before enjoying festivities outside the CLEM7 including street displays, food stalls and family entertainment.

Residents are encouraged to log on to www.clem7.com.au and register for the community open day.

To assist with your travel plans on the day, specially marked CLEM7 shuttle buses will be operating for free from selected stops and busway stations to the tunnel, with the first service commencing from 8.30am.

Due to open to traffic shortly after the open day, the CLEM7 tunnel will allow motorists to bypass 24 sets of traffic lights and reduce travel time by up to 30% on a cross city trip.

For more information and to register, visit www.clem7.com.au



By June 2012, Council will have purchased the equivalent of 500 new buses in just four years to reduce traffic congestion by promoting the use of public transport.

With such a rapidly expanding fleet, significant investment is also needed in supporting infrastructure. As part of this investment, Council opened the new Willawong Bus Depot in April 2009, and has recently approved new depot facilities

Delivering 500 new buses for Brisbane residents

at Sherwood, near the Rocklea markets, and at TradeCoast Central in Eagle Farm.

Though operational for less than a year, the Willawong bus depot has already received national recognition for its environmentally friendly design, winning three awards for its innovative water conservation measures.

The depot's integrated water system saves about 22 million litres of water a year, which is enough to fill almost nine Olympic-sized swimming pools. Other sustainable initiatives in the depot's design include solar reflectivity and shading, passive solar cooling and heating,

City Hall restoration work begins

Now that City Hall has officially closed to begin the \$215 million restoration works, the question on everyone's lips is 'what is really going on behind those closed doors'?

Stage one restoration works commenced early January and are primarily taking place in the main auditorium and dome.

The grand organ, which is over 117 years old, has been removed from the auditorium for restoration and to protect it from the building works. Restoration work has also started on the rear façade of the building with the removal of wire mesh, patching and repairs of concrete and the removal of loose render.

Fundraising is also well underway, with generous donations from more than 30,000 ratepayers already gratefully received. There can be little doubt from this response that City Hall certainly holds a special place in the hearts and minds of many Brisbane residents.

As part of the restoration, the functions of City Hall have moved to Roy Harvey House at 157 Ann Street. This includes all Council meetings, the Lord Mayor, Deputy Mayor and all staff previously housed in City Hall, along with the Museum of Brisbane, the Citizens Advice Bureau and the 50 Plus Club.

We encourage all Brisbane residents to keep their support going throughout the three year restoration. To make your donation towards saving City Hall, please contact the National Trust Brisbane City Hall Appeal by visiting www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/cityhall or calling 3403 8888.

natural ventilation and sustainable construction material selection.

The recently approved bus depot facility at 496 Sherwood Road, Sherwood is part of Council's integrated transport plan to tackle traffic congestion and offer more reliable public transport options for local residents.

The state-of-the-art, environmentally friendly bus depot was approved after extensive community consultation with local residents. Further information about this facility can be found by visiting Council's website at www.brisbane.qld.gov.au

Coronation Drive overpass open

The Coronation Drive overpass was officially opened on 19 December 2009 – two months ahead of schedule.

The \$63 million overpass allows motorists travelling outbound along Coronation Drive to bypass the intersection with Hale Street and is a key element of the Go Between Bridge project.



Motorists using Coronation Drive should be aware of the following conditions.

- Outbound traffic to Toowong – use two left lanes to access new overpass.
- Outbound traffic to Hale Street (ICB) – use right hand lane.
- Inbound traffic has returned to three lanes.

The Go Between Bridge is on track to open mid-2010. For information on the project go to the website www.halestreetlink.com.au or call 1800 425 378.

Flood preparation made easier

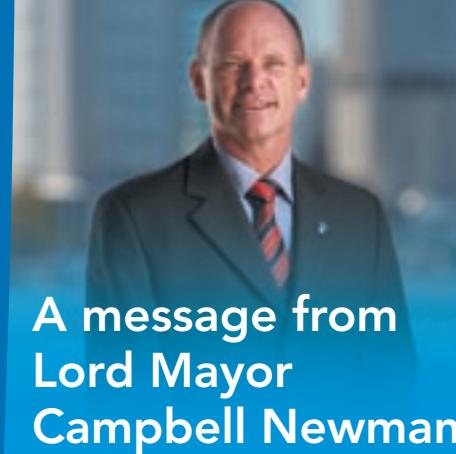
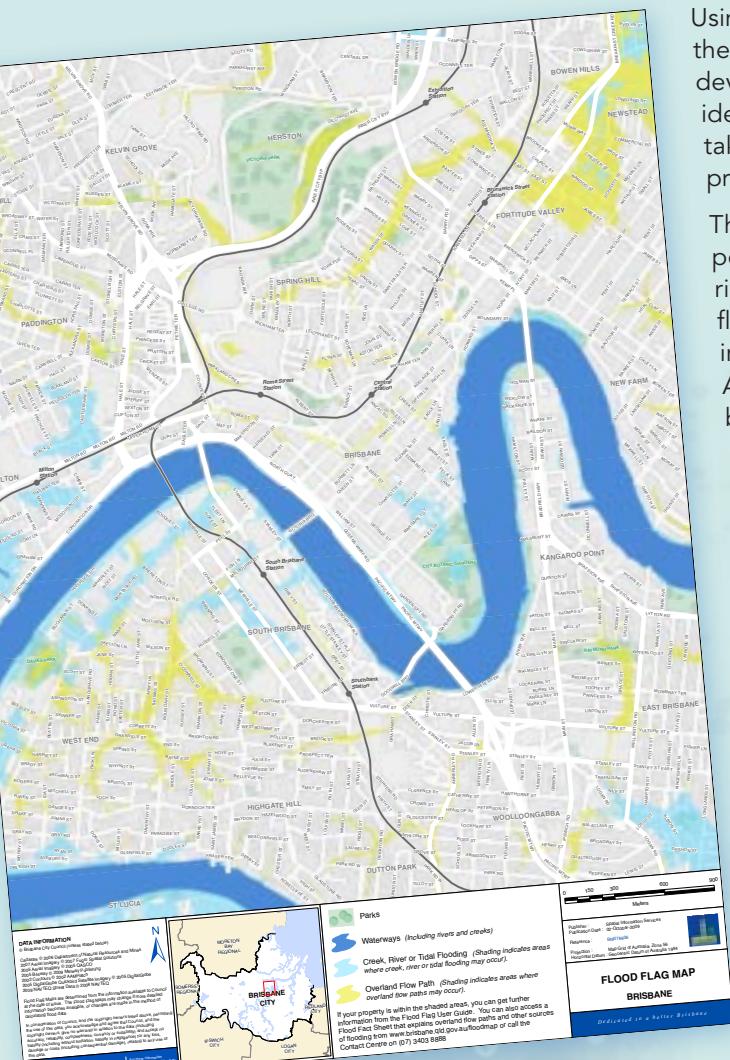
When it comes to flooding, you can never be too prepared. That's why Brisbane City Council has made it

even easier for residents and property owners with the introduction of free online flood flag maps.

Using the latest technology, the maps have been developed to help people identify flooding risks and take appropriate action to protect their assets.

The maps indicate areas potentially affected by river, creek and storm tide flooding based on a one-in-100 year storm event. Areas potentially affected by flooding from overland flow paths based on a one-in-50 year storm event are also displayed.

For a free copy of a flood flag map visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/floodmap or phone Council on 3403 8888.



A message from Lord Mayor Campbell Newman

Welcome to the first edition of *Living in Brisbane* for 2010 – and the first ever edition with localised stories for your neighbourhood. As a direct result of feedback from Brisbane residents, we are now producing four editions of *Living in Brisbane* to ensure you have the information you want on local projects and events.

This year Brisbane residents will benefit from the delivery of several major road projects. The CLEM7 tunnel and Go Between Bridge will both open in 2010, reducing traffic congestion across the city. To commemorate the opening of Brisbane's first major road tunnel, residents can now register their interest in attending a fun run and open day for the CLEM7 tunnel by visiting www.clem7.com.au. Details will also soon be released for the opening of the new Go Between Bridge.

As Brisbane continues through our warm summer and storm season, I would like to remind residents that Council's early warning message service is available to assist in adequately preparing for these events. Further details about the service can be found on the insert within this edition of *Living in Brisbane* or by visiting www.brisbane.qld.gov.au and searching 'early warning message service'.

Finally, I would like to remind you that City Hall closed for three years at the end of 2009 to undergo major restoration work. For any services you previously sought from City Hall, please be aware that for the period of this work the functions of City Hall have been moved to 157 Ann Street. Please call 3403 8888 for further information.

I am excited about the range of projects and events Council will be delivering for Brisbane residents in 2010. I look forward to keeping you regularly informed about the progress made on both our citywide projects as well as those happening in your local area.

Campbell Newman
LORD MAYOR

Check Your Deck

Council is calling on residents to get a professional structural safety check on their wooden decks and balconies with the launch of their new home safety initiative 'Check Your Deck'.

This follows several recent incidents where balconies have collapsed.

Older properties pre-dating 1946 are particularly at risk with any structural weakness often not visible on initial inspection.

Getting your decks and balconies checked by a professional such as a licensed builder or structural engineer



should be low cost, quick and easy.

Details of local services can be found in the Yellow Pages.

During the summer storm season, it is also important for outdoor furniture or loose items on a deck or balcony to be safely stored or well secured.

For further information about deck and balcony safety, please call Council on **3403 8888** or visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au

State Government changes to your water bill

The State Government's changes to water supply in South East Queensland required councils to set up separate water businesses.

Charges previously included on the quarterly Brisbane City Council Rate Account are now on



a separate water bill, as required under the new legislation, from Queensland Urban Utilities.

Although water and sewerage charges are now separated from the rate account, the services provided by Queensland Urban Utilities – including the water pricing structure – have not changed.

Queensland Urban Utilities will provide water and wastewater services to Brisbane, Ipswich, Lockyer Valley, Scenic Rim and Somerset local authority areas from July.

For more information and general enquiries visit www.urbanutilities.com.au or phone **13 26 57**.

Racecourse Precinct Neighbourhood Plan launched

The Racecourse Precinct Plan was launched on 31 October 2009. The launch was followed by information kiosks and an introduction to planning workshop that was well attended by the community.

Community Planning Team (CPT) nominations closed on 27 November 2009. The CPT will consist of approximately 30 residents, business owners and property owners. Over 50

nominations have been received and the selected members of the CPT have been notified with meetings commencing in February.

The CPT will work together with Council planners to develop a draft plan for the area to be released in 2010.

To find out more about the precinct contact Council on **3403 8888** or visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au

What's on

8 February-2 June: Botanic Gardens walking tour (Growing Old, Living Dangerously), 11am-12pm and 1-2pm, City Botanic Gardens and Brisbane Botanic Gardens (Mt Coot-tha), FREE

18 and 25 February: Tai Chi for falls prevention and healthy ageing (Growing Old, Living Dangerously), 9:30-10:30am, Gibson Park (Stafford), FREE

21 February-23 March: Brisbane Comedy Festival, Brisbane Powerhouse

22 February: Clay handbuilding and decoration (Growing Old, Living Dangerously), 11am-12:30pm, Aspley Respite Centre

2 March: Personal Safety Seminar (Men), 6:30-9pm, Chermside Lawn Bowls Club, FREE, booking required

6 March: Electronic waste collection day, 8am-3pm, Ferny Grove Transfer Station, Upper Kedron Road, Ferny Grove

7 March: Clean Up Australia Day, various clean up sites around Brisbane, visit www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au for more information

13 March: Green Earth Festival, City Botanic Gardens, FREE

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13-21 March: 2010 Bike Week, various events and programs. Visit www.bq.org.au/bike-week for information on how you can participate

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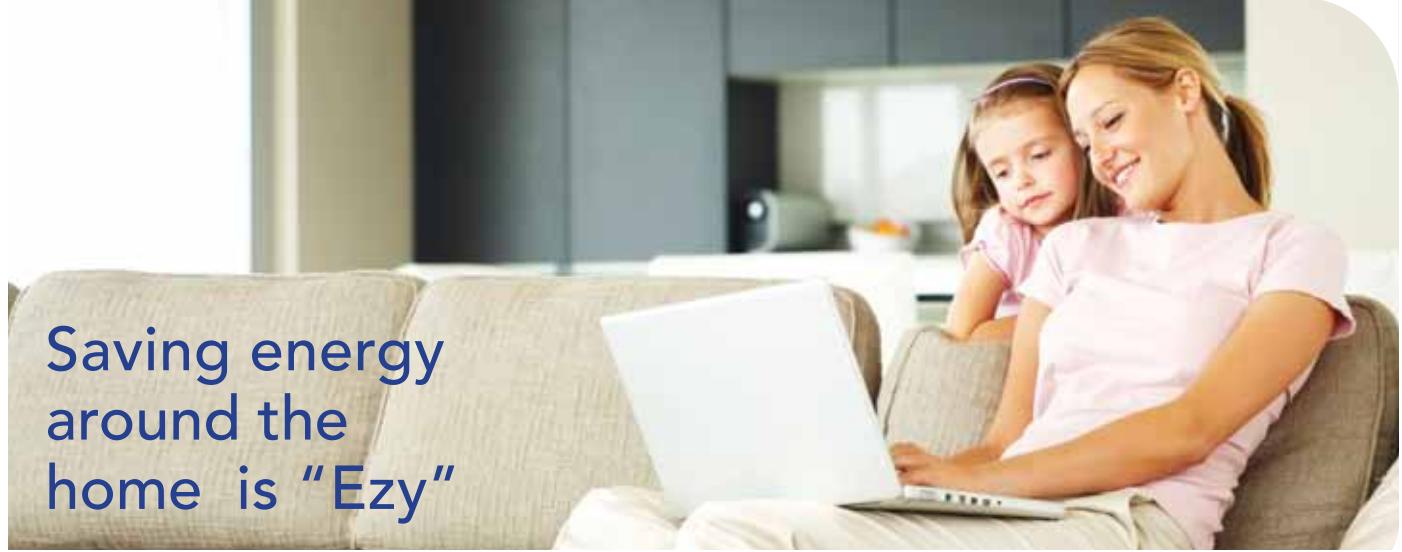
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- GreenPower™ accredited sources (20% of your energy use)
- a free ClimateSmart Home Service
- from \$275-\$500 in vouchers for energy efficient appliances and alternative transport options
- a discounted solar hot water system and solar power system
- competitive finance solutions for a solar power system.

EzyGreen is available to both renters and homeowners across Brisbane and is supported by the Queensland Government, AGL, Ingenero, NAB, Crest, the Good Guys and Nope Electric Bikes and Scooters.

To sign up to EzyGreen, log on to www.ezygreen.com.au or call 1300 EZY GREEN (1300 399 473).

Apply now for your share in Council's funding pool

Applications are now open for the first round of Council's 2010-11 grants program. Eligible not-for-profit organisations across Brisbane are encouraged to apply in a range of categories for an opportunity to share in the funding pool.

Categories are Community, Community Facility, Environmental, Men's Shed, Wildlife Carer and Cultivating Community Gardens.

The grants on offer are designed to assist not-for-profit organisations to support and enhance their communities. Eligible projects may include workshops, community events, or improvement to facilities.

There are various closing dates for the first round of grants (ranging between 30 August and 13 September 2010). Visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au to apply, check closing dates or read the eligibility criteria.



Black History Month August 2010

Resilience of our People

Members of Brisbane Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities will be profiled in a program of free events and activities all across the city from 2-31 August.

For more information visit www.ourbrisbane.com/blackhistorymonth or call on (07) 3403 8888



being safe

Personal Safety Seminars

Brisbane City Council runs FREE Personal Safety Seminars to ensure people are confident in their own personal safety to enjoy our wonderful city.

Don't miss out, bring your friends, family or work colleagues and book today (07) 3403 8888.

September 2010 Seminars

Carindale Library
Mon 13 Sept, 6.30-9.00pm

Sunnybank Hills Library
Tues 14 Sept, 12 Noon-2.30pm

Brisbane Square Library
Mon 20 Sept, 6.30-9.00pm

Chermside Library
Wed 22 Sept, 6.30-9.00pm

Indooroopilly Library
Thurs 23 Sept, 2-4.30pm



For more information visit
www.brisbane.qld.gov.au



Enjoy Asia in the heart of Brisbane

Enjoy the sights and aromas of Asia right in the heart of Brisbane at Chinatown Mall. After undergoing a multi-million dollar refurbishment, the Chinatown Mall is now perfect for a family day out.

Ever wanted to know how to cook your favourite Asian meal? Every Tuesday night from 10 August a chef from a Chinatown Mall restaurant will teach you how to cook their signature dish. Expand your culinary repertoire and learn from the masters!

Family weekends out in the Chinatown Mall are now even better, with this Valley landmark now hosting an Asian food market every Saturday. Tempt your tastebuds at one of the many food stalls operated by local restaurants or stock up on Asian ingredients.

Wander through the unique shops or find a bargain at the Valley Markets. There's plenty of fun for the kids too, with entertainment aimed at both the young and young at heart.

If you wish to attend the cooking session on Tuesday nights, or for more information, contact Council on **3403 8888**.

2010 Lord Mayor's Photographic Awards – entries closing soon!

Lord Mayor Campbell Newman is calling on photographers of any age and experience to enter original and creative statements about life in Brisbane for the 2010 Lord Mayor's Photographic Awards.

The sixth annual awards are free to enter and are open to any Australian resident.

But be quick – entries close 5pm Friday 27 August 2010.

The winners will be announced on 9 October 2010 with winning entries on display in King George Square until 31 October 2010.

The 2010 Lord Mayor's Photographic Awards are proudly presented by Museum of Brisbane in association with Network 10 and ourbrisbane.com. Entry forms are available from www.museumofbrisbane.com.au or by calling Council on **3403 8888**.

Categories and prize packages

Open:
\$10,000 prize money

Youth (30 years and under):
\$2,500 plus professional development opportunities

ourbrisbane.com People's Choice Award (decided by popular vote online):
\$500

Entries close 5pm Friday 27 August 2010.

Large items kerbside collection

Not sure what to do with that unwanted broken fridge, piece of furniture or other large item that's been sitting around your home for years?

For 2010-11, Council's free large items kerbside collection has been extended to the whole city.

This free service is a great way to get a head start on your spring cleaning. A notification will be sent out two weeks prior to the collection week with some guidelines on what Council can and can't collect.

Please remember to keep our neighbourhood safe and clean. Make sure the footpath is clear by keeping your piles on the kerb. Don't forget that children play on our streets, so remove doors from fridges and cupboards and don't leave out sharp or dangerous objects.

Visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/waste or call **3403 8888** for more information.



Kerbside collection weeks

Commencing 6 September
(Place items on kerbside 4-5 Sept)
Albion, Ascot, Hamilton, Carina and Seven Hills

Commencing 13 September
(Place items on kerbside 11-12 Sept)
Clayfield and Camp Hill

Another cycle link open in Banyo

The second stage of the Downfall Creek shared pathway at Banyo is now complete, providing an important link in the area's bicycle network.

The \$630,000 project provides 900 metres of shared pathway that connects with the first stage of the Downfall Creek shared pathway at Elliott Road and then runs along Blinzingier Road, Kelly Road, Downfall Road and Wellington Street to the Virginia Recreation Reserve.

The next stage of the shared pathway will commence this month and will link Virginia Recreational Reserve, Virginia Railway Station and Virginia Primary School.

The Downfall Creek shared pathway project is part of Council's commitment to provide \$100 million in new bikeway infrastructure over four years. For more information, contact Council on **3403 8888** or email bikewayprojects@brisbane.qld.gov.au

Residents give Go Between Bridge a go



Brisbane's newest river crossing opened to traffic on 5 July with more than 130,000 vehicles crossing the bridge during its first fortnight of operation.

Residents travelling to South Brisbane and West End for work, study or recreation are now finding it easier to get in and out of the popular precinct with the additional cross-river lanes and the bridge's direct access to Inner City Bypass/Hale Street and Coronation Drive.

These two major road connections make the Go Between Bridge an excellent alternative to William Jolly Bridge, particularly during morning and afternoon peak and major events – getting motorists on their way faster.

With a value-for-money start-up toll of \$1.50, motorists are quickly recognising the convenience and time savings the Go Between Bridge offers. Time saved can be better spent at home, work or enjoying South Brisbane and West End hotspots.

The dedicated pedestrian and cycle paths have also proved popular, connecting Coronation Drive and the Bicentennial Bikeway in Milton, and Montague Road and Riverside Drive in South Brisbane.

Visit www.gobetweenbridge.com.au for more information. For payment options go to www.flottoll.com.au



City Hall restoration

It's only been six months since restoration began on Brisbane's much-loved City Hall but major progress and change has already started to occur, with lots of exciting discoveries along the way.

Restoring our history

Much of the work so far has concentrated on the Main Auditorium. The 117 year old Grand Organ has been removed and stored away, 23 metre high scaffolding has been erected and the old wooden dome ceiling has been demolished. The ceiling space has now been fitted with a new lightweight steel structure that will help address fire and safety issues and acoustic problems.

False walls, ceilings and floors in many of the other City Hall rooms have been demolished to return them to their original heritage surfaces. Builders have been amazed to discover that flooring in some rooms has accumulated up to four layers, including timber, tiles, vinyl and parquetry.

All the heritage surfaces within City Hall, including the ornate tiled foyers, have been shielded underneath large plywood boards to protect them from construction activity.

Secrets from the past

The restoration works have dug up many secrets from the past in unexpected places. Archaeologists discovered pre-construction building tools, a penny from 1917 and an empty rum bottle when a concrete slab in the basement was removed.

Artefacts such as these are helping to piece together the unique story that has made City Hall what it is today – the People's Place.

Council would love your help finding more of these missing pieces. Can you identify any of the people in this 1920s photograph of City Hall construction workers? If you recognise anyone, please let us know by calling Council on **3403 8888**. A larger version of the image is available on Council's website.

Discover more

To see the great changes and discoveries taking place, including behind-the-scene videos, visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au





Be alert and prepared this storm season

Don't wait until it's too late – make sure you and your property can weather the storm season this year by subscribing to Council's free Early Warning Alert service.

Historically, Brisbane experiences a high annual rainfall and has a climate and topography that puts some areas at risk of flooding. September is the start of the summer storm season and now is the time to prepare.

The Brisbane Early Warning Alert service will send subscribed households an alert in the event of severe weather.

Households can choose to receive alerts by SMS, email or a recorded phone message to their home phone. Only one free registration is available per household. Alerts will be sent to households locally, based on residential addresses.

Protect your family and home this storm season by signing up to the Early Warning Alert service. Visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/earlywarning or call Council on **3403 8888**.

More safety tips for the storm season

- Make sure your household emergency kit is equipped with a battery-operated radio and torch, emergency numbers, a first aid kit and important documents such as insurance policies.
- Clean gutters and prune any overhanging branches from around your yard.
- When a storm approaches, clear your yard of any loose items such as outdoor furniture and make sure your pets are inside and sheltered.
- Keep listening to your radio for warnings and updates.

COUNCIL GOES MOBILE

Did you know that in 2009 more people used mobile phones to access data than to make phone calls?

In fact mobile devices are expected to take over from personal computers as the most common method for accessing the internet by 2013.

Brisbane City Council has just launched a service that will allow you to access Council information via your mobile phone at www.brisbanecity.mobi

There's no need to download an app. In fact, you don't even need an iPhone to access the new service – it's available on all smartphones (phones with an internet connection). And with the information optimised for mobiles it means it's easy to read, convenient to use, and quick – meaning no heavy data downloads.

Reporting a problem via Council's Fix-o-gram service, searching for a library book or seeing what's on is easy - just visit www.brisbanecity.mobi



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Discover great bargains, including the kitchen sink

Grab a bargain at Council's all new Brisbane Tip Shop. Furniture, household goods, building materials, there's all kinds of great stuff that would otherwise have gone to waste. **Open Weekends 8am-4pm, 46 Colebard Street West, Acacia Ridge.** For details visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/waste or call Council on 07 3403 8888.



for fashion, arts and culture

August and September will be the hottest months on record this year when Brisbane plays host to exclusive fashion, arts and cultural events that no one should miss.

Starting it all off with a stylish bang is the Valentino, Retrospective: Past/Present/Future (7 August-14 November) exhibition at the Gallery of Modern Art. Exclusive to Brisbane, fashionistas will flock to see more than 100 haute couture designs from 1959 to 2008, including garments worn by Cate Blanchett and Elizabeth Taylor.

Only a short walk away, celebrate fashion, glamour and creativity at the Mercedes-Benz Fashion Festival (7-13 August) hosted by South Bank, Queensland's premier fashion event.

Renowned as Queensland's largest arts and cultural event, this year's Brisbane Festival (4-25 September) promises a vibrant program of music, theatre, dance, visual arts and the ever-popular QBE Riverfire spectacular. Events will be held at various venues in the city, spreading onto suburban streets, local parks and venues for everyone to get involved.

For more ideas on things to see and do across Brisbane go to www.visitbrisbane.com.au



Image: Hugo Glendinning

Northsiders, order your green waste bin now

Orders for green waste bins are now open for residents living in most northside suburbs.

If you apply by 22 August, your bin will be delivered in late September or October, with service commencing in November.

Green waste bins are 240 litres in size and will be collected fortnightly in the alternate week to your recycling bin. Residents can fill their bin with grass clippings, garden prunings, weeds and flowers, small plants, shrub trimmings, leaves and untreated timber.

The green waste will be sent to processing facilities where most will be turned into garden products including potting mix, mulch and compost.

The cost is a one-off charge of \$30 and a quarterly \$16.25 service fee. These fees will be billed through rates notices.



To sign up for the service, visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au or call 3403 8888.

Remember to have your current rate account information handy.

Tenants will need approval from their landlord if they wish to order the service.

WHAT'S ON

26-29 August: Brisbane Boat Show, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, South Brisbane, www.brisbaneboatshow.com.au

27-29 August: Queensland Poetry Festival, Judith Wright Centre of Contemporary Arts, www.queenslandpoetryfestival.com

28 August: Catchment Clean Up, Nudgee Beach Recreation Reserve, FREE, call 3403 8888 to book

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The upgrade includes replacing the existing roundabout with traffic signals and widening the intersection to provide two through lanes and a right-turn lane on all approaches.

Construction is expected to commence in early 2011 and will take about 10 months, weather permitting. The local community was sent preliminary plans and all feedback was considered as part of the design process.

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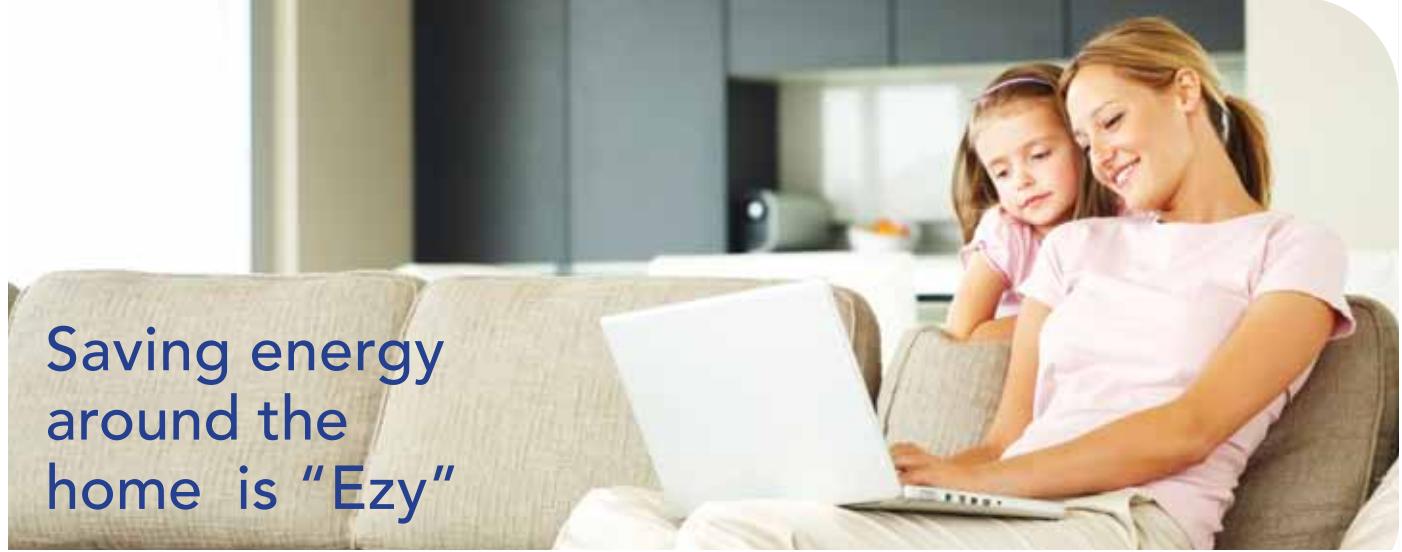
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For more ideas on things to see and do across Brisbane go to www.visitbrisbane.com.au



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Stable Swamp Creek pedestrian/cycle bridge

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The project involves:

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- installing a 1.2 metre-wide footpath on Dyson Avenue between Gaddes Place and the existing footpath leading to Banoon Railway Station
- installing a pedestrian refuge on Beenleigh Road opposite the new pathway
- undertaking significant revegetation and rehabilitation works in the creek.



The bridge, pathway works, creek rehabilitation and landscaping works are all expected to be completed by late 2010, weather permitting.

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WHAT'S ON

23 August: Gonewalking – medium to fast walking, 7-8am, Centro Pinelands, Sunnybank Hills, FREE

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27-29 August: Queensland Poetry Festival, Judith Wright Centre of Contemporary Arts, www.queenslandpoetryfestival.com

4 September: QBE Riverfire, South Bank Parklands

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LIVING IN BRISBANE



Eyes in the Suburbs Awards

Have you seen something in need of repair or maintenance in your local area? Pot holes, graffiti, damaged signs? Want to be rewarded for reporting it?

Brisbane City Council is offering Brisbane residents the opportunity to participate in the Eyes in the Suburbs Awards. All you have to do is report a maintenance issue that Council can fix and you'll go in the draw to win one of ten \$100 cash prizes each month.

Council cares about keeping Brisbane a safe, beautiful and enjoyable city in which to live. We work hard to make

sure the city's services and facilities, such as parks, streets and signs, are well maintained. But we can't do this alone. We need your help to keep Brisbane clean, green and safe.

With your help, Council aims to improve maintenance of our city's assets and make Brisbane an even better place to live.

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Get active and healthy

There are loads of free activities for all ages happening in your local park.

Come along to Bowman Park, Bardon on 22 or 29 September (10-11am) for **The Great Race**. Be the first to cross the finish line by answering clues as fast as you can to find your way around our course.

Ever wanted to **jazzercise**? Every Wednesday until 15 September (9:30-10:30am), Gregory Park, Paddington will host a 45 minute jazzercise workout. Strengthen your core and learn aerobic dance and kickboxing routines.

Can't leave the kids behind? **Fit 4 mums and bubs** is an exercise class designed around prams to give you an overall body workout, held at Dorrington Park, Ashgrove every Tuesday until 14 September (9:15-10am).

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AUGUST 2010



CityCycle Subscriptions open September

Subscriptions for CityCycle, Brisbane's inner city public bike hire scheme, will be available at www.citycycle.com.au from September to anyone over 17 years of age, ready for the scheme's start date in late 2010.

Take advantage of Brisbane's year-round subtropical climate and enjoy an active and healthy transport option with CityCycle. Ride from Fortitude Valley to a meeting in the CBD with ease, or cycle from the CBD to South Bank to meet friends for lunch.

Once you're a subscriber, every trip under 30 minutes is free, making CityCycle one of the cheapest public transport options for long-term users. By subscribing, you can make a personal contribution to reducing Brisbane's inner city congestion. Choose CityCycle for short trips or plan your bus, train or ferry ride to connect with CityCycle.

Construction of the stations is continuing, and once complete, CityCycle will offer up to 2000 bikes at 150 stations from Newstead to the University of Queensland, St Lucia.

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Need a quick and affordable way to get between the south and north of Brisbane?

Then hop on Route 77, the first bus service through the CLEM7 tunnel.

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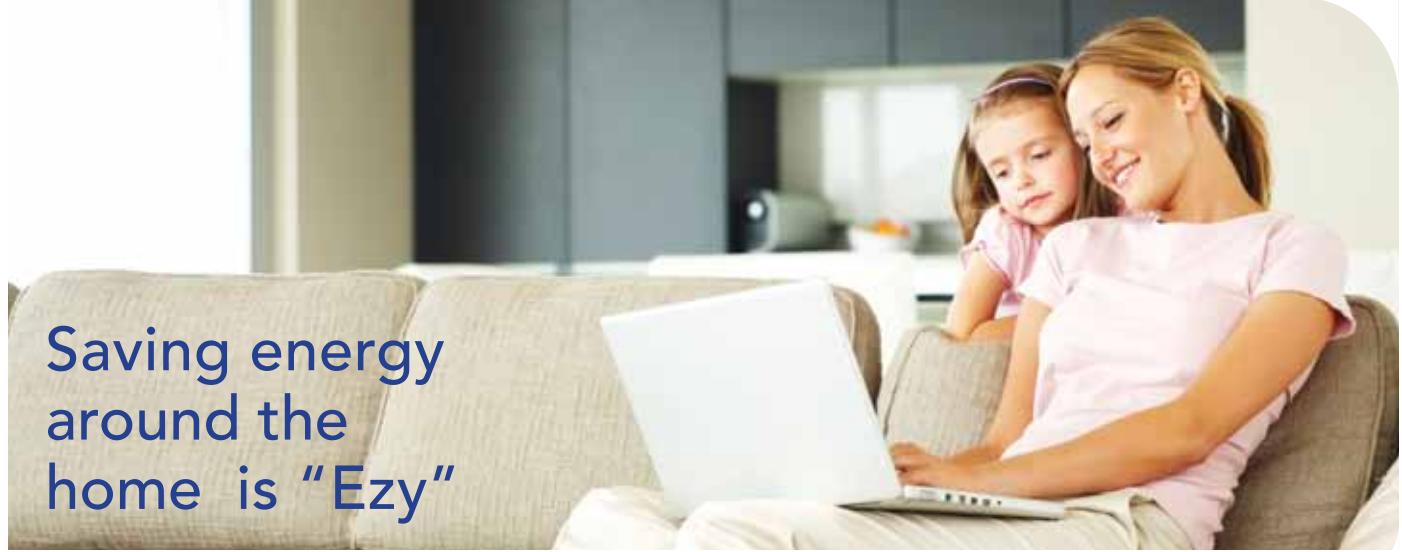
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- Garden City Library
- Greenslopes busway station (near Greenslopes Private Hospital)
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Neighbourhood planning workshop well received by Indooroopilly community

More than 70 Indooroopilly residents provided their feedback on the draft land use plan for Indooroopilly Centre at a Development Options workshop held recently.

The workshop discussed options for pedestrian, cycle and transport access, land use, building height and design, community facilities, open space and heritage.

Identified by the Queensland Government as one of Brisbane's main growth areas, Indooroopilly Centre is earmarked over the next 20 years to accommodate the city's growing demand for new jobs, homes and services.

Overall, residents were supportive of Council's land use plans for the area with feedback from the workshop being used to develop the Neighbourhood Strategy for Indooroopilly Centre.

The strategy is expected to be released for public comment towards the end of August. For more information contact Council on **3403 8888** or visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/neighbourhoodplanning



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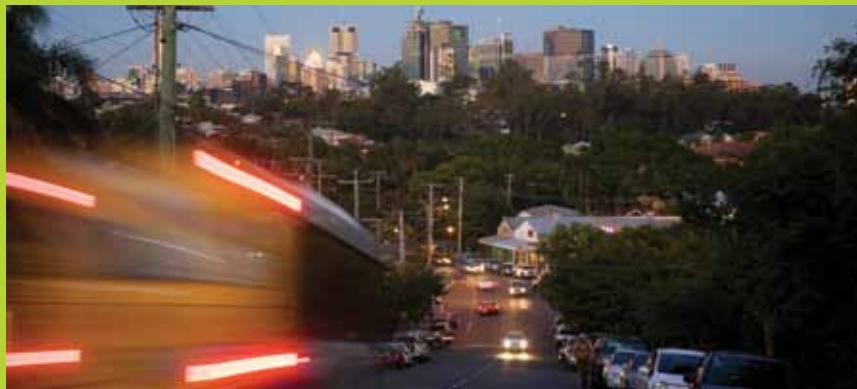
31 August: Cycling by the river (Growing Older, Living Dangerously), New Farm Park Rotunda, 9:30am-12:30pm, call 3403 8888 to book

44 September: QBE Riverfire, South Bank Parklands

4-25 September: Brisbane Festival, free and ticketed events, www.brisbanefestival.com.au

10-12 September: Valley Fiesta, Fortitude Valley, FREE

LIVING IN BRISBANE



Eyes in the Suburbs Awards

Have you seen something in need of repair or maintenance in your local area? Pot holes, graffiti, damaged signs? Want to be rewarded for reporting it?

Brisbane City Council is offering Brisbane residents the opportunity to participate in the Eyes in the Suburbs Awards. All you have to do is report a maintenance issue that Council can fix and you'll go in the draw to win one of ten \$100 cash prizes each month.

Council cares about keeping Brisbane a safe, beautiful and enjoyable city in which to live. We work hard to make

sure the city's services and facilities, such as parks, streets and signs, are well maintained. But we can't do this alone. We need your help to keep Brisbane clean, green and safe.

With your help, Council aims to improve maintenance of our city's assets and make Brisbane an even better place to live.

Residents who report an issue until June 2011 will automatically go in the draw to win.

To report an issue, call **3403 8888** or visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au

Vibrant hub for Rochedale

Council has recently approved two major residential developments in Rochedale, which will transform one of Brisbane's few remaining undeveloped sites into a vibrant hub.

The development will support future growth, with 700 new dwellings to be built as part of a subdivision across about 60 hectares of land.

The new development will be the first in Brisbane to have rain water tanks and access to a non-drinking water network for outdoor use. Residents will be able to stay active and connected through an extensive network of new bikeways and pedestrian paths linked to the citywide network.

Land has also been dedicated to new parks, a neighbourhood centre, waterway corridors and habitat land, with existing habitat corridors and areas to be retained. Construction will start in the coming months.

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A MESSAGE FROM LORD MAYOR CAMPBELL NEWMAN

I was proud to see more than 20,000 people attend the community market day to celebrate the opening of the Go Between Bridge in July. The open day followed a sell-out bridge concert, where 5000 people enjoyed the sounds of local bands.

The fantastic turnout for both events is testament to the community support for Brisbane's first inner city cross-river bridge in 40 years.

The Go Between Bridge will help relieve pressure on Brisbane's inner city river crossings, which were choked at about 95% capacity during peak times before the opening of the CLEM7 tunnel in March.

Planning is well underway on Council's next TransApex project, the Northern Link tunnel, which will connect the Western Freeway at Toowong to the Inner City Bypass at Herston.

Campbell Newman
LORD MAYOR

For more information
on Council's projects
call **3403 8888**.



AUGUST 2010



CityCycle Subscriptions open September

Subscriptions for CityCycle, Brisbane's inner city public bike hire scheme, will be available at www.citycycle.com.au from September to anyone over 17 years of age, ready for the scheme's start date in late 2010.

Take advantage of Brisbane's year-round subtropical climate and enjoy an active and healthy transport option with CityCycle. Ride from Fortitude Valley to a meeting in the CBD with ease, or cycle from the CBD to South Bank to meet friends for lunch.

Once you're a subscriber, every trip under 30 minutes is free, making CityCycle one of the cheapest public transport options for long-term users. By subscribing, you can make a personal contribution to reducing Brisbane's inner city congestion. Choose CityCycle for short trips or plan your bus, train or ferry ride to connect with CityCycle.

Construction of the stations is continuing, and once complete, CityCycle will offer up to 2000 bikes at 150 stations from Newstead to the University of Queensland, St Lucia.

CityCycle is part of Council's commitment to provide \$100 million in new bikeway infrastructure over four years, and will be operated by JCDecaux Australia. For more information, visit www.citycycle.com.au or call 1800 246 612.

Brisbane Writers Festival 2010

Brisbane City Council is a proud supporter of the Brisbane Writers Festival (1-5 September), a five-day feast of reading, writing, books and ideas.

Relax with friends in fabulous, open-air tents and balmy spaces. Engage with like-minded lovers of literature at evenings with international visiting writers including Louise Doughty, Val McDermid and Yvonne Adhiambo Owuor. See Archie Roach, Shane Howard and Neil Murray together on stage; and come along to a special Father's Day BBQ and Dad's Read with Clare McFadden and The Flying Orchestra.

Extend your own writing skills with a range of workshops and masterclasses to inspire writers of all levels. Visit bwf.org.au for more information. Tickets are available at www.qtix.com.au or by calling 13 62 46.



ROUTE 77

Need a quick and affordable way to get between the south and north of Brisbane?

Then hop on Route 77, the first bus service through the CLEM7 tunnel.

Travelling between Eight Mile Plains and Chelmside via the 4.8km long tunnel, Route 77 bypasses about 24 sets of traffic lights and can take passengers across town on a single journey in fewer than 35 minutes.

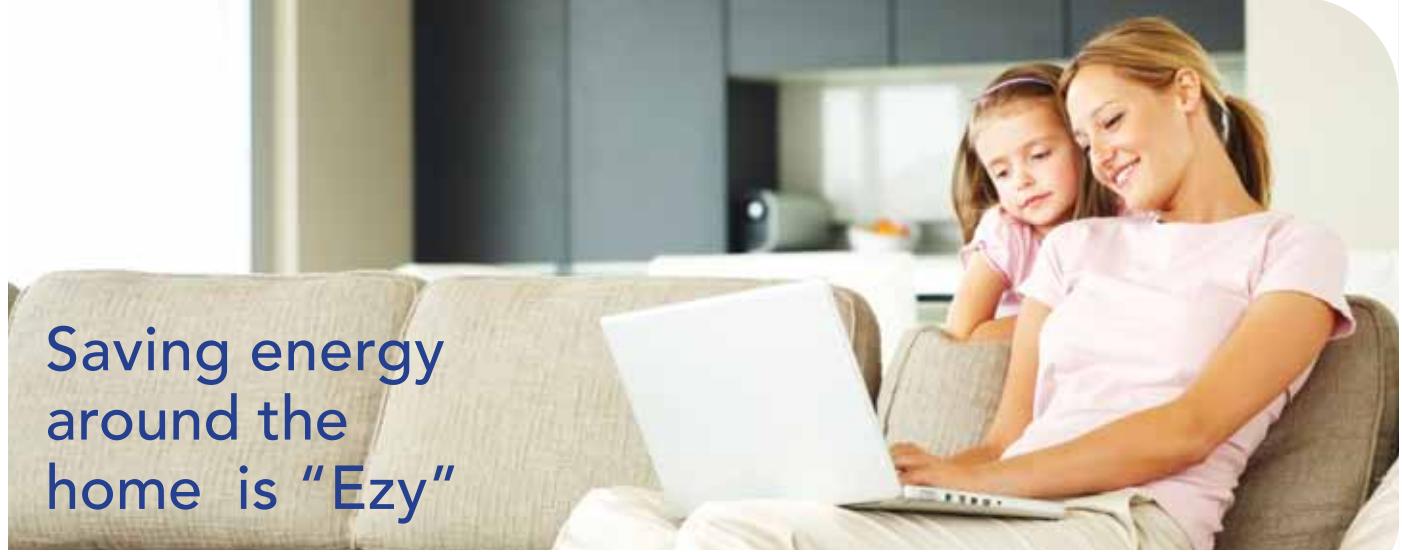
The bus service provides easy access to key destinations along the way, including:

- Chelmside Library and Aquatic Centre
- Garden City Library
- Greenslopes busway station (near Greenslopes Private Hospital)
- Lutwyche shopping centre
- Windsor and Buranda rail stations
- Griffith University busway station
- easy access to University of Queensland via the 139 and 169 at Buranda.

Route 77 operates Monday to Friday from 7am to 7pm. The service runs every 15 minutes in peak times and every 30 minutes in off-peak times, servicing the South East Busway and the Lutwyche/Gympie Road corridor.

For more information visit www.translink.com.au or call TransLink on 13 12 30.





Saving energy around the home is "Ezy"

Brisbane residents can save on their household bills while helping the environment with Council's new EzyGreen energy reduction scheme.

EzyGreen will help Council achieve its goal of making Brisbane Australia's most sustainable city, making it easier for residents to take up a range of energy saving options.

Through EzyGreen, residents will be able to access:

- a free EarthSmart powerboard to reduce standby power
- GreenPower™ accredited sources (20% of your energy use)
- a free ClimateSmart Home Service
- from \$275-\$500 in vouchers for energy efficient appliances and alternative transport options
- a discounted solar hot water system and solar power system
- competitive finance solutions for a solar power system.

EzyGreen is available to both renters and homeowners across Brisbane and is supported by the Queensland Government, AGL, Ingenero, NAB, Crest, the Good Guys and Nope Electric Bikes and Scooters.

To sign up to EzyGreen, log on to www.ezygreen.com.au or call 1300 EZY GREEN (1300 399 473).

Apply now for your share in Council's funding pool

Applications are now open for the first round of Council's 2010-11 grants program. Eligible not-for-profit organisations across Brisbane are encouraged to apply in a range of categories for an opportunity to share in the funding pool.

Categories are Community, Community Facility, Environmental, Men's Shed, Wildlife Carer and Cultivating Community Gardens.

The grants on offer are designed to assist not-for-profit organisations to support and enhance their communities. Eligible projects may include workshops, community events, or improvement to facilities.

There are various closing dates for the first round of grants (ranging between 30 August and 13 September 2010). Visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au to apply, check closing dates or read the eligibility criteria.



Black History Month August 2010

Resilience of our People

Members of Brisbane Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities will be profiled in a program of free events and activities all across the city from 2-31 August.

For more information visit www.ourbrisbane.com/blackhistorymonth or call on (07) 3403 8888



being safe

Personal Safety Seminars

Brisbane City Council runs FREE Personal Safety Seminars to ensure people are confident in their own personal safety to enjoy our wonderful city.

Don't miss out, bring your friends, family or work colleagues and book today (07) 3403 8888.

September 2010 Seminars

Carindale Library
Mon 13 Sept, 6.30-9.00pm

Sunnybank Hills Library
Tues 14 Sept, 12 Noon-2.30pm

Brisbane Square Library
Mon 20 Sept, 6.30-9.00pm

Chermside Library
Wed 22 Sept, 6.30-9.00pm

Indooroopilly Library
Thurs 23 Sept, 2-4.30pm

For more information visit
www.brisbane.qld.gov.au



Enjoy Asia in the heart of Brisbane

Enjoy the sights and aromas of Asia right in the heart of Brisbane at Chinatown Mall. After undergoing a multi-million dollar refurbishment, the Chinatown Mall is now perfect for a family day out.

Ever wanted to know how to cook your favourite Asian meal? Every Tuesday night from 10 August a chef from a Chinatown Mall restaurant will teach you how to cook their signature dish. Expand your culinary repertoire and learn from the masters!

Family weekends out in the Chinatown Mall are now even better, with this Valley landmark now hosting an Asian food market every Saturday. Tempt your tastebuds at one of the many food stalls operated by local restaurants or stock up on Asian ingredients.

Wander through the unique shops or find a bargain at the Valley Markets. There's plenty of fun for the kids too, with entertainment aimed at both the young and young at heart.

If you wish to attend the cooking session on Tuesday nights, or for more information, contact Council on **3403 8888**.

2010 Lord Mayor's Photographic Awards – entries closing soon!

Lord Mayor Campbell Newman is calling on photographers of any age and experience to enter original and creative statements about life in Brisbane for the 2010 Lord Mayor's Photographic Awards.

The sixth annual awards are free to enter and are open to any Australian resident.

But be quick – entries close 5pm Friday 27 August 2010.

The winners will be announced on 9 October 2010 with winning entries on display in King George Square until 31 October 2010.

The 2010 Lord Mayor's Photographic Awards are proudly presented by Museum of Brisbane in association with Network 10 and ourbrisbane.com. Entry forms are available from www.museumofbrisbane.com.au or by calling Council on **3403 8888**.

Categories and prize packages

Open:
\$10,000 prize money

Youth (30 years and under):
\$2,500 plus professional development opportunities

ourbrisbane.com People's Choice Award (decided by popular vote online):
\$500

Entries close 5pm Friday 27 August 2010.

Large items kerbside collection

Not sure what to do with that unwanted broken fridge, piece of furniture or other large item that's been sitting around your home for years?

For 2010-11, Council's free large items kerbside collection has been extended to the whole city.

This free service is a great way to get a head start on your spring cleaning. A notification will be sent out two weeks prior to the collection week with some guidelines on what Council can and can't collect.

Please remember to keep our neighbourhood safe and clean. Make sure the footpath is clear by keeping your piles on the kerb. Don't forget that children play on our streets, so remove doors from fridges and cupboards and don't leave out sharp or dangerous objects.

Visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/waste or call 3403 8888 for more information.



Kerbside collection weeks

Commencing 6 September

(Place items on kerbside 4-5 Sept)

Albion, Ascot, Hamilton, Carina and Seven Hills

Commencing 13 September

(Place items on kerbside 11-12 Sept)

Clayfield and Camp Hill

Lord Mayor Listen Forum - Coorparoo

Lord Mayor Campbell Newman is encouraging residents to give their input on issues affecting Brisbane's future by participating in one of his community Listen Forums happening across the city.

These forums are your opportunity to meet the Lord Mayor and the Civic Cabinet, express your views and discuss any concerns affecting your local community. The next forum will be held in Coorparoo.

This forum will focus on issues for residents in Holland Park, Morningside and The Gabba wards. It will run for about two hours and end with a 45 minute open question time.

When: 25 August 2010

Where: East Leagues Club, Coorparoo

Time: 7pm for a 7:30pm start

RSVP: Please phone 3403 6689 and advise number of people attending.

Residents give Go Between Bridge a go



Brisbane's newest river crossing opened to traffic on 5 July with more than 130,000 vehicles crossing the bridge during its first fortnight of operation.

Residents travelling to South Brisbane and West End for work, study or recreation are now finding it easier to get in and out of the popular precinct with the additional cross-river lanes and the bridge's direct access to Inner City Bypass/Hale Street and Coronation Drive.

These two major road connections make the Go Between Bridge an excellent alternative to William Jolly Bridge, particularly during morning and afternoon peak and major events – getting motorists on their way faster.

With a value-for-money start-up toll of \$1.50, motorists are quickly recognising the convenience and time savings the Go Between Bridge offers. Time saved can be better spent at home, work or enjoying South Brisbane and West End hotspots.

The dedicated pedestrian and cycle paths have also proved popular, connecting Coronation Drive and the Bicentennial Bikeway in Milton, and Montague Road and Riverside Drive in South Brisbane.

Visit www.gobetweenbridge.com.au for more information. For payment options go to www.flottoll.com.au



City Hall restoration

It's only been six months since restoration began on Brisbane's much-loved City Hall but major progress and change has already started to occur, with lots of exciting discoveries along the way.

Restoring our history

Much of the work so far has concentrated on the Main Auditorium. The 117 year old Grand Organ has been removed and stored away, 23 metre high scaffolding has been erected and the old wooden dome ceiling has been demolished. The ceiling space has now been fitted with a new lightweight steel structure that will help address fire and safety issues and acoustic problems.

False walls, ceilings and floors in many of the other City Hall rooms have been demolished to return them to their original heritage surfaces. Builders have been amazed to discover that flooring in some rooms has accumulated up to four layers, including timber, tiles, vinyl and parquetry.

All the heritage surfaces within City Hall, including the ornate tiled foyers, have been shielded underneath large plywood boards to protect them from construction activity.

Secrets from the past

The restoration works have dug up many secrets from the past in unexpected places. Archaeologists discovered pre-construction building tools, a penny from 1917 and an empty rum bottle when a concrete slab in the basement was removed.

Artefacts such as these are helping to piece together the unique story that has made City Hall what it is today – the People's Place.

Council would love your help finding more of these missing pieces. Can you identify any of the people in this 1920s photograph of City Hall construction workers? If you recognise anyone, please let us know by calling Council on **3403 8888**. A larger version of the image is available on Council's website.

Discover more

To see the great changes and discoveries taking place, including behind-the-scene videos, visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au





Be alert and prepared this storm season

Don't wait until it's too late – make sure you and your property can weather the storm season this year by subscribing to Council's free Early Warning Alert service.

Historically, Brisbane experiences a high annual rainfall and has a climate and topography that puts some areas at risk of flooding. September is the start of the summer storm season and now is the time to prepare.

The Brisbane Early Warning Alert service will send subscribed households an alert in the event of severe weather.

Households can choose to receive alerts by SMS, email or a recorded phone message to their home phone. Only one free registration is available per household. Alerts will be sent to households locally, based on residential addresses.

Protect your family and home this storm season by signing up to the Early Warning Alert service. Visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/earlywarning or call Council on **3403 8888**.

More safety tips for the storm season

- Make sure your household emergency kit is equipped with a battery-operated radio and torch, emergency numbers, a first aid kit and important documents such as insurance policies.
 - Clean gutters and prune any overhanging branches from around your yard.
 - When a storm approaches, clear your yard of any loose items such as outdoor furniture and make sure your pets are inside and sheltered.
 - Keep listening to your radio for warnings and updates.

COUNCIL GOES MOBILE

Did you know that in 2009 more people used mobile phones to access data than to make phone calls?

In fact mobile devices are expected to take over from personal computers as the most common method for accessing the internet by 2013.

Brisbane City Council has just launched a service that will allow you to access Council information via your mobile phone at www.brisbanecity.mobi

There's no need to download an app. In fact, you don't even need an iPhone to access the new service – it's available on all smartphones (phones with an internet connection). And with the information optimised for mobiles it means it's easy to read, convenient to use, and quick – meaning no heavy data downloads.

Reporting a problem via Council's Fix-o-gram service, searching for a library book or seeing what's on is easy - just visit www.brisbanecity.mobi



B R I S B A N E



Discover great bargains, including the kitchen sink

Grab a bargain at Council's all new Brisbane Tip Shop. Furniture, household goods, building materials, there's all kinds of great stuff that would otherwise have gone to waste. **Open Weekends 8am-4pm, 46 Colebard Street West, Acacia Ridge.** For details visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/waste or call Council on 07 3403 8888.

Meadowlands Road bridge replacement

The Meadowlands Road bridge, crossing the Gateway Motorway north of Old Cleveland Road, has been upgraded to a four-lane bridge, providing an improved connection along Meadowlands Road.

The Meadowlands Road bridge upgrade was needed to accommodate an expansion to the Gateway Motorway, which is being increased to eight lanes between Old Cleveland Road and Wynnum Road as part of the Queensland Government's Gateway Upgrade Project.

Upgrading Meadowlands Road, including the bridge, was identified in the *Brisbane City Council Transport Plan (2008-2026)*. By integrating the bridge upgrade with the Gateway Upgrade Project, Council found a cost-saving of \$10 million, contributing \$5.4 million for the \$15.4 million bridge.

The Meadowlands Road bridge replacement project was delivered by Queensland Motorways Limited.

Other Meadowlands Road improvements that Council has undertaken to improve traffic capacity and safety include the intersection upgrade at Preston Road and Baynes Street, Carina in 2009 and the intersection at Wright Street, Carindale in 2006.



August and September will be the hottest months on record this year when Brisbane plays host to exclusive fashion, arts and cultural events that no one should miss.

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5 September: Wynnum Manly Jazz Festival, Bandstand Park, The Esplanade, Wynnum

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19 September: West End...LIVE, Boundary Street, West End, FREE

LIVING IN BRISBANE



Healthy waterways for Brisbane

Water is essential to our health, environment and way of life. This financial year, Council will invest more than \$7 million in the health of our local waterways and Moreton Bay, with an additional \$500,000 to start work on the rejuvenation of Norman Creek.

Rocky Waterholes Creek in Salisbury is one local waterway that has benefited from Council's health enhancement program. Council invested \$900,000 to maintain and improve the creek, including works to minimise erosion and build refuge pools for our aquatic friends to live in during droughts.

These projects will improve the health and ecology of our local waterways, provide more opportunities for

recreation and help Council achieve its vision to be Australia's most water smart city by 2012.

How can I help?

The health of our waterways is everyone's business. You can help by:

- preventing the spread of weeds by planting native plants
- limiting pesticide use and disposing of garden waste responsibly
- being mindful of what you put in the drain and picking up rubbish before it ends up in our waterways
- getting involved in a Catchment Group to care for your local creek.

For more information call Council on **3403 8888**.

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A MESSAGE FROM LORD MAYOR CAMPBELL NEWMAN

Residents of Brisbane should be congratulated for wearing their green hearts on their sleeves. As of 19 August, 27,491 people had signed up to Council's EzyGreen energy reduction scheme. With no sign-on costs, the EzyGreen package includes a range of free and discounted offers and appliances which will save you money and help the environment. It's easy to sign up if you haven't already. Visit www.ezygreen.com.au or call 1300 EZYGREEN (1300 399 473).

EzyGreen is just one of many Council initiatives to improve Brisbane's sustainability and protect our natural environment. Council is working hard to keep our waterways healthy, planting two million trees, protecting existing bushland and educating residents on what they can do to help.

Council is getting on with the job of investing in Brisbane's future and our unique way of life.

Campbell Newman
LORD MAYOR

For more information
on Council's projects
call 3403 8888.



SEPTEMBER 2010

Cabbage Tree Creek bikeway

Council will start construction next month on stage one of the Cabbage Tree Creek bikeway in Carseldine. The bikeway will fill an important missing link in the Carseldine and Aspley bicycle network.

The bikeway is part of Council's \$100 million investment in bikeway infrastructure over four years. The link will improve access to parks, the Aspley Hypermarket, Bald Hills and Aspley Memorial Sports Grounds and Aspley High School.

Stage one of the project will involve construction of a 670 metre-long, three metre-wide shared pathway from Philip Vaughan Park to the corner of Gympie Road and Graham Road. For more information, contact Council on **3403 8888** or email bikewayprojects@brisbane.qld.gov.au

Supporting Brisbane's wildlife

What is biodiversity?

Living things can't exist in isolation. All species, including humans, need different types of plants, animals and environments to survive.

Biodiversity is the variety of all living things. From the smallest micro-organism to the enormous wonder of the blue whale.

Biodiversity forms the complex and interdependent web of life which we are all part of and is essential to the survival of all species.

Brisbane has the greatest variety of animals and plants of any capital city in Australia. For example, did you know there are 36 different frog species in Brisbane?

To protect this diversity of plants and animals, Council aims to restore 40% of mainland Brisbane to natural habitat as part of its 2026 vision for a clean, green Brisbane. Council is working hard to achieve this target by purchasing bushland, working with bush property owners, planting two million trees and assisting more than 120 bushcare groups across the city.

The Bushland Acquisition Program, which celebrates its twentieth birthday this month, secures the most environmentally significant land to protect and connect ecosystems across Brisbane. Since 1990, Council has spent \$141 million and acquired more than 2735 hectares of natural areas like the Brisbane Koala Bushlands and Tinchi Tamba Wetlands.

September is Biodiversity Month and a good opportunity to think about our often unseen neighbours. Simple things you can do to help Brisbane's unique wildlife are to remove weeds from your garden, keep your pets inside at night and plant native trees in your garden.

Free native plants for your garden

Spring is a great time of year to restore your garden and planting native plants is the way to go. Native plants create shade and cool your home, provide habitat for native wildlife and require less water and maintenance.

You can receive free native plants for your garden from Council through a number of programs and events.

The Free Plants program offers Brisbane ratepayers two free native plants each year. There is a large selection of plants to choose from, including groundcovers and feature trees.

If you're keen to find out more about gardening and sustainable living, head to one of the Green Up events held around Brisbane and pick up some more free native plants while you're there.

If you prefer to get your hands dirty, come along to a community street tree planting event. Enjoy a barbecue and plant giveaways while helping to keep your neighbourhood cool and green.

For more information, visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au or call 3403 8888.

Green Ups

19 September: 9-11am, Carindale Recreation Reserve, Bedivere Street, Carindale
19 September: 2-4pm, Kianawah Park, Wynnum Road, Tingalpa



Community street tree plantings
(Meet at 9am for all events)

18 September: Bellbowrie, corner of Pioneer Crescent and Gibson Crescent

25 September: Parkinson, corner of Wallum Drive and Mt Archer Road

2 October: Parkinson, corner of Tathra Street and Glenfield Street

9 October: Parkinson, meet at the park on Balgownie Crescent

Accessible Brisbane

Council has a responsibility to ensure its facilities and services are accessible to everyone, including people with disabilities.

The new Colmslie Pool, which opened in July 2010, and 157 Ann Street (where Council's Civic Administration functions and the Museum of Brisbane have relocated while City Hall undergoes restoration) are examples of how Council is setting the benchmark in providing facilities for people with disabilities.

The change rooms and toilets at both locations are larger than regular disabled-access rooms, allowing space for carers. They feature a ceiling mounted track with hoists that allow for easy movement. At the Colmslie Pool, the hoists also help people move from the change room to the pool.

Council is also making it easier for people with a disability to catch public transport. New and upgraded ferry terminals provide wider gangways, increased lighting for the visually impaired and have more space in waiting areas and on pontoons.

These are just a handful of initiatives that make Brisbane a more inclusive and welcoming city for everyone.

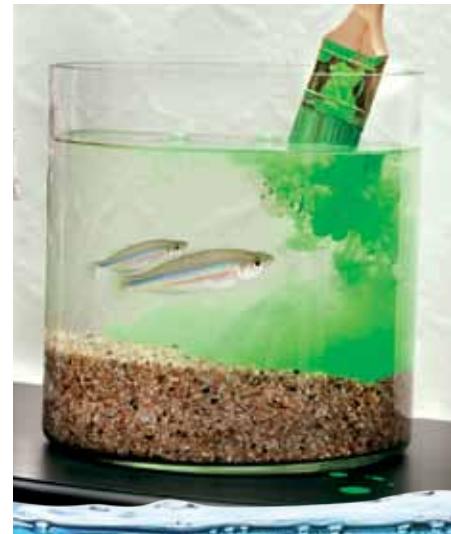
Did you know?

- A 'Braille Traille' for the visually impaired runs down both sides of the Queen Street Mall and through Reddacliff Place.
- All Council libraries have materials in formats suitable for people with sensory disabilities.
- All money collected from fines issued to people illegally parking in disability zones goes towards initiatives that benefit people with a disability.
- An electronic version of *Living in Brisbane* newsletter is available on Council's website with a 'read out loud' option for the visually impaired.

For more information call **3403 8888** or visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au



Colmslie Pool



**WE WOULDN'T
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SO LET'S NOT
DO IT TO OUR
WATERWAYS**

**Always dispose of paint and
household chemicals correctly.**



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Council's Ekka stand

Brisbane City Council welcomed thousands of people to its stand at the Ekka (5-14 August) this year.

The display focused on the theme of sustainability and offered an interactive learning experience for school children.

Youngsters were able to take a tour through a model sustainable home to find out how daily activities such as cooking, putting rubbish in the bin, gardening and turning on the lights could be done in an environmentally friendly way.



Sustainable spring garden

Ross McKinnon, curator at the Brisbane Botanic Gardens

Mt Coot-tha, shares some tips on how to reduce your carbon footprint by growing your own vegetables at home.

- Spring is the best time to start planting seeds or seedlings. Eggplant, snow peas, sweet corn and zucchinis will flourish if you plant now.
- Pre-packaged mixed salad leaves from the supermarket are expensive and rarely fresh. Save money and plant your own salad seed mixes, which are now widely available. If you don't have a vegetable patch, plant the seeds in a polystyrene box and water and mulch well.
- Powdered or liquid lime can be used to sweeten the soil for vegetables, but not all plants love it, including sweet potatoes and tomatoes. Lightly lime plants such as carrots and pumpkins and go heavy on asparagus, onion and spinach.

Events happening at the Brisbane Botanic Gardens Mt Coot-tha:

Kids holiday program

21 September: Story time and fun in the park, 10-10:30am, suitable for ages 10 and under, FREE. Call 3403 2550 to book.

GOLD 'n' Kids

20 September: Sculpting ceramic designs, 10am-12 noon, FREE. Call 3403 8888 to book.



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Happy Birthday Habitat Brisbane

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Please remember to keep our neighbourhood safe and clean when you put your large items on the kerb. Make sure the footpath is clear by keeping your piles on the kerb. Don't forget that children play on our streets, so remove doors from fridges and cupboards and don't leave out sharp or dangerous objects.

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Kerbside collection dates

Commencing 4 October

(Place items on kerbside 2-3 Oct)
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Bridgeman Downs

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8-10 & 15-17 October: Oktoberfest Brisbane, RNA Showgrounds, www.oktoberfestbrisbane.com.au

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Healthy waterways for Brisbane

Water is essential to our health, environment and way of life. This financial year, Council will invest more than \$7 million in the health of our local waterways and Moreton Bay, with an additional \$500,000 to start work on the rejuvenation of Norman Creek.

Rocky Waterholes Creek in Salisbury is one local waterway that has benefited from Council's health enhancement program. Council invested \$900,000 to maintain and improve the creek, including works to minimise erosion and build refuge pools for our aquatic friends to live in during droughts.

These projects will improve the health and ecology of our local waterways, provide more opportunities for

recreation and help Council achieve its vision to be Australia's most water smart city by 2012.

How can I help?

The health of our waterways is everyone's business. You can help by:

- preventing the spread of weeds by planting native plants
- limiting pesticide use and disposing of garden waste responsibly
- being mindful of what you put in the drain and picking up rubbish before it ends up in our waterways
- getting involved in a Catchment Group to care for your local creek.

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A MESSAGE FROM LORD MAYOR CAMPBELL NEWMAN

Residents of Brisbane should be congratulated for wearing their green hearts on their sleeves. As of 19 August, 27,491 people had signed up to Council's EzyGreen energy reduction scheme. With no sign-on costs, the EzyGreen package includes a range of free and discounted offers and appliances which will save you money and help the environment. It's easy to sign up if you haven't already. Visit www.ezygreen.com.au or call 1300 EZYGREEN (1300 399 473).

EzyGreen is just one of many Council initiatives to improve Brisbane's sustainability and protect our natural environment. Council is working hard to keep our waterways healthy, planting two million trees, protecting existing bushland and educating residents on what they can do to help.

Council is getting on with the job of investing in Brisbane's future and our unique way of life.

Campbell Newman
LORD MAYOR

Beenleigh Road upgrade complete

Another Council Road Action Program project has been completed in Kuraby, reducing congestion and improving safety for the local community.

The Beenleigh Road upgrade project between Stiller Drive and Millers Road now provides better traffic infrastructure to service the needs of the growing area. The upgrade included widening Beenleigh Road and installing a new set of traffic lights.

Access to local schools and businesses has improved, as well as traffic flow and pedestrian access, particularly for school children.

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Supporting Brisbane's wildlife

What is biodiversity?

Living things can't exist in isolation. All species, including humans, need different types of plants, animals and environments to survive.

Biodiversity is the variety of all living things. From the smallest micro-organism to the enormous wonder of the blue whale.

Biodiversity forms the complex and interdependent web of life which we are all part of and is essential to the survival of all species.

Brisbane has the greatest variety of animals and plants of any capital city in Australia. For example, did you know there are 36 different frog species in Brisbane?

To protect this diversity of plants and animals, Council aims to restore 40% of mainland Brisbane to natural habitat as part of its 2026 vision for a clean, green Brisbane. Council is working hard to achieve this target by purchasing bushland, working with bush property owners, planting two million trees and assisting more than 120 bushcare groups across the city.

The Bushland Acquisition Program, which celebrates its twentieth birthday this month, secures the most environmentally significant land to protect and connect ecosystems across Brisbane. Since 1990, Council has spent \$141 million and acquired more than 2735 hectares of natural areas like the Brisbane Koala Bushlands and Tinchi Tamba Wetlands.

September is Biodiversity Month and a good opportunity to think about our often unseen neighbours. Simple things you can do to help Brisbane's unique wildlife are to remove weeds from your garden, keep your pets inside at night and plant native trees in your garden.

Free native plants for your garden

Spring is a great time of year to restore your garden and planting native plants is the way to go. Native plants create shade and cool your home, provide habitat for native wildlife and require less water and maintenance.

You can receive free native plants for your garden from Council through a number of programs and events.

The Free Plants program offers Brisbane ratepayers two free native plants each year. There is a large selection of plants to choose from, including groundcovers and feature trees.

If you're keen to find out more about gardening and sustainable living, head to one of the Green Up events held around Brisbane and pick up some more free native plants while you're there.

If you prefer to get your hands dirty, come along to a community street tree planting event. Enjoy a barbecue and plant giveaways while helping to keep your neighbourhood cool and green.

For more information, visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au or call 3403 8888.

Green Ups

19 September: 9-11am, Carindale Recreation Reserve, Bedivere Street, Carindale
19 September: 2-4pm, Kianawah Park, Wynnum Road, Tingalpa



Community street tree plantings
(Meet at 9am for all events)

18 September: Bellbowrie, corner of Pioneer Crescent and Gibson Crescent

25 September: Parkinson, corner of Wallum Drive and Mt Archer Road

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Accessible Brisbane

Council has a responsibility to ensure its facilities and services are accessible to everyone, including people with disabilities.

The new Colmslie Pool, which opened in July 2010, and 157 Ann Street (where Council's Civic Administration functions and the Museum of Brisbane have relocated while City Hall undergoes restoration) are examples of how Council is setting the benchmark in providing facilities for people with disabilities.

The change rooms and toilets at both locations are larger than regular disabled-access rooms, allowing space for carers. They feature a ceiling mounted track with hoists that allow for easy movement. At the Colmslie Pool, the hoists also help people move from the change room to the pool.

Council is also making it easier for people with a disability to catch public transport. New and upgraded ferry terminals provide wider gangways, increased lighting for the visually impaired and have more space in waiting areas and on pontoons.

These are just a handful of initiatives that make Brisbane a more inclusive and welcoming city for everyone.

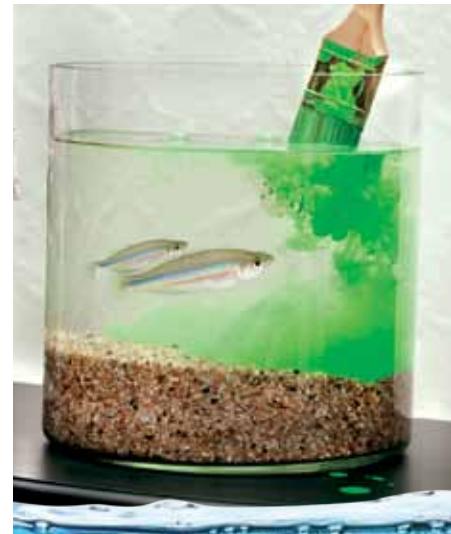
Did you know?

- A 'Braille Traille' for the visually impaired runs down both sides of the Queen Street Mall and through Reddacliff Place.
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Council's Ekka stand

Brisbane City Council welcomed thousands of people to its stand at the Ekka (5-14 August) this year.

The display focused on the theme of sustainability and offered an interactive learning experience for school children.

Youngsters were able to take a tour through a model sustainable home to find out how daily activities such as cooking, putting rubbish in the bin, gardening and turning on the lights could be done in an environmentally friendly way.



Sustainable spring garden

Ross McKinnon, curator at the Brisbane Botanic Gardens

Mt Coot-tha, shares some tips on how to reduce your carbon footprint by growing your own vegetables at home.

- Spring is the best time to start planting seeds or seedlings. Eggplant, snow peas, sweet corn and zucchinis will flourish if you plant now.
- Pre-packaged mixed salad leaves from the supermarket are expensive and rarely fresh. Save money and plant your own salad seed mixes, which are now widely available. If you don't have a vegetable patch, plant the seeds in a polystyrene box and water and mulch well.
- Powdered or liquid lime can be used to sweeten the soil for vegetables, but not all plants love it, including sweet potatoes and tomatoes. Lightly lime plants such as carrots and pumpkins and go heavy on asparagus, onion and spinach.

Events happening at the Brisbane Botanic Gardens Mt Coot-tha:

Kids holiday program

21 September: Story time and fun in the park, 10-10:30am, suitable for ages 10 and under, FREE. Call 3403 2550 to book.

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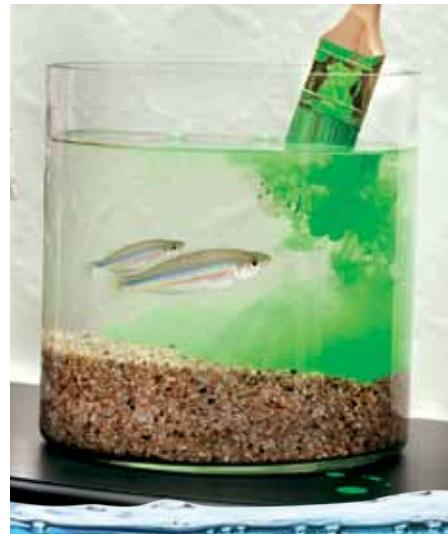
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- Australia Day Achievement Award

Nominations open 13 September. You can complete an entry form online or collect one from your local Ward Office, Council library and Customer Service Centre.

For more information about the awards visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au or call 3403 4200.

CityCycle – subscribe today



Subscriptions for Brisbane's new public bike hire service are now available at www.citycycle.com.au

Anyone over 17 years of age can choose from an annual, quarterly or casual CityCycle subscription. Every journey under 30 minutes is free for all subscribers.

The first CityCycle stations will be open from October 2010, providing a convenient, affordable and sustainable inner city transport option.

For more information, visit www.citycycle.com.au or call 1800 246 612.

Waging war on weeds

Council has added a second sensor truck to its weed treatment fleet.

The fourth generation direct target weed sensor truck will increase the frequency of weed treatment across the city. It operates at a treatment rate of 9.5 kilometres per hour, more than three times the rate of a traditional weed spraying team and can operate efficiently in all light conditions.

A light sensor capable of detecting and directly targeting green plant material will result in potential savings of up to 80% on herbicide wastage. The innovative vehicle is more environmentally friendly and smaller than its predecessor, improving accessibility.

Council spends more than \$2.5 million each year on weed management in our natural areas, parks, waterways and road reserves.

Planning for Toowong and Auchenflower

The historic Middenbury House in Toowong will be preserved under the Toowong Auchenflower Draft Neighbourhood Plan, which Council has sent to the Queensland Government for review.

Built in 1865, Middenbury House (former ABC studios) is a significant example of 1860s masonry construction in Queensland.

Under the plan, Toowong will continue to be the major centre for the inner western region. The plan includes:

- a new town square in Toowong and a local centre around Auchenflower Station that will link to the Wesley Hospital
- high-density residential development east of the railway line in Auchenflower, while retaining pockets of pre-war housing west of the railway line.

Council has worked closely with the local community, businesses and the development industry to prepare the draft plan.

Following the Queensland Government's review, the draft plan will be available for public comment around the end of this year.

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LIBRARY SEMINAR SERIES Free Sustainable Living workshops

Learn skills to enable you to live more sustainably and connect with broader community sustainability initiatives including:

- Home renos - Retro fashion
- Eco babies - Greener motoring

Bookings essential. For more information visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au or call Council on 3403 8888.



**Subscribe to Council's
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What is the Early Warning Alert service?

The free service will send subscribed households an alert in the event of severe weather via SMS, email or a recorded phone message to their home phone.

The Early Warning Alert service is provided in partnership with the Early Warning Network.

Who can apply for the alerts?

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When will the alerts be sent out?

An alert will only be sent if an analysis of weather forecasts suggests your specified location is directly at risk. The alerts will be based on potential risk to the residential address specified in your registration form – for example, if your home may be affected because it is in the direct path of a thunderstorm.

What if my details change over time?

You can update your details by logging in at www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/earlywarning or calling Council on 3403 8888.

I didn't receive an alert but my home was impacted by severe weather/I received an alert but my home was not impacted by severe weather.

As per the terms and conditions, Council endeavours to provide a high quality service, however no such system can claim to be completely accurate or failsafe. All reasonable endeavours will be taken to provide warning alerts to subscribers at the earliest opportunity. This service cannot be solely and wholly relied upon and other mediums such as radio should be monitored to inform of potential events.

How do I unsubscribe to the service?

You can unsubscribe by visiting Council's website and changing your registration information or calling the Early Warning Network directly on 1300 703 017.

How can I apply for the alerts?

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**Don't wait until it's too late. Be alert. Be prepared.
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Creative grants

Applications for the Lord Mayor's Young and Emerging Artists Fellowships and Creative Sparks grants are now open.

The Lord Mayor's Young and Emerging Artists Fellowships award up to \$20,000 to support the development of young and emerging Brisbane artists and arts workers (17-30 years of age).

Artists can apply to undertake professional development through study, travel or secondment with a professional arts company, specialist tuition or programs that support career development.

Applications for Creative Sparks grants, a joint initiative between Council and the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland, are now also open for Brisbane artists, arts and cultural workers and organisations.

The categories are:

Category 1: Creative projects that enrich Brisbane communities

Category 2: Professional development opportunities for artists and arts workers

Category 3: Arts/business partnerships

Category 4: Creative laneway activation

A maximum of \$20,000 is available for each grant. Applications for both grants close on 11 October 2010.

For guidelines, application forms and information on grant writing workshops visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/grants or phone Council on 3403 8888.

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BRISbanes
an anthology of Brisbane stories

Opens 3 September to new and emerging writers.

Here's your chance to have your short story published in Brisbane City Council's One Book Many Brisbanes 6 anthology. Winners will secure a place at a three-day masterclass to develop their story with established industry mentors, and a cash prize of \$1000.

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Sharing our shorelines

Moreton Bay is about to welcome home 40,000 weary nomads. In September and October each year, migratory shorebirds fly up to 13,000 kilometres non-stop from places such as Alaska and Siberia. They need to rest and feed when they land on Brisbane's shores. One way to help shorebirds is to keep your dog on its lead when walking on sandflats at low tide.

Residents walking dogs off-leash on Brisbane's sandflats risk fines of up to \$200 from Council and Marine Park Authorities. Sandflats are not off-leash areas and unrestrained dogs can disturb or even injure shorebirds. Council provides a designated sandflat off-leash area at Tuckeroo Park, Nudgee Beach.

Information session

Find out more about these amazing travellers at **Sandgate Foreshore** on 10 October from 1pm. Council officers will be on hand to answer any questions and you can enjoy a free movie, *Travelling Birds*, at Einbunpin Park from 6pm. Bring your dog along too, but remember to keep the leash on.

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Our recommendations include *Under the Radar* (until 25 September), where you can see more than 100 independent and experimental emerging artists in theatre at Metro Arts or outdoors for Street Feats. For groundbreaking modern dance, don't miss *Danza Contemporánea de Cuba*, who will perform their only Australian shows (14-18 September) exclusively for Brisbane Festival 2010.

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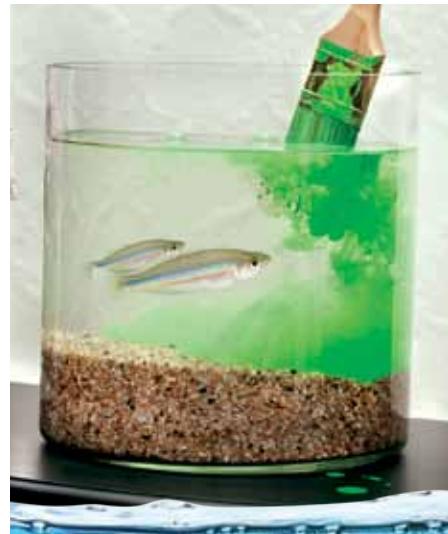
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- Australia Day Cultural/Arts Award
- Australia Day Achievement Award

Nominations open 13 September. You can complete an entry form online or collect one from your local Ward Office, Council library and Customer Service Centre.

For more information about the awards visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au or call 3403 4200.

CityCycle – subscribe today



Subscriptions for Brisbane's new public bike hire service are now available at www.citycycle.com.au

Anyone over 17 years of age can choose from an annual, quarterly or casual CityCycle subscription. Every journey under 30 minutes is free for all subscribers.

The first CityCycle stations will be open from October 2010, providing a convenient, affordable and sustainable inner city transport option.

For more information, visit www.citycycle.com.au or call 1800 246 612.

Waging war on weeds

Council has added a second sensor truck to its weed treatment fleet.

The fourth generation direct target weed sensor truck will increase the frequency of weed treatment across the city. It operates at a treatment rate of 9.5 kilometres per hour, more than three times the rate of a traditional weed spraying team and can operate efficiently in all light conditions.

A light sensor capable of detecting and directly targeting green plant material will result in potential savings of up to 80% on herbicide wastage. The innovative vehicle is more environmentally friendly and smaller than its predecessor, improving accessibility.

Council spends more than \$2.5 million each year on weed management in our natural areas, parks, waterways and road reserves.

Woolloongabba Centre makeover complete

Council's \$10 million upgrade to Woolloongabba Centre is complete. Visit the new centre where you can shop, dine and relax in style.

The Woolloongabba Centre Streetscape Upgrade project started in November 2008 and was completed over three stages.

Stage one transformed the retail strip between Ipswich Road and Jurgens Street into a stylish and versatile hub, while still maintaining its heritage qualities. Visitors can now enjoy Brisbane's subtropical lifestyle with alfresco dining and shopping.

In stage two, the roundabout on the corner of Logan Road and Jurgens Street was upgraded to a safer and simpler four-way signalised intersection.

Stage three delivered the Gabba Green, an inner city oasis on the corner of Logan Road and Jurgens Street. Escape the busy city and enjoy a large grassed area with shaded seating and more than 50 trees.

This project delivers on the community-endorsed Woolloongabba Centre Neighbourhood Plan which will help support projected future growth in this important inner city area.



LIBRARY SEMINAR SERIES Free Sustainable Living workshops

Learn skills to enable you to live more sustainably and connect with broader community sustainability initiatives including:

- Home renos - Retro fashion
- Eco babies - Greener motoring

Bookings essential. For more information visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au or call Council on 3403 8888.



**Subscribe to Council's
free Early Warning Alert service**



BRISBANE **EARLY WARNING ALERT SERVICE**

What is the Early Warning Alert service?

The free service will send subscribed households an alert in the event of severe weather via SMS, email or a recorded phone message to their home phone.

The Early Warning Alert service is provided in partnership with the Early Warning Network.

Who can apply for the alerts?

The Early Warning Alert service is available to all Brisbane households. Only one registration is available per household. At this stage businesses/companies are unable to register for the service.

When will the alerts be sent out?

An alert will only be sent if an analysis of weather forecasts suggests your specified location is directly at risk. The alerts will be based on potential risk to the residential address specified in your registration form – for example, if your home may be affected because it is in the direct path of a thunderstorm.

What if my details change over time?

You can update your details by logging in at www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/earlywarning or calling Council on 3403 8888.

I didn't receive an alert but my home was impacted by severe weather/I received an alert but my home was not impacted by severe weather.

As per the terms and conditions, Council endeavours to provide a high quality service, however no such system can claim to be completely accurate or failsafe. All reasonable endeavours will be taken to provide warning alerts to subscribers at the earliest opportunity. This service cannot be solely and wholly relied upon and other mediums such as radio should be monitored to inform of potential events.

How do I unsubscribe to the service?

You can unsubscribe by visiting Council's website and changing your registration information or calling the Early Warning Network directly on 1300 703 017.

How can I apply for the alerts?

Residents can register and view the terms and conditions by visiting Council's website at www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/earlywarning.

Alternatively, call Council on 3403 8888 to request a registration pack which includes the terms and conditions and a registration form.



**Don't wait until it's too late. Be alert. Be prepared.
Visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/earlywarning today.**



Creative grants

Applications for the Lord Mayor's Young and Emerging Artists Fellowships and Creative Sparks grants are now open.

The Lord Mayor's Young and Emerging Artists Fellowships award up to \$20,000 to support the development of young and emerging Brisbane artists and arts workers (17-30 years of age).

Artists can apply to undertake professional development through study, travel or secondment with a professional arts company, specialist tuition or programs that support career development.

Applications for Creative Sparks grants, a joint initiative between Council and the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland, are now also open for Brisbane artists, arts and cultural workers and organisations.

The categories are:

Category 1: Creative projects that enrich Brisbane communities

Category 2: Professional development opportunities for artists and arts workers

Category 3: Arts/business partnerships

Category 4: Creative laneway activation

A maximum of \$20,000 is available for each grant. Applications for both grants close on 11 October 2010.

For guidelines, application forms and information on grant writing workshops visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/grants or phone Council on 3403 8888.

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BRISBANES
an anthology of Brisbane stories

Opens 3 September to
new and emerging writers.

Here's your chance to have your
short story published in Brisbane
City Council's One Book
Many Brisbanes 6 anthology.
Winners will secure a place at
a three-day masterclass to
develop their story with
established industry mentors,
and a cash prize of \$1000.

For more information visit
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or call Council on 3403 8888



Sharing our shorelines

Moreton Bay is about to welcome home 40,000 weary nomads. In September and October each year, migratory shorebirds fly up to 13,000 kilometres non-stop from places such as Alaska and Siberia. They need to rest and feed when they land on Brisbane's shores. One way to help shorebirds is to keep your dog on its lead when walking on sandflats at low tide.

Residents walking dogs off-leash on Brisbane's sandflats risk fines of up to \$200 from Council and Marine Park Authorities. Sandflats are not off-leash areas and unrestrained dogs can disturb or even injure shorebirds. Council provides a designated sandflat off-leash area at Tuckeroo Park, Nudgee Beach.

Information session

Find out more about these amazing travellers at **Sandgate Foreshore** on 10 October from 1pm. Council officers will be on hand to answer any questions and you can enjoy a free movie, *Travelling Birds*, at Einbunpin Park from 6pm. Bring your dog along too, but remember to keep the leash on.

Large items kerbside collections

Get a head start on your spring cleaning with Council's free large items kerbside collection service, which is now provided annually to the whole city.

A notification will be sent out two weeks prior to the collection week with some guidelines on what Council can and can't collect.

Please remember to keep our neighbourhood safe and clean when you put your large items on the kerb. Make sure the footpath is clear by keeping your piles on the kerb. Don't forget that children play on our streets, so remove doors from fridges and cupboards and don't leave out sharp or dangerous objects.

Visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/waste or call 3403 8888 for more information.

Kerbside collection dates

Commencing 4 October

(Place items on kerbside 2-3 Oct)
Norman Park, Carina Heights

Commencing 11 October

(Place items on kerbside 9-10 Oct)
East Brisbane, Kangaroo Point

Commencing 18 October

(Place items on kerbside 16-17 Oct)
South Brisbane, West End

Commencing 25 October

(Place items on kerbside 23-24 Oct)
Dutton Park, Woolloongabba,
Highgate Hill

WHAT'S ON

18 September: Eidfest – celebrating Muslim cultures, Mt Gravatt Showgrounds, Upper Mt Gravatt

19 September: Sacred masterpieces (Bands in Parks, Live), Captain Burke Park, Kangaroo Point, FREE

22 September: The great race (Active Parks), Whites Hill Reserve, Carina Heights, FREE

26 September: An afternoon at the proms (Bands in Parks, Live), 2pm, Mowbray Park, East Brisbane, FREE

26 September: Swing when you're winning (Bands in Parks, Live), Bulimba Memorial Park, Bulimba, FREE

30 September: Games night, 5-9pm, King George Square, FREE

8-10 & 15-17 October: Oktoberfest Brisbane, RNA Showgrounds, www.oktoberfestbrisbane.com.au



Brisbane's arts and culture scene is as eclectic as it is dynamic, consistently delivering a diverse program of national and international events.

The Judith Wright Centre of Contemporary Arts, the Brisbane Powerhouse and La Boite Theatre's stellar line-up of innovative performances year round have cemented their reputations as the cultural and artistic hubs of the city. A range of independent creative spaces in Fortitude Valley and New Farm are also must-visit destinations for art lovers.

The city is now in full festive swing thanks to Brisbane Festival 2010 (on until 25 September), a vibrant celebration of art and life in Brisbane. Don't miss out on the unique national and international acts included in the comprehensive program.

Our recommendations include *Under the Radar* (until 25 September), where you can see more than 100 independent and experimental emerging artists in theatre at Metro Arts or outdoors for Street Feats. For groundbreaking modern dance, don't miss *Danza Contemporánea de Cuba*, who will perform their only Australian shows (14-18 September) exclusively for Brisbane Festival 2010.

For more information on things to see and do across Brisbane go to www.visitbrisbane.com.au

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LORD MAYOR

Kingsford Smith Drive upgrade

Work to upgrade one of Brisbane's busiest roads, Kingsford Smith Drive, is progressing well. Construction between Harvey and Theodore streets started in January 2010 and should be completed in early 2011, weather permitting.

The project will provide better transport infrastructure to service the area's growing needs by widening the road from four lanes to six between Harvey and Theodore streets. It will improve traffic flow capacity at intersections, road user safety and pedestrian and cyclist access.

For more information on the Kingsford Smith Drive – Harvey Street to Theodore Street upgrade project, contact Council on **3403 8888** or email roadactionprogram@brisbane.qld.gov.au

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Be prepared



A few simple steps can help you prepare your family and property for severe weather and potential flooding.

- Subscribe to the Brisbane Early Warning Alert service to receive severe weather alerts by email, SMS or landline by calling Council on **3403 8888** or visiting www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/earlywarning
- Trim tree branches so they are well clear of your house and clean your gutters and downpipes. You can dispose of your green waste for free at any of Council's four transfer stations every weekend in October. When a storm approaches, clear your yard of loose objects such as toys and outdoor furniture.
- Prepare an emergency kit. This kit should contain a battery operated radio, torch, spare batteries, first aid kit and emergency contact numbers.
- Get a Floodwise Property Report to find out if your property is at risk of flooding and download a Flood Flag Map for your suburb. Visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/floodwise

Emergency contact numbers:

All emergencies	000
Brisbane City Council	3403 8888
SES	132 500
RACQ	1300 130 595
TransLink	13 12 30
Energex	13 12 53
Bureau of Meteorology	1900 926 114

Residents need to be careful when a storm approaches. On receiving an early warning alert, shelter and secure pets, put vehicles under cover and tune into your local radio station for updates.

Beware of fallen powerlines, don't drive through floodwaters and keep children away from stormwater drains and floodwaters during and after a storm or downpour.



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DO THIS AT HOME
SO LET'S NOT
DO IT TO OUR
WATERWAYS**

Always put cigarette butts in the bin.



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Keep it clean.



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Council invests in reducing flooding

Council invests more than \$50 million each year to reduce the impacts of flooding. Major projects funded by Council over the last 12 months included installing automatic flood warning lights on Shaw Road, Wooloowin and at the Zillmere, Muller and Newman roads roundabout at Geebung. Council has also developed free online Flood Flag Maps for residents to see how flooding may affect their property. More than 92,000 maps have been downloaded since November 2009.

In the 2009-10 financial year, Council invested in projects for areas prone to flooding, including:

- \$17.6 million to improve stormwater drainage and reduce flooding impacts for 63 Brisbane properties. This financial year, Council will reduce flooding impacts to another 86 properties
- \$5.1 million to purchase nine properties affected by creek flooding under the Voluntary Home Purchase Scheme
- \$30.9 million to improve stormwater drainage infrastructure citywide and on maintenance and rehabilitation works in local waterways to reduce flooding. This financial year, Council will undertake maintenance and rehabilitation works at more than 100 locations across Brisbane. A vegetation management program will also be carried out at more than 40 flood risk sites to improve waterway capacity.

Water pricing: the facts

Water pricing in South East Queensland has recently undergone major change as a result of the Queensland Government's water reform program.

Under the program the Queensland Government took control of bulk water assets such as dams, water treatment plants and pipelines. The process also mandated the establishment of three water companies to supply water and sewerage treatment, acting independently of councils in the region.

The Queensland Government sets bulk water charges, which have been the major contributor to an increase in water bills for Brisbane residents in recent years, as shown in the table opposite. Most importantly, bulk water charges have increased by more than 141% since the Queensland Government assumed control.

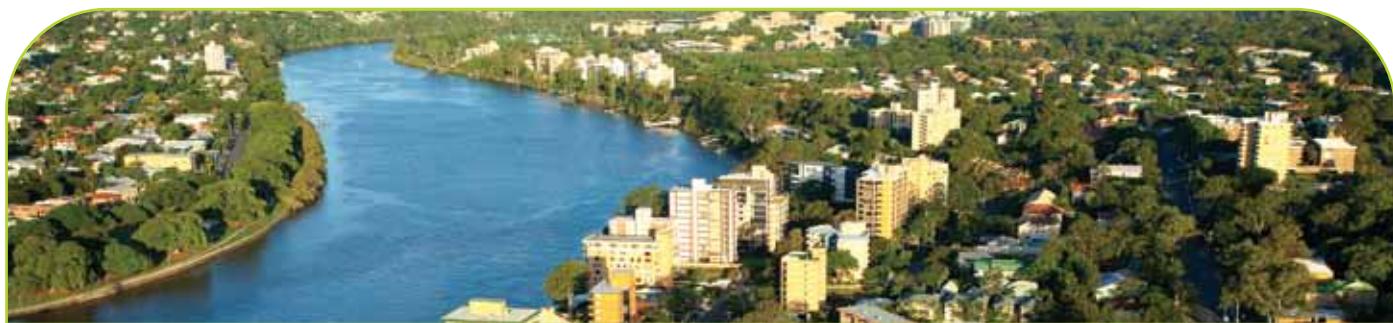
State Bulk Water Charges

	2007-08	2010-11
State Bulk Water Charge per kilolitres (kL)	\$0.63	\$1.52
Tier 1 Charge per kL	\$0.56	\$0.65
Access Charge	\$140.00	\$162.96

Sample water bill based on 250kL*

	2007-08	2010-11	Increase
State Bulk Water Charge	\$160.65	\$387.60	141.27%
Tier 1 Charge	\$142.80	\$165.75	16.07%
Access Charge	\$140.00	\$162.96	16.40%
Total	\$443.45	\$716.31	61.53%

* 250kL is the average water consumption of a family of four in Brisbane per year.



Development in flood prone areas

Council takes the issue of flooding very seriously. With the storm season approaching, flooding is a real concern so it's important that buildings in Council-identified and flood-prone areas are built in accordance with strict standards.

Council has put in place standards that developers must follow when seeking to build in potentially flood-affected areas. Many of these areas may never be affected by flooding, however it's critical that buildings are designed to deal with the worst circumstances. Developers must demonstrate their project won't increase flooding on the site or on neighbouring properties during severe weather. New developments must also meet Council minimum floor level heights to protect future residents and to reduce the risk of property damage from flooding.

A detailed flood study report will be needed to support a development application in flood-risk areas. The report must be prepared by a Queensland registered professional engineer and will be reviewed by Council's hydraulic engineers to ensure it complies with Council's planning scheme for Brisbane.

Gaining approval for development in these corridors is carefully controlled and difficult to achieve through the planning scheme, to ensure that flooding can be managed. This protects existing properties and the wealth of flora and fauna in these areas.

To help Brisbane residents, visitors and developers identify flooding risks, Council has developed Flood Flag Maps for each suburb. These maps show the city's overland flow paths and can be downloaded from Council's website at www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/floodwise

For more information on City Plan 2000, subdivision and development guidelines or the standards that need to be met in flood prone areas, visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au or phone Council on 3403 8888.



Celebrate the voices of jazz

The fourth annual Brisbane Jazz Festival at Brisbane Powerhouse (21-24 October) celebrates the voices of jazz. Cool crooners, jazz vixens, scatting, rhythm and groove – with five big shows over four days, this year's festival will feature some of the best talent the jazz world has to offer.

Labelled 'the most influential jazz vocalist of our time', Kurt Elling heads our way fresh from his first Grammy Award win.

Mulatu Astatke, the 'Godfather of Ethio-Jazz', joins Australia's own The Black Jesus Experience to celebrate the timelessness of his music and influence.

Guitarist, James Muller, will add some Australian flavour and, as always, there's plenty of local, fresh and free jazz to round out this year's festival.

For tickets and more information call **3358 8600** or visit www.brisbanepowerhouse.org

Howard Smith Wharves

Howard Smith Wharves have been a hive of activity in recent months with cliff stabilisation works now complete and construction preparations beginning on the wharves and parkland as well as restoration of heritage buildings.

Located under the Story Bridge on the northern shore of the Brisbane River, the site is the last major undeveloped riverfront space in the city centre.

The site has long been a part of Brisbane's history. The area was once a working wharf with shipping offices before becoming the location of air raid shelters during World War II.

While the site has provided an important connection between New Farm and the city centre via the RiverWalk for pedestrians and cyclists, for many years it has largely been left run down and abandoned.

The upgrade will create a vibrant and active parkland destination for all Brisbane residents and visitors to enjoy.

The park works are expected to be completed by mid-2011 with the wharves restoration being completed by the end of 2011.

For more information, call **1800 282 158** or email howardsmithwharves@brisbane.qld.gov.au



Register for Council's FREE Early Warning Alert service.



Be alert and prepared this summer storm season.

Register to receive an email, SMS and/or message to landline to warn of potential severe weather.

Visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/earlywarning or call Council on 3403 8888 to register.



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CityCycle – first stations now open



The first stations of Brisbane's new public bike hire service are now open, offering residents, commuters and visitors to Brisbane an affordable, healthy and environmentally friendly public transport option.

Some stations in West End, the CBD, New Farm, Fortitude Valley and Kangaroo Point are now open, with more stations to progressively open into 2011. Visit www.citycycle.com.au for an up-to-date map of open stations.

Once complete in 2012, the network will offer up to 2000 bikes at 150 stations throughout the inner city from Newstead to St Lucia.

CityCycle is an initiative of Council, operated by JCDecaux Australia, and is part of Council's \$100 million investment in new bikeway infrastructure over four years to help make Brisbane an accessible and connected city.

Use CityCycle to:

- complete your commute to work from Roma Street Station to Eagle Street
- travel from West End to the Queensland University of Technology Gardens Point campus
- visit the markets in New Farm on the weekend
- travel from Fortitude Valley to the CBD for a meeting.

Subscribe now

From as little as 17 cents per day, CityCycle is the cheapest public transport option for long-term users. And, once you subscribe, every journey you make under 30 minutes is free.

To subscribe to CityCycle, go to www.citycycle.com.au and pick a subscription that best suits you: annual (\$60.50), three-month (\$27.50) or casual (one day, \$11.00).

Once you've subscribed, you'll have access to the entire network, allowing you to hire or return at any CityCycle station.

Users are encouraged to use their own helmet or purchase one online with their annual or quarterly subscription. By law, helmets must be worn when using CityCycle and users must be 17 years or older.

For more information, visit www.citycycle.com.au or call 1300 CCYCLE (1300 229 253).



Have you dreamed of starting your own business?

Brisbane City Council can help your dream become a reality with the Lord Mayor's Multicultural Business Scholarships.

If you are an Australian citizen or permanent resident from a migrant or refugee background and live in the Brisbane City Council area you may be eligible for a Business Scholarship.

For more information visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/multicultural, call 3403 4404 or email multiculturalunit@brisbane.qld.gov.au. Applications close 29 October 2010. Conditions apply.

Dog, baby and you

A pet dog can make a wonderful addition to a household and a child's life, but did you know that 86% of dog bites in Queensland happen in the home?

Council holds free community information sessions that will help expectant parents keep their home safe and happy for their new arrivals.

The sessions provide tips on how to prepare your dog for your newborn's arrival, advice on how to introduce your baby to the dog and what to teach your child as they grow into an active toddler.

Dog, baby and you sessions

23 October: 10-11am, North West Private Hospital, Everton Park

2 November: 7-9pm, Chermside Library, Chermside

13 November: 10-11am, North West Private Hospital, Everton Park

18 November: 7-9pm, Carindale Library, Carindale

For more information visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au or call Council on **3403 8888**.

Checklist to help keep your children safe:

- Introduce changes now rather than waiting until your baby comes home. For example, put an end to your dog sleeping on your bed or couch or thinking it's 'top dog'.
- Introduce your newborn to your dog slowly, calmly and safely.
- Enquire if your health professional has access to any 'crying' CDs that may help your pet adjust to the noise of a new baby.
- Never attach your dog's lead to the pram when out walking.
- Never leave a dog and baby or small child unattended.

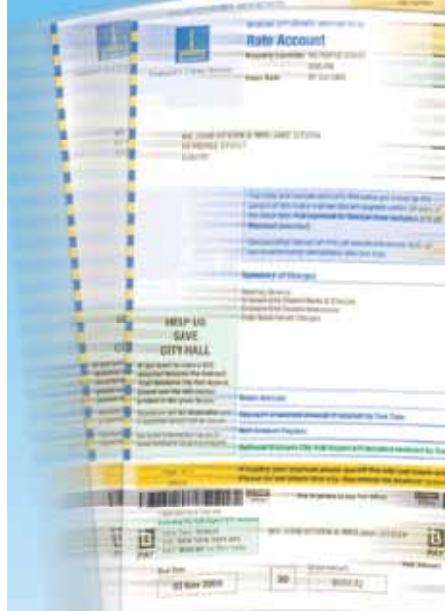


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Neighbourhood planning in Toombul and Nundah

Neighbourhood planning in the Toombul and Nundah area is off to a great start following the results of a Council vision survey.

The Toombul Nundah Renewal Strategy Vision survey was completed from July to September and gave residents a chance to have their say about important issues in the planning area. Key issues included building design, better pedestrian/cycle paths and crossings, traffic and improving local shops and services. Survey respondents also said they loved the village feel in Nundah and public transport services in Toombul.

By working together, residents and business owners can help Council guide growth in the area while maintaining the community's lifestyle and addressing current and potential issues.

A draft renewal strategy will now be prepared based on the results of the survey and upcoming community consultation, setting the direction for future growth and development.

For more information visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/urbanrenewal or call Council on **3403 8888**.

Brisbane City Hall restoration – a sight not seen for 80 years

The first eight months of restoration work on City Hall focused on the main auditorium, roof and basement.

Work has now expanded to the entire building with up to 250 workers addressing concrete and structural issues. Two large cranes have been brought into the building – a sight not seen since City Hall's construction in the 1920s.

This comic strip taken from newspaper archives reveals Brisbane's curiosity and fascination with the construction of City Hall. At the time, City Hall was one of the largest constructions in Australia, second only to the Sydney Harbour Bridge, and questions such as how the crane would be removed from the roof captivated Brisbane's residents.

The current City Hall restoration is captivating a new generation of residents. Video updates are filmed weekly and reveal the excitement of this historic work.

Keep up to date with City Hall's restoration at www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/cityhall



Dipawali – Festival of Lights

Brisbane's Indian community invites you to celebrate Dipawali in King George Square on Friday 29 October from 11am-10pm.

The free festival will feature local and international Indian artists, dance, food and sweets. After sunset, clay lamps will be lit so celebrations can continue into the evening.

In Indian mythology, the festival symbolises the lifting of spiritual darkness. It celebrates the victory of good over evil and commemorates Lord Rama's return to his kingdom Ayodhya after his 14-year exile.

Real Adventure Women

Start your active and healthy lifestyle today with Real Adventure Women (RAW), Council's Active and Healthy Lifestyle program that offers activities for women 16 years of age and over.

Ever wanted to 'jazzercise'? Come to the Sandgate Senior Citizens Centre, Sandgate on 15 November and get involved in an easy-to-follow fitness class that blends jazz and Latin dance, aerobics, yoga, pilates and kickboxing. The class is designed for all fitness levels and ages.

If you're feeling more adventurous, try an introductory kite surfing class at the Surf Connect Wind and Kitesurfing School, Sandgate every Saturday and Sunday. You don't need to be strong – just come with a 'can do' attitude. Fully qualified instructors will teach you how to safely fly a surfing kite and propel yourself through the water.

Stay active and healthy, develop new skills and make new friendships with RAW.

For more details, costs and to find out how to book, visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au or call 3403 8888.



Sometimes the best way to get to know a city is to slip beneath the surface and see what makes it tick. Urban villages are scattered throughout Brisbane and reveal a lot about who we are and what we love about living in Australia's new world city.

Indulge in a big breakfast and browse quaint book stores at West End. Rummage through vintage and antique shops in Paddington or enjoy a performance at La Boite's Roundhouse Theatre at Kelvin Grove Urban Village.

From the northern suburbs of Ascot and Hamilton, south to Kangaroo Point, east to Bulimba and Hawthorne and west to Rosalie, each village has its own distinct personality and offers a range of galleries, boutiques, restaurants and cafes ready to be explored.

Find your favourite spot at www.visitbrisbane.com.au

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Every Tuesday night: Asian cooking classes, 6pm, Chinatown Mall, Fortitude Valley, FREE

16 October: Gardening that doesn't cost the earth, 10am-12 noon, Sandgate Library, FREE, call 3403 8888 to book

17 October: Queensland Multicultural Festival, Roma Street Parkland, FREE

17-23 October (National Water Week): 'Illuminating our Waterways' art installation, Reddacliff Place and Queen Street Mall

Until 31 October: Lord Mayor's Photographic Awards exhibition, King George Square

4-14 November: St George Bank Brisbane International Film Festival, www.stgeorgebiff.com.au

6-7 November: Brisbane Relay for Life (Cancer Council Queensland), RNA Showgrounds, call 3634 5292 to book

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Sherwood Road bus depot

Preparation for construction of the Sherwood Road bus depot is underway. The new state-of-the-art facility is part of Council's plan to put 500 new buses on the road by 2012 and provide more reliable public transport for the inner-south west area.

The new depot will have a 5 Green Star rating from the Green Building Council of Australia, the first for an industrial building.

The facility will provide bus maintenance, refuelling and parking facilities for 200 of Council's more than 1000-strong fleet.

The depot is expected to be finished by mid-2011. For more information, visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au or call 3403 8888.

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Visit the newly revitalised arboretum this weekend and discover wetlands, wildlife, river vistas and green open spaces. Completed over six months, the revitalisation included new picnic shelters, upgraded play spaces, facility improvements and new park seating.

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Keep up to date with City Hall's restoration at www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/cityhall



Dipawali – Festival of Lights

Brisbane's Indian community invites you to celebrate Dipawali in King George Square on Friday 29 October from 11am-10pm.

The free festival will feature local and international Indian artists, dance, food and sweets. After sunset, clay lamps will be lit so celebrations can continue into the evening.

In Indian mythology, the festival symbolises the lifting of spiritual darkness. It celebrates the victory of good over evil and commemorates Lord Rama's return to his kingdom Ayodhya after his 14-year exile.

Large items kerbside collections

Get a head start on your spring cleaning with Council's free large items kerbside collection service, which is now provided annually to the whole city.

A notification will be sent out two weeks prior to the collection week with some guidelines on what Council can and can't collect.

Please remember to keep our neighbourhood safe and clean when you put your large items on the kerb. Make sure the footpath is clear by keeping your piles on the kerb. Don't forget that children play on our streets, so remove doors from fridges and cupboards and don't leave out sharp or dangerous objects.

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Kerbside collection dates

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WHAT'S ON

Every Tuesday night: Asian cooking classes, 6pm, Chinatown Mall, Fortitude Valley, FREE

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28 October: Tai Chi qigong (Growing Older and Living Dangerously), Sherwood Neighbourhood Centre, call 3403 8888 to book

Until 31 October: Lord Mayor's Photographic Awards exhibition, King George Square

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6-7 November: Brisbane Relay for Life (Cancer Council Queensland), RNA Showgrounds, call 3634 5292 to book



Sometimes the best way to get to know a city is to slip beneath the surface and see what makes it tick. Urban villages are scattered throughout Brisbane and reveal a lot about who we are and what we love about living in Australia's new world city.

Indulge in a big breakfast and browse quaint book stores at West End. Rummage through vintage and antique shops in Paddington or enjoy a performance at La Boite's Roundhouse Theatre at Kelvin Grove Urban Village.

From the northern suburbs of Ascot and Hamilton, south to Kangaroo Point, east to Bulimba and Hawthorne and west to Rosalie, each village has its own distinct personality and offers a range of galleries, boutiques, restaurants and cafes ready to be explored.

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Help keep Brisbane's waterways a great place for recreation by putting all your litter in a bin, cleaning up after your dog, and disposing of hazardous waste such as paint and bleach at one of Council's transfer stations.

See page two for more information.

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A MESSAGE FROM LORD MAYOR CAMPBELL NEWMAN

Water is essential to life, but it can also be a source of great hardship. The reality is that Brisbane was built on a flood plain and while the last great flood was in 1974, it pays to be alert to the dangers of localised flooding. In 2004 we formed the Lord Mayor's Taskforce on Suburban Flooding to find ways to mitigate flooding, and arranged for Council to buy the homes of the most flood-affected people.

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Campbell Newman
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Ithaca Pool reopens

The Ithaca Pool at Paddington will reopen on 14 October after a \$1.3 million upgrade. The upgrade was needed to meet modern standards and environmental efficiencies. This included increasing the pool length from 23 to 25 metres and installing a ramp for seniors and people with disabilities.

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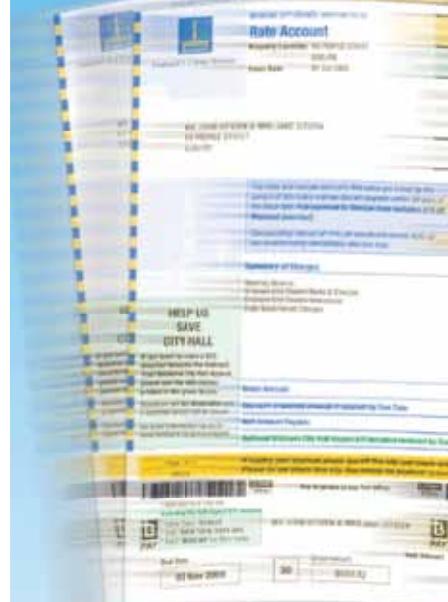


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Large items kerbside collections

Get a head start on your spring cleaning with Council's free large items kerbside collection service, which is now provided annually to the whole city.

A notification will be sent out two weeks prior to the collection week with some guidelines on what Council can and can't collect.

Please remember to keep our neighbourhood safe and clean when you put your large items on the kerb. Make sure the footpath is clear by keeping your piles on the kerb. Don't forget that children play on our streets, so remove doors from fridges and cupboards and don't leave out sharp or dangerous objects.

Visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/waste or call 3403 8888 for more information.



Kerbside collection dates

Commencing 1 November

(Place items on the kerbside 30-31 October)

Alderley, Newmarket, Wilston

WHAT'S ON

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Be prepared for severe weather

Severe summer storms and flooding are a natural part of living in Brisbane and can cause damage to your home, vehicle and the environment.

Fortunately, there are a number of steps you can take to help minimise damage and reduce impacts on the natural environment.

Cleaning up your yard and signing up to the Brisbane Early Warning Alert service are practical steps that can help prepare your family and home for a severe storm.

Residents should also get a Floodwise Property Report on their property and

download the Flood Flag Map for their suburb. These are free and useful tools to help you find out how flooding may affect your property.

Taking steps to protect Brisbane's natural environment is also important. When it rains, stormwater washes oil, dirt and rubbish from our yards and streets into stormwater drains, which run directly into our waterways.

Help keep Brisbane's waterways a great place for recreation by putting all your litter in a bin, cleaning up after your dog, and disposing of hazardous waste such as paint and bleach at one of Council's transfer stations.

See page two for more information.

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A MESSAGE FROM LORD MAYOR CAMPBELL NEWMAN

Water is essential to life, but it can also be a source of great hardship. The reality is that Brisbane was built on a flood plain and while the last great flood was in 1974, it pays to be alert to the dangers of localised flooding. In 2004 we formed the Lord Mayor's Taskforce on Suburban Flooding to find ways to mitigate flooding, and arranged for Council to buy the homes of the most flood-affected people.

Water in another form also has Council worried. The cost of tap water is climbing. A few years ago the Queensland Government took water pricing out of the hands of councils in South East Queensland. We have provided you with the facts on page three so you can make your own judgement.

Campbell Newman
LORD MAYOR

River Gateway plans for the future

Neighbourhood planning in the River Gateway is off to a good start with recent information events attracting many local community members. The River Gateway includes parts of Carina, Camp Hill, Cannon Hill, Murarrie, Morningside and Seven Hills. Council is creating a plan to meet future demands for jobs, homes and services as well as provide new commercial and industrial opportunities.

Since starting in July 2010, a Neighbourhood Planning Basics workshop in Morningside and displays at Cannon Hill have proven popular with residents.

A Community Planning Team, comprising local residents, business owners, property owners and community organisations, has also been established and is working with Council to provide local knowledge, input and feedback.

For more information visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/neighbourhoodplanning

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Be prepared



A few simple steps can help you prepare your family and property for severe weather and potential flooding.

- Subscribe to the Brisbane Early Warning Alert service to receive severe weather alerts by email, SMS or landline by calling Council on **3403 8888** or visiting www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/earlywarning
- Trim tree branches so they are well clear of your house and clean your gutters and downpipes. You can dispose of your green waste for free at any of Council's four transfer stations every weekend in October. When a storm approaches, clear your yard of loose objects such as toys and outdoor furniture.
- Prepare an emergency kit. This kit should contain a battery operated radio, torch, spare batteries, first aid kit and emergency contact numbers.
- Get a Floodwise Property Report to find out if your property is at risk of flooding and download a Flood Flag Map for your suburb. Visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/floodwise

Emergency contact numbers:

All emergencies	000
Brisbane City Council	3403 8888
SES	132 500
RACQ	1300 130 595
TransLink	13 12 30
Energex	13 12 53
Bureau of Meteorology	1900 926 114

Residents need to be careful when a storm approaches. On receiving an early warning alert, shelter and secure pets, put vehicles under cover and tune into your local radio station for updates.

Beware of fallen powerlines, don't drive through floodwaters and keep children away from stormwater drains and floodwaters during and after a storm or downpour.



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Council invests in reducing flooding

Council invests more than \$50 million each year to reduce the impacts of flooding. Major projects funded by Council over the last 12 months included installing automatic flood warning lights on Shaw Road, Wooloowin and at the Zillmere, Muller and Newman roads roundabout at Geebung. Council has also developed free online Flood Flag Maps for residents to see how flooding may affect their property. More than 92,000 maps have been downloaded since November 2009.

In the 2009-10 financial year, Council invested in projects for areas prone to flooding, including:

- \$17.6 million to improve stormwater drainage and reduce flooding impacts for 63 Brisbane properties. This financial year, Council will reduce flooding impacts to another 86 properties
- \$5.1 million to purchase nine properties affected by creek flooding under the Voluntary Home Purchase Scheme
- \$30.9 million to improve stormwater drainage infrastructure citywide and on maintenance and rehabilitation works in local waterways to reduce flooding. This financial year, Council will undertake maintenance and rehabilitation works at more than 100 locations across Brisbane. A vegetation management program will also be carried out at more than 40 flood risk sites to improve waterway capacity.

Water pricing: the facts

Water pricing in South East Queensland has recently undergone major change as a result of the Queensland Government's water reform program.

Under the program the Queensland Government took control of bulk water assets such as dams, water treatment plants and pipelines. The process also mandated the establishment of three water companies to supply water and sewerage treatment, acting independently of councils in the region.

The Queensland Government sets bulk water charges, which have been the major contributor to an increase in water bills for Brisbane residents in recent years, as shown in the table opposite. Most importantly, bulk water charges have increased by more than 141% since the Queensland Government assumed control.

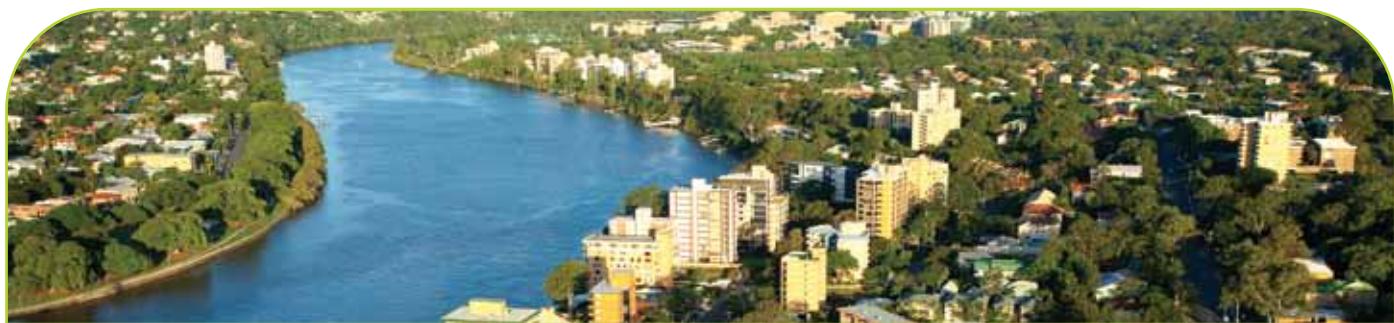
State Bulk Water Charges

	2007-08	2010-11
State Bulk Water Charge per kilolitres (kL)	\$0.63	\$1.52
Tier 1 Charge per kL	\$0.56	\$0.65
Access Charge	\$140.00	\$162.96

Sample water bill based on 250kL*

	2007-08	2010-11	Increase
State Bulk Water Charge	\$160.65	\$387.60	141.27%
Tier 1 Charge	\$142.80	\$165.75	16.07%
Access Charge	\$140.00	\$162.96	16.40%
Total	\$443.45	\$716.31	61.53%

* 250kL is the average water consumption of a family of four in Brisbane per year.



Development in flood prone areas

Council takes the issue of flooding very seriously. With the storm season approaching, flooding is a real concern so it's important that buildings in Council-identified and flood-prone areas are built in accordance with strict standards.

Council has put in place standards that developers must follow when seeking to build in potentially flood-affected areas. Many of these areas may never be affected by flooding, however it's critical that buildings are designed to deal with the worst circumstances. Developers must demonstrate their project won't increase flooding on the site or on neighbouring properties during severe weather. New developments must also meet Council minimum floor level heights to protect future residents and to reduce the risk of property damage from flooding.

A detailed flood study report will be needed to support a development application in flood-risk areas. The report must be prepared by a Queensland registered professional engineer and will be reviewed by Council's hydraulic engineers to ensure it complies with Council's planning scheme for Brisbane.

Gaining approval for development in these corridors is carefully controlled and difficult to achieve through the planning scheme, to ensure that flooding can be managed. This protects existing properties and the wealth of flora and fauna in these areas.

To help Brisbane residents, visitors and developers identify flooding risks, Council has developed Flood Flag Maps for each suburb. These maps show the city's overland flow paths and can be downloaded from Council's website at www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/floodwise

For more information on City Plan 2000, subdivision and development guidelines or the standards that need to be met in flood prone areas, visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au or phone Council on 3403 8888.



Celebrate the voices of jazz

The fourth annual Brisbane Jazz Festival at Brisbane Powerhouse (21-24 October) celebrates the voices of jazz. Cool crooners, jazz vixens, scatting, rhythm and groove – with five big shows over four days, this year's festival will feature some of the best talent the jazz world has to offer.

Labelled 'the most influential jazz vocalist of our time', Kurt Elling heads our way fresh from his first Grammy Award win.

Mulatu Astatke, the 'Godfather of Ethio-Jazz', joins Australia's own The Black Jesus Experience to celebrate the timelessness of his music and influence.

Guitarist, James Muller, will add some Australian flavour and, as always, there's plenty of local, fresh and free jazz to round out this year's festival.

For tickets and more information call **3358 8600** or visit www.brisbanepowerhouse.org

Howard Smith Wharves

Howard Smith Wharves have been a hive of activity in recent months with cliff stabilisation works now complete and construction preparations beginning on the wharves and parkland as well as restoration of heritage buildings.

Located under the Story Bridge on the northern shore of the Brisbane River, the site is the last major undeveloped riverfront space in the city centre.

The site has long been a part of Brisbane's history. The area was once a working wharf with shipping offices before becoming the location of air raid shelters during World War II.

While the site has provided an important connection between New Farm and the city centre via the RiverWalk for pedestrians and cyclists, for many years it has largely been left run down and abandoned.

The upgrade will create a vibrant and active parkland destination for all Brisbane residents and visitors to enjoy.

The park works are expected to be completed by mid-2011 with the wharves restoration being completed by the end of 2011.

For more information, call **1800 282 158** or email howardsmithwharves@brisbane.qld.gov.au



Register for Council's FREE Early Warning Alert service.



Be alert and prepared this summer storm season.

Register to receive an email, SMS and/or message to landline to warn of potential severe weather.

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CityCycle – first stations now open



The first stations of Brisbane's new public bike hire service are now open, offering residents, commuters and visitors to Brisbane an affordable, healthy and environmentally friendly public transport option.

Some stations in West End, the CBD, New Farm, Fortitude Valley and Kangaroo Point are now open, with more stations to progressively open into 2011. Visit www.citycycle.com.au for an up-to-date map of open stations.

Once complete in 2012, the network will offer up to 2000 bikes at 150 stations throughout the inner city from Newstead to St Lucia.

CityCycle is an initiative of Council, operated by JCDecaux Australia, and is part of Council's \$100 million investment in new bikeway infrastructure over four years to help make Brisbane an accessible and connected city.

Use CityCycle to:

- complete your commute to work from Roma Street Station to Eagle Street
- travel from West End to the Queensland University of Technology Gardens Point campus
- visit the markets in New Farm on the weekend
- travel from Fortitude Valley to the CBD for a meeting.

Subscribe now

From as little as 17 cents per day, CityCycle is the cheapest public transport option for long-term users. And, once you subscribe, every journey you make under 30 minutes is free.

To subscribe to CityCycle, go to www.citycycle.com.au and pick a subscription that best suits you: annual (\$60.50), three-month (\$27.50) or casual (one day, \$11.00).

Once you've subscribed, you'll have access to the entire network, allowing you to hire or return at any CityCycle station.

Users are encouraged to use their own helmet or purchase one online with their annual or quarterly subscription. By law, helmets must be worn when using CityCycle and users must be 17 years or older.

For more information, visit www.citycycle.com.au or call 1300 CCYCLE (1300 229 253).



Have you dreamed of starting your own business?

Brisbane City Council can help your dream become a reality with the Lord Mayor's Multicultural Business Scholarships.

If you are an Australian citizen or permanent resident from a migrant or refugee background and live in the Brisbane City Council area you may be eligible for a Business Scholarship.

For more information visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/multicultural, call 3403 4404 or email multiculturalunit@brisbane.qld.gov.au. Applications close 29 October 2010. Conditions apply.

Dog, baby and you

A pet dog can make a wonderful addition to a household and a child's life, but did you know that 86% of dog bites in Queensland happen in the home?

Council holds free community information sessions that will help expectant parents keep their home safe and happy for their new arrivals.

The sessions provide tips on how to prepare your dog for your newborn's arrival, advice on how to introduce your baby to the dog and what to teach your child as they grow into an active toddler.

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23 October: 10-11am, North West Private Hospital, Everton Park

2 November: 7-9pm, Chermside Library, Chermside

13 November: 10-11am, North West Private Hospital, Everton Park

18 November: 7-9pm, Carindale Library, Carindale

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Checklist to help keep your children safe:

- Introduce changes now rather than waiting until your baby comes home. For example, put an end to your dog sleeping on your bed or couch or thinking it's 'top dog'.
- Introduce your newborn to your dog slowly, calmly and safely.
- Enquire if your health professional has access to any 'crying' CDs that may help your pet adjust to the noise of a new baby.
- Never attach your dog's lead to the pram when out walking.
- Never leave a dog and baby or small child unattended.

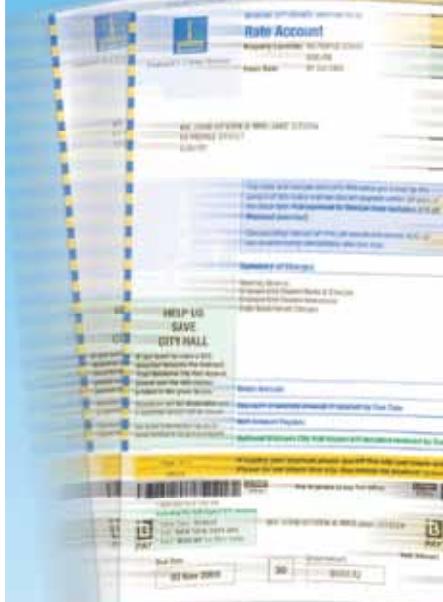


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Planning for the future of Bulimba

Neighbourhood planning is well underway in the Bulimba district, with many community members recently having their say on the Draft Neighbourhood Plan Strategy.

Council's consultation with the local community revealed that they wanted to retain the 'village feel' and vibrancy of the area.

Although growth in the Bulimba District is expected to be lower than other parts of Brisbane, there are some potential development sites in the area that, with careful planning and design, will add to its vibrancy.

The draft strategy focuses on four core precincts – Oxford Street Centre Precinct, Hawthorne Precinct, Banya Street/Bulimba Street/Johnston Street Precinct and Byron Street/McConnell Street Precinct.

Council will now prepare a draft neighbourhood plan, taking the community's feedback into consideration, which will then be sent to the Queensland Government for review.

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Real Adventure Women

Start your active and healthy lifestyle today with Real Adventure Women (RAW), Council's Active and Healthy Lifestyle program that offers activities for women 16 years of age and over.

Ever wanted to 'jazzercise'? Come to the Bulimba Senior Centre, Bulimba on 15 October and get involved in an easy-to-follow fitness class that blends jazz and Latin dance, aerobics, yoga, pilates and kickboxing. The class is designed for all fitness levels and ages.

Experience the thrill of being one of 20 paddlers on board a dragon boat on 31 October. Paddle scenic Manly Harbour and enjoy the team work and spirit of this unique sport. Club members will take you through a warm up exercise and safety demonstration before hitting the water.

Stay active and healthy, develop new skills and make new friendships with RAW.

For more details, costs and to find out how to book, visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au or call 3403 8888.



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Artist's impression of tunnel entry/exit to Inner City Bypass

Easing western traffic woes

Construction of the Northern Link tunnel, which will connect the Inner City Bypass at Kelvin Grove to the Centenary Motorway at Toowong, will start in December and finish in 2014.

Council is confident that traffic impacts will be kept to a minimum. When complete, the tunnel will allow motorists to avoid using seven sets of traffic lights.

There will also be benefits for motorists who use existing free roads, with the tunnel expected to ease traffic congestion on Coronation Drive, Milton Road, Moggill Road, Fairfield Road, Sherwood Road, Ipswich Road, and High Street in Toowong.

The tunnel will open with a toll level of about \$3 each way and has the potential to take 2000 express bus services a day.

Transcity, who has been selected to design, build and operate the Northern Link tunnel, will also deliver multi-million dollar improvements to the Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens.

Northern Link will generate jobs and bring \$10.5 billion in economic benefits through travel time savings, reduced vehicle operating costs, environmental pluses and road safety savings.

A map of the tunnel alignment is on page three. For more information visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au

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A MESSAGE FROM LORD MAYOR CAMPBELL NEWMAN

A lot of people associate Council with the major transport projects we are undertaking, but did you know that this record investment and planning for Brisbane's future is being made without skimping on key services?

One of the reasons behind the Queensland Treasury Corporation's "strong" credit rating for Brisbane was Council's "demonstrated capacity to deliver core services" for ratepayers, in addition to building tunnels, buses and ferries, and completing 15 years of roadworks in four years.

In future editions of *Living in Brisbane* we will give you an insight into the everyday work Council does behind the scenes in Brisbane's suburbs. You can be assured there is a lot happening in your backyard.

Campbell Newman
LORD MAYOR

Improving our suburban roads

Construction has started on the next two stages of the Bridgeman Road and Beckett Road corridor upgrade in Bridgeman Downs. The current corridor will be upgraded to four lanes with bicycle lanes and pedestrian crossings.

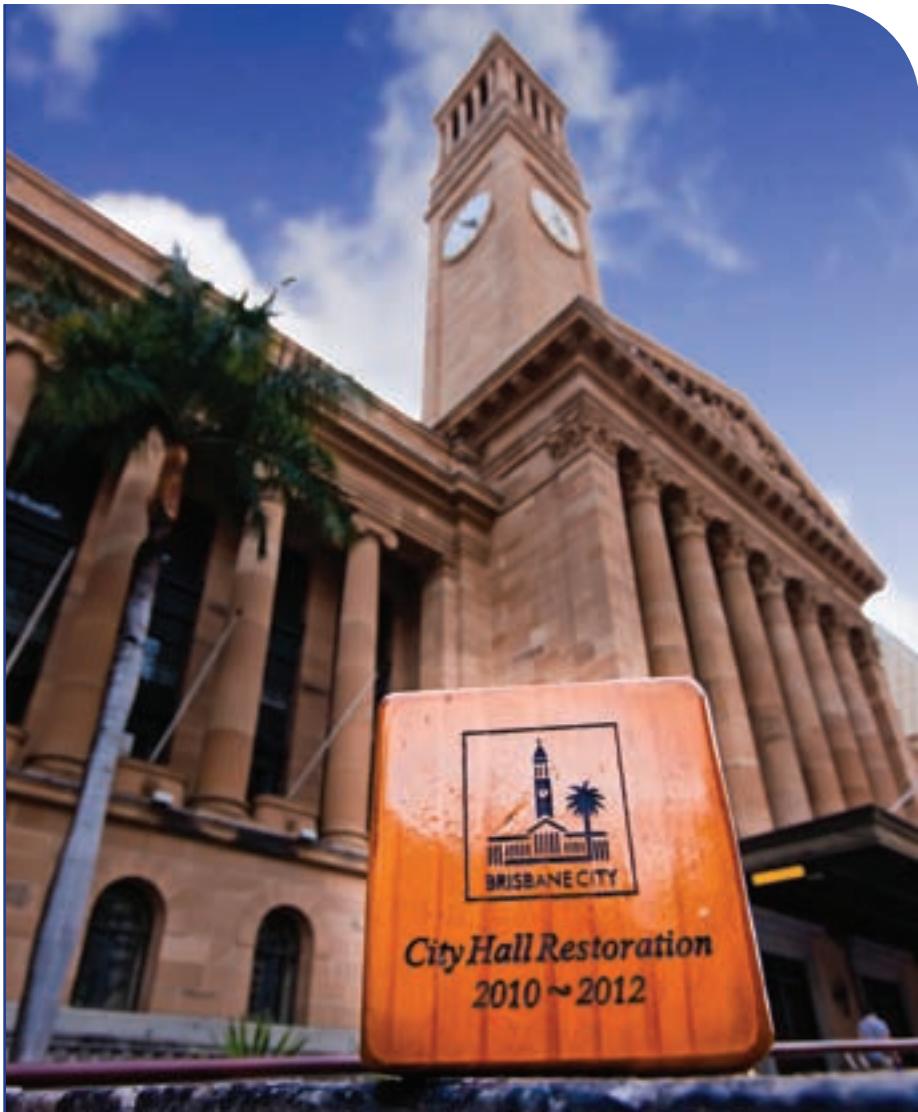
Council will then upgrade from Beams Road to Graham Road and to Saturn Crescent/Casuarina Street. Both stages are due for completion in early 2012 and are part of Lord Mayor Campbell Newman's plan to do 15 years of suburban roadworks in four years.

The first stage of the upgrade, Linkfield Road to Beams Road, began in March 2010 and will be completed in mid-2011, weather permitting.

For more information contact Council on **3403 8888** or email roadactionprogram@brisbane.qld.gov.au

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Own a piece of City Hall

Timber framework supporting the ceiling in the Main Auditorium of City Hall has been replaced with steel for increased strength and fire safety.

This timber is now being recycled into special keepsakes to recognise donations to the National Trust Brisbane City Hall Appeal.

Council has partnered with the National Trust of Queensland to establish the appeal, and all donations are tax deductible.

There are many ways community groups and individuals can be recognised for their support of this historic restoration project:

- Donations of \$200 are recognised with a unique memento crafted from timber removed from the auditorium dome ceiling. Each one is carefully produced by BoysTown, a local non-profit organisation, and engraved to commemorate the City Hall Restoration project.
- Gifts of \$1000 are acknowledged with a commemorative plaque on a City Hall chair for a minimum of five years.
- Contributions of \$180 are recognised with a special certificate of appreciation.

To make a tax-deductible donation or for information about the appeal visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/cityhall or call Council on 3403 8888.

Restoring our heritage

Council has breathed new life into some of the city's social, cultural and spiritual icons.

In 2010, Council's Heritage Incentive Scheme (HIS) has given 41 buildings around Brisbane a helping hand. More than a quarter of a million dollars has helped restore buildings of historical significance and maintain our local heritage.

Churches, residences, businesses, schools and public venues have benefited from the scheme, helping owners to care for their heritage-listed properties and maintain the city's unique architectural and cultural heritage.

This includes the historic St Thomas Aquinas Church in St Lucia (pictured below), which was given a \$10,000 facelift and a new lease on life.

The iconic Beth-Eden masonry house in Graceville, Bulimba Uniting Church, San Michelle residence in Wooloowin and the Toowong Municipal Library on Coronation Drive have also been restored to their former glory with the help of HIS funding.

As the city grows, Council is working hard to protect our heritage.



A year of tackling traffic congestion

Figures show that Council is easing traffic congestion with tunnels and bridges near the CBD, and road projects in the 'burbs.

The CLEM7 and the Go Between bridge are the first two projects of the TransApex bridge and tunnel ringroad plan and have already had a positive impact on traffic around Brisbane.

Since opening in March, the CLEM7 has reduced cross-city travel times with a journey from Ipswich Road to Lutwyche Road cut from more than 21 minutes to just over five minutes.

The Go Between bridge has had a similar impact, particularly for traffic coming out of the West End and South Brisbane precincts.

Before the Go Between bridge opened in July it took motorists about 12 minutes on average to get from Cordelia Street to Coronation Drive and, at times, up to 45 minutes. With four new lanes across the river, the same trip now consistently takes fewer than four minutes.

The benefits aren't exclusive to the CLEM7 or the Go Between bridge users. Travel times and congestion on the Story and William Jolly bridges have reduced thanks to a decrease in traffic on both bridges.

The Go Between bridge has also proven popular with more than 1000 pedestrians and cyclists using the river crossing each day to directly access Riverside Drive in South Brisbane and the Bicentennial Bikeway in Milton.

Together with Council's Road Action Program, which fast-tracks 15 years of roadworks into four years, the TransApex projects are helping reduce congestion on Brisbane's worst suburban roads and get you home sooner.





Summer reading and fun library adventures

Make reading fun and adventurous for your children with Council's Summer Reading program at Council libraries from 13 December 2010 to 21 January 2011.

The 'Exploring Your World: Summer Reading and Fun Adventures' program offers a range of engaging events that will help your child keep up with their reading during the school holidays and prepare them for the new school year.

Events include craft, cartoon and circus skills workshops, storytelling, pantomimes and gardening and wildlife crusader workshops presented by the RSPCA.

The program is open to kids up to 12 years of age. For event dates and more information visit your local library, visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au or call Council on 3403 8888.



Brisbane's skateboarding history

Museum of Brisbane's newest exhibit *The Stoke* opens this month and provides an all-access pass to Brisbane's skateboarding history and culture.

With more than 120 skateboards on display, visitors will gain insight into the evolution of skateboard design from the 1960s through to today.

The Stoke also explores the physical and artistic expression that defines the pursuit of skateboarding and the camaraderie that unites Brisbane skateboarders from all walks of life.

A replica bowl inspired by the legendary Moorooka Skate Shed will come alive with demonstrations and workshops from Brisbane's skateboarding community.

The exhibit is not just for hardcore skateboarders. Novices, designers, extreme sports heads and fans of pop culture will enjoy this showcase of Brisbane's enduring skateboarding culture and its people, legends and stories.

Discover the meaning of 'the stoke' until 28 February 2011 at Museum of Brisbane, 157 Ann Street. Entry is free.

For more information visit www.museumofbrisbane.com.au or call 3403 8888.

Planning for the Racecourse Precinct

The draft neighbourhood plan for the Racecourse Precinct, comprising parts of Ascot, Hamilton and Hendra, is a step closer to completion after community feedback on the draft strategy last month. Council will now review the feedback and take it into consideration when the draft neighbourhood plan is completed.

The draft strategy focused on four sub-precincts in the area – Racecourse Road, the Eagle Farm and Doomben racecourses, Kingsford Smith Drive and the Hendra Stables. The purpose of the plan is to manage future growth in the Racecourse Precinct. It will provide opportunities for renewal and redevelopment of key sites while preserving the precinct's distinctive character.

The draft neighbourhood plan is expected to be released for further community consultation next year. For more information visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/neighbourhoodplanning

Rethink your rubbish

National Recycling Week is from 8-14 November. But even if you miss it you can still help make Brisbane Australia's most sustainable city. Here are some tips:

Plastic bags

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340L bins available now

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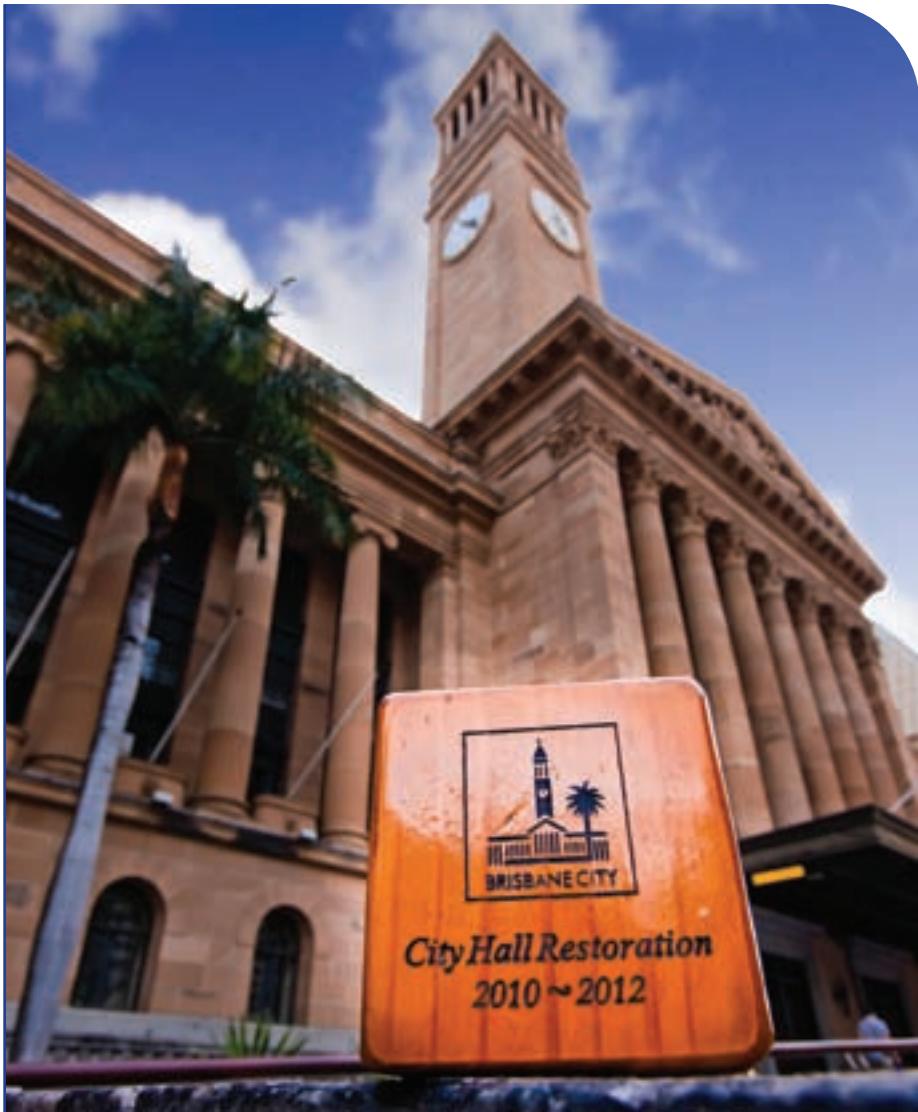
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As the city grows, Council is working hard to protect our heritage.



A year of tackling traffic congestion

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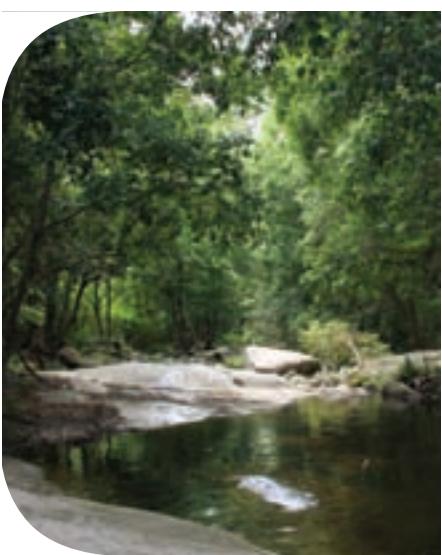


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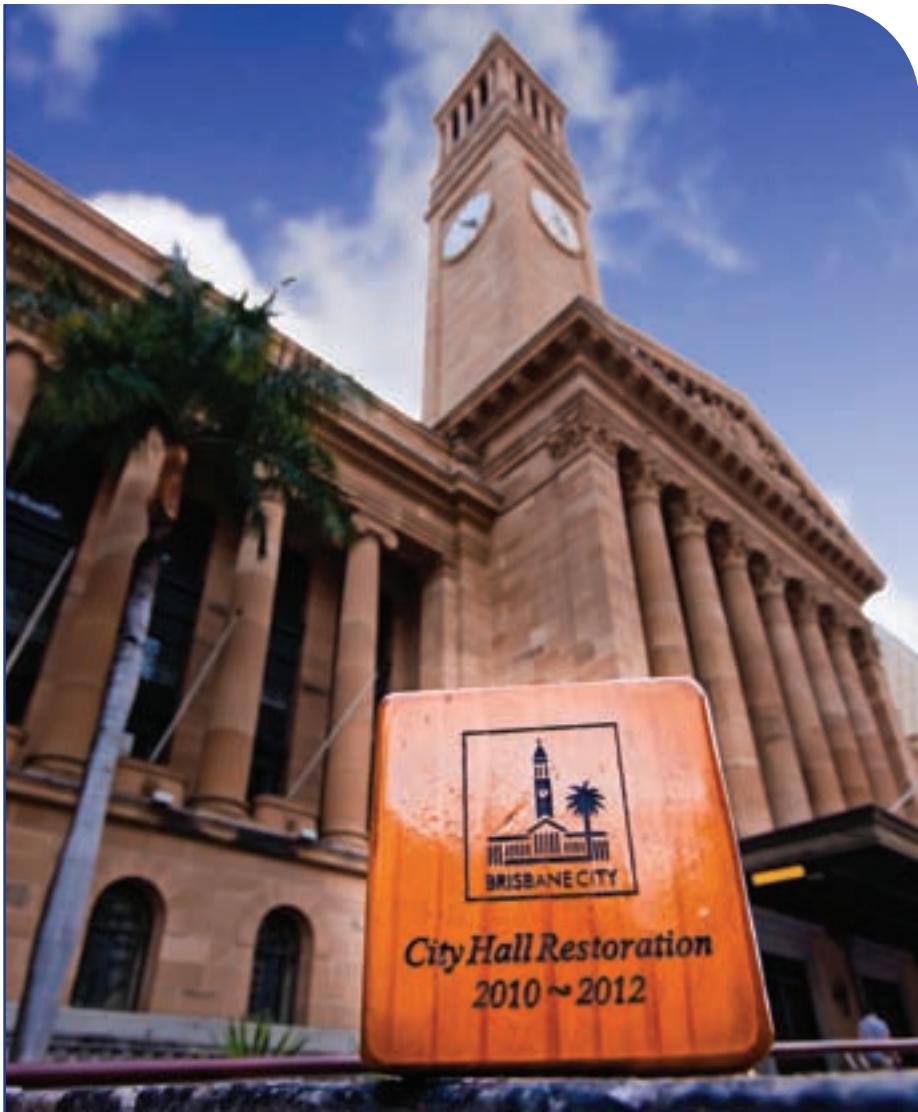
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Artist's impression of tunnel entry/exit to Inner City Bypass

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A map of the tunnel alignment is on page three. For more information visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au

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A MESSAGE FROM LORD MAYOR CAMPBELL NEWMAN

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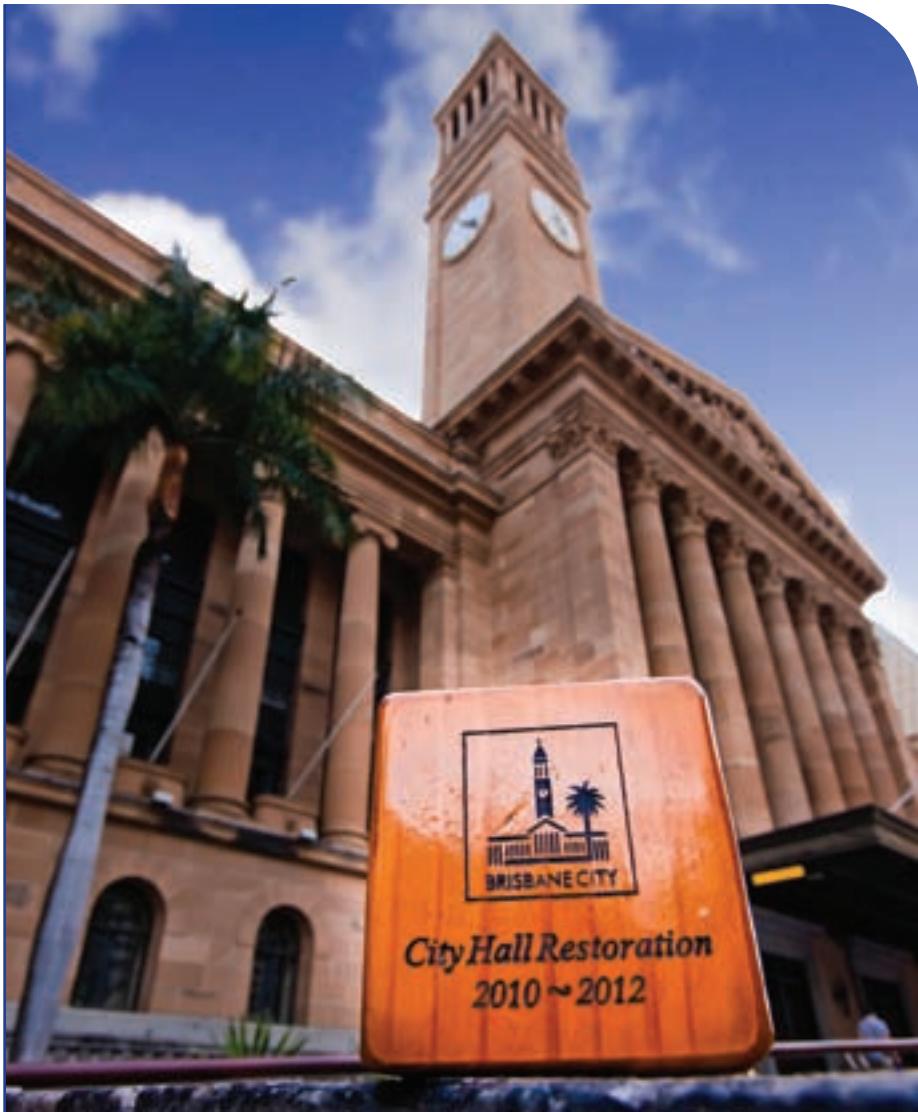
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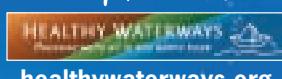
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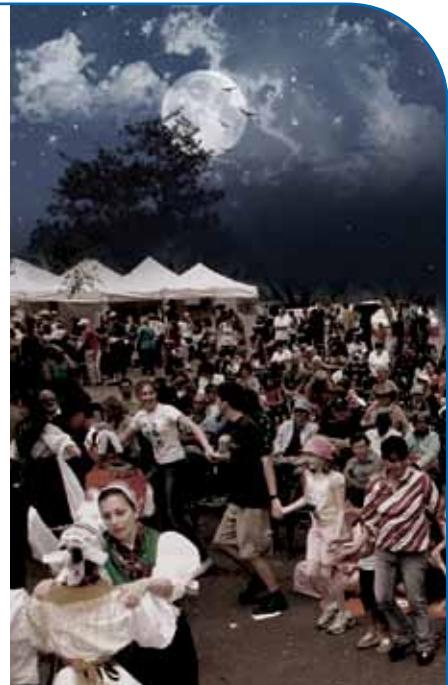
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The course also takes cyclists out on a test run along some of Brisbane's many bike paths and roads.

Courses are subsidised for CityCycle subscribers, who can register by emailing info@cycleaway.com.au

Participants need to bring their own helmet along with their CityCycle subscriber cards and PIN.

WaterSmart Strategy sets direction

To guide Brisbane towards its 2026 goal of becoming Australia's most sustainable and water smart city, Council has now finalised its WaterSmart Strategy.

The WaterSmart Strategy maps out ideas and goals to protect and improve waterway health while creating well-designed, vibrant and livable spaces. It also sets out clear actions for Council, our partners and the community to:

- use water creatively and sensitively in the design of public and private spaces
- manage flood risks to ensure the safety of people and properties
- ensure the sustainability of water resources
- create recreational areas that allow the community to appreciate the many values and benefits of our waterways.

The WaterSmart Strategy was finalised after extensive consultation with industry, business, residents and an expert panel.

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Help shape Brisbane's future



Your chance to have a say on the things you love about our city.

The draft Strategic Plan and draft River City Blueprint are two important plans that will set the direction for how Council manages future growth and improve the lifestyle of Brisbane residents.

The draft Strategic Plan will provide the overall strategic direction for Brisbane planning, while the draft River City Blueprint focuses on the inner city which will accommodate a significant proportion of Brisbane's future growth in jobs and housing.

Brisbane will need to cater for a projected 156,000 new dwellings in the next 20 years. While growth is unavoidable, good planning allows us to manage growth and provide better transport infrastructure, new parks and community spaces, protect biodiversity and provide more housing and job choices.

The draft Strategic Plan sets the framework for the update of the *Brisbane City Plan 2000* which controls all development in Brisbane. The plan will guide new development into areas which are most suitable to manage this change – the inner city, around major centres, along public transport corridors such as busways and railway lines and in employment precincts.

Population and job growth will be focused into growth areas, which cover less than 7% of Brisbane's urban areas. This allows us to keep development to a minimum in Brisbane's leafy suburbs and historic neighbourhoods.

Following community feedback, the recommendations will be converted into provisions in the new *Brisbane City Plan*, against which future development will be assessed.

Visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/planning to find out how you can have your say.

Council plans for a growing city

South East Queensland is growing. With more than 156,000 extra homes expected over the next 20 years, Council has been working hard to manage this growth and preserve the unique character of our city and quality of life.

In 2010 Council launched five new neighbourhood plans for Darra/Oxley, River Gateway, Moggill/Bellbowrie, Toombul/Nundah and Taringa/St Lucia.

Council also formally adopted five neighbourhood plans (Fortitude Valley, Acacia Ridge/Archerfield, Centenary Suburbs, Bracken Ridge and District, and Lutwyche Road Corridor) into the *Brisbane City Plan 2000*, working for almost two years and with more than 10,000 residents in the community to develop the plans.

The \$10 million Woolloongabba Centre Urban Improvement project was also successfully completed in 2010. Pedestrian and cyclist traffic in the precinct has increased by three times and it's now a popular place to eat, shop and relax.

Our forgotten city spaces were also given a facelift with Council's Vibrant Laneways and Inhabit programs. Burnett Lane, Spencer Lane, Eagle Lane and Gresham Lane in the CBD were transformed into vibrant, engaging and pedestrian friendly spaces.

Free new-look FloodWise Property Report available

Council has made it easier for residents and businesses to determine their flood risk with its new look FloodWise Property Report.

The FloodWise Property Report is an essential planning tool for residents to prepare for the summer storm season and has been redesigned to make it more user-friendly.

The free report can help you identify the type of flooding that might occur for a specific property and help you determine your flood risk, whether you are buying, renting, building or renovating.

Guided by feedback from the community, the report is now divided into two sections – flood level information for residents and a technical summary for professionals.

With an average of almost 2000 reports downloaded each week, the Floodwise Property Report will help you prepare for the summer storm season.

Download the FloodWise Property Report for free at www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/floodwise



Prepare for king tide

The summer king tide is expected to peak at 2.65 metres around 10.37am at the Brisbane Bar on Friday 21 January 2011.

King tides occur naturally on Australia's east coast twice a year. They can result in minor localised flooding in some Brisbane suburbs.

Residents can sign up to the Brisbane Early Warning Alert service to receive an SMS or email notification for the summer king tide and severe weather.

To register for the Brisbane Early Warning Alert service, call Council on 3403 8888 or visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/earlywarning for a registration pack.

Emergency contact card

Be prepared
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Brisbane is a subtropical city and flooding is a natural part of living here.

Tips to be prepared

1. Understand your flood risk by:

- getting a free FloodWise Property Report and Flood Flag Map of your suburb from www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/floodwise
- talking to your neighbours about any flood history.

2. Prepare your home, people and property by:

- trimming tree branches well clear of your house
- clearing gutters and drainpipes
- developing an emergency kit
- clearing your yard of loose objects
- signing up online to the Early Warning Alert service.

3. When severe weather approaches:

- listen to your portable radio for weather updates
- seek shelter for your family and pets
- keep your emergency kit and contact numbers handy.

4. After a severe storm or during flooding:

- don't drive through floodwaters and stay away from stormwater drains
- be aware of risks such as contamination and electrocution during floods to avoid injury
- stay away from fallen powerlines
- if you need assistance, contact the SES on 132 500.

For more information on severe weather preparedness visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au or phone Council on 3403 8888.



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State Emergency Service (SES)	132 500
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My emergency contacts:

- Electrician
- Plumber
- Gas company
- Insurance company
- Home insurance policy no.
- Car insurance policy no.
- Vet
- Neighbour

Your emergency kit should contain the following:

- Portable radio
- Torch
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- First aid kit
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- Waterproof bags
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The Native Animal Ambulance service is on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week to rescue and help rehabilitate injured native wildlife in Brisbane.

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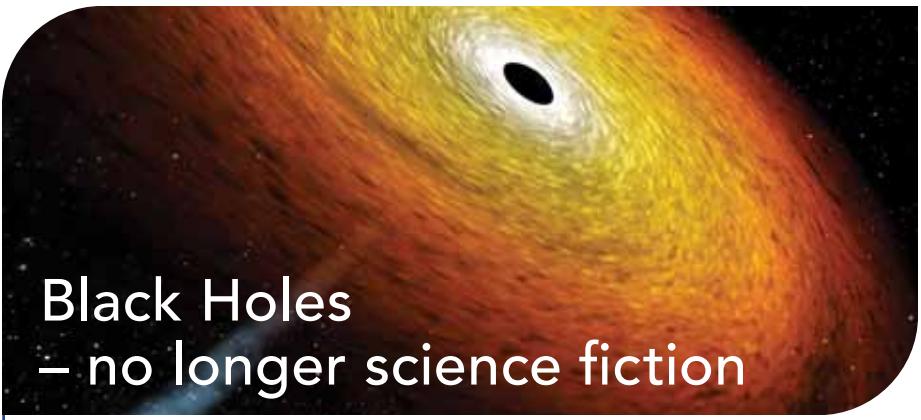
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Summer Reading activities and events include entertaining pantomimes as well as fun-filled craft, cartoon, wildlife and circus workshops.

Summer Reading and Fun Adventures will be held across Council's 33 libraries from 13 December 2010 to 21 January 2011.

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If you use the river, download and read the Code of Conduct from the Maritime Safety Queensland website at www.msq.qld.gov.au

Council's River Safety Taskforce is making the growing CityCat fleet safer, with thermal imaging cameras to be installed on all CityCats over the next few months. The cameras use thermal imaging technology to help ferry masters identify rowers on the river in low and reflective light conditions.

A trial is also underway of a 'lighting rope', which will be placed close to the water line at pontoons. An automatic triggering system lights the rope when a CityCat approaches the terminal to alert recreational vessels and rowers.

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Want to know what's happening inside
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Come along for a free virtual tour presentation with one of our experienced tour guides and let the cameras show you never before seen footage. You may also see a section of the building undergoing restoration work!

Bookings are essential.
Phone Council on 3403 8463.

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Brisbane Botanic Gardens Mt Coot-tha set for expansion

The Brisbane Botanic Gardens Mt Coot-tha is planned to undergo its largest upgrade since opening in 1970, providing residents and visitors with two hectares of new community parkland.

Council has announced plans for a major upgrade to the Botanic Gardens at Mt Coot-tha as part of works for Legacy Way (formerly known as the Northern Link tunnel) which will connect the Centenary Motorway at Toowong to the Inner City Bypass at Kelvin Grove.

The \$20 million regeneration is due at the completion of the project and will include a lagoon, boardwalks, walkways, children's play areas and major improvements to the landscaping, open space and public facilities.

Construction on Legacy Way is expected to start in the coming weeks and is planned to finish in late 2014, two years ahead of the original schedule. Residents can find out more about Legacy Way, including plans for the botanic gardens, and view the proposed design at the project's visitor information centre at 160 Edward Street in the CBD.

The CBD visitor information centre will remain open until Transcity, the contractor selected to build and operate the tunnel, establishes a permanent centre near the western worksite in early 2011. For opening hours of the CBD centre or more information call **1800 692 333**.

Find a special gift at the Valley Markets

With Christmas just around the corner, the Valley Markets are a perfect place to find a unique gift for your loved ones.

Enjoy Brisbane's wonderful summer weather and discover hand-made crafts, emerging designer fashion, pre-loved books, funky jewellery and much more.

After shopping, relax and enjoy a tasty meal in one of the many Chinatown Mall restaurants. Keep the kids distracted with jumping castles, face painting and more.

The Valley Markets are on every Saturday and Sunday from 8am-4pm.

Don't forget about Tuesday night Asian cooking classes and Friday Asian Food Nights under the Grand Awning, both happening in Chinatown Mall.

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Free WiFi access in parks

Get out of the house, office or university computer lab and try Council's free wireless internet in some of Brisbane's most popular parks.

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The trial will be in place to the end of February 2011, and if successful, more WiFi hotspots may be rolled out in parks and other locations.

Free WiFi service was also introduced in Council's 32 libraries across the city earlier this year.

Stay connected and enjoy Brisbane's great outdoor lifestyle. To view the WiFi hotspot areas visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au

Christmas in the Suburbs

There's plenty of festive fun happening in a suburb near you.

Kenmore Combined Churches Community Christmas Carols
11 Dec: Kenmore State Primary School Oval, Moggill Road, Kenmore

Christmas in Ashgrove
12 Dec: Ashgrove Baptist Church, 7 Firhill Street, Ashgrove

Community Carols
12 Dec: Keperra Baptist Church, 980 Samford Road, Keperra

Light Café
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Christmas Carols around the Neighbourhood
15-16 Dec: Various parks, Kenmore

2010 Carols By Candlelight
18 Dec: Dorrington Park, Ashgrove

Christmas Carols
19 Dec: New Farm Park, New Farm

Council libraries present a special series of festive pantomimes:

Billy and Santa
14 Dec: Brisbane Square Library
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Domino's Christmas Caper
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To get the most out of your Christmas visit www.ourbrisbane.com/christmas



Christmas Tights

Forget Christmas stockings, check out four nights of tights with Brisbane's leading circus and street performers.

Flipside Circus

An energetic mix of traditional and contemporary circus, from spinning plates and balancing chairs to slapstick acrobatics and dynamic group juggling by Brisbane's favourite youth circus troupe.

Lady Torpedo, the Big Swing Brothers and Miguel

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20-23 December, King George Square

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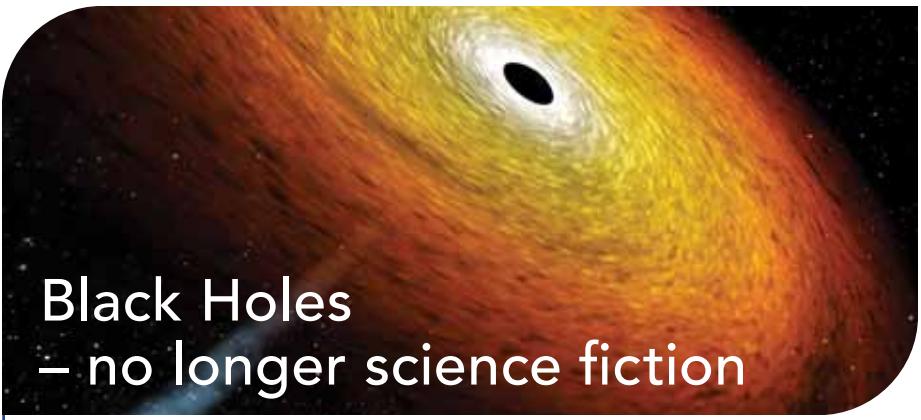
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10 December

6-9.30pm

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Summer reading adventures

Help your children enjoy reading this summer holiday with Council's Summer Reading program. To get started, collect a Your World Passport from your local library. Each time your child reads a book or attends a Summer Reading activity, a library staff member will stamp your child's passport. When the passport is complete, your child will receive exciting prizes as a reward.

Summer Reading activities and events include entertaining pantomimes as well as fun-filled craft, cartoon, wildlife and circus workshops.

Summer Reading and Fun Adventures will be held across Council's 33 libraries from 13 December 2010 to 21 January 2011.

Visit your local Council library to collect a Your World Passport for your child today.

For more information visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/libraries or call Council on **3403 8888**.



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Keeping our river safe

Council is working hard to keep the Brisbane River safe for everyone. With more than 127,000 recreational and commercial users on the water every week, it's important to keep one of the city's defining natural features safe for all users.

Council's River Safety Taskforce has joined with Maritime Safety Queensland and Rowing Queensland to develop a Code of Conduct to help everyone, including rowers and commercial masters, share the river safely.

If you use the river, download and read the Code of Conduct from the Maritime Safety Queensland website at www.msq.qld.gov.au

Council's River Safety Taskforce is making the growing CityCat fleet safer, with thermal imaging cameras to be installed on all CityCats over the next few months. The cameras use thermal imaging technology to help ferry masters identify rowers on the river in low and reflective light conditions.

A trial is also underway of a 'lighting rope' which will be placed close to the water line at pontoons. An automatic triggering system lights the rope when a CityCat approaches the terminal to alert recreational vessels and rowers.

For more information, call Council on **3403 8888** or visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au



Want to know what's happening inside City Hall?

Come along for a free virtual tour presentation with one of our experienced tour guides and let the cameras show you never before seen footage. You may also see a section of the building undergoing restoration work!

Bookings are essential.
Phone Council on 3403 8463.

For more information visit
www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/cityhall





Brisbane Botanic Gardens Mt Coot-tha set for expansion

The Brisbane Botanic Gardens Mt Coot-tha is planned to undergo its largest upgrade since opening in 1970, providing residents and visitors with two hectares of new community parkland.

Council has announced plans for a major upgrade to the Botanic Gardens at Mt Coot-tha as part of works for Legacy Way (formerly known as the Northern Link tunnel) which will connect the Centenary Motorway at Toowong to the Inner City Bypass at Kelvin Grove.

The \$20 million regeneration is due at the completion of the project and will include a lagoon, boardwalks, walkways, children's play areas and major improvements to the landscaping, open space and public facilities.

Construction on Legacy Way is expected to start in the coming weeks and is planned to finish in late 2014, two years ahead of the original schedule. Residents can find out more about Legacy Way, including plans for the botanic gardens, and view the proposed design at the project's visitor information centre at 160 Edward Street in the CBD.

The CBD visitor information centre will remain open until Transcity, the contractor selected to build and operate the tunnel, establishes a permanent centre near the western worksite in early 2011. For opening hours of the CBD centre or more information call **1800 692 333**.

Find a special gift at the Valley Markets

With Christmas just around the corner, the Valley Markets are a perfect place to find a unique gift for your loved ones.

Enjoy Brisbane's wonderful summer weather and discover hand-made crafts, emerging designer fashion, pre-loved books, funky jewellery and much more.

After shopping, relax and enjoy a tasty meal in one of the many Chinatown Mall restaurants. Keep the kids distracted with jumping castles, face painting and more.

The Valley Markets are on every Saturday and Sunday from 8am-4pm.

Don't forget about Tuesday night Asian cooking classes and Friday Asian Food Nights under the Grand Awning, both happening in Chinatown Mall.

For more information about what's happening in the Valley Malls call Council on **3403 8888** or visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au



Free WiFi access in parks

Get out of the house, office or university computer lab and try Council's free wireless internet in some of Brisbane's most popular parks.

Council is currently trialling free wireless (WiFi) internet access in public spaces, with WiFi now available in hotspot areas in the City Botanic Gardens and New Farm Park. WiFi-enabled devices such as laptops, mobile phones and personal digital assistants can connect to the internet in these hotspots.

The trial will be in place to the end of February 2011, and if successful, more WiFi hotspots may be rolled out in parks and other locations.

Free WiFi service was also introduced in Council's 33 libraries across the city earlier this year.

Stay connected and enjoy Brisbane's great outdoor lifestyle. To view the WiFi hotspot areas visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au

Christmas in the Suburbs

Council presents a special series of pantomimes for the festive season at a library near you.

Domino's Christmas Caper
13 Dec: Wynnum Library

Domino's Christmas Caper
14 Dec: Bulimba Library

Domino's Christmas Caper
16 Dec: Carindale Library

Domino's Christmas Caper
17 Dec: Holland Park Library

Julian's Really Big Christmas Surprise!
17 Dec: West End Library

Julian's Really Big Christmas Surprise!
17 Dec: Carina Library

Julian's Really Big Christmas Surprise!
22 Dec: Stones Corner Library

The Christmas Show
15 Dec: Mt Gravatt Library

The Christmas Show
16 Dec: Mt Gravatt Library

To get the most out of your Christmas visit www.ourbrisbane.com/christmas



Christmas Tights

Forget Christmas stockings, check out four nights of tights with Brisbane's leading circus and street performers.

Flipside Circus

An energetic mix of traditional and contemporary circus, from spinning plates and balancing chairs to slapstick acrobatics and dynamic group juggling by Brisbane's favourite youth circus troupe.

Lady Torpedo, the Big Swing Brothers and Miguel

Internationally-acclaimed Lady Torpedo and the Big Swing Brothers perform heart-stopping circus acts supported by Australia's hottest swing band, Miguel, playing classic Christmas hits.

20-23 December, King George Square

6pm, Flipside Circus

7.30pm, Lady Torpedo and the Big Swing Brothers

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World by Night

Take a trip around the world in Brisbane's own backyard!

BEMAC, Queensland's leading multicultural arts agency, is pleased to present the city's best world music, including a special performance by the winner of 2010's Q Song World Music category.

Try an amazing array of food from across the globe and shop for Christmas gifts with a bit of world flavour.

10 December
6-9.30pm
King George Square and Burnett Lane
FREE



Black Holes – no longer science fiction

Narrated by Academy Award-winning actor Geoffrey Rush, Black Holes is a spectacular show that imagines a place where time stands still, where the universal order breaks down and where the unthinkable becomes reality.

For the first time, the Sir Thomas Brisbane Planetarium at Toowong brings to life all that is fascinating and extreme in the world of black holes. What makes a black hole? How do we find them? Would you survive falling into one?

Discover what science has taught us about these bizarre creations. Follow their story from an extraordinary idea of the late 18th century through to their unexpected detection almost 200 years later.

For session times or more information call **3403 2578** or visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/planetarium

Confidence boost for CityCyclists

Subscribers to Council's new CityCycle scheme are being offered a confidence boost before tackling the city on two wheels.

The two-hour confidence courses, run by CycleAway, will familiarise riders with the set up of a CityCycle bike and explain simple features such as how to use the gears and brakes.

Riders will have a chance to practice skills such as changing gears while climbing a hill, scanning over their shoulder before moving across a road and learning about road rules and hand signals.

The course also takes cyclists out on a test run along some of Brisbane's many bike paths and roads.

Courses are subsidised for CityCycle subscribers, who can register by emailing info@cycleaway.com.au

Participants need to bring their own helmet along with their CityCycle subscriber cards and PIN.

WaterSmart Strategy sets direction

To guide Brisbane towards its 2026 goal of becoming Australia's most sustainable and water smart city, Council has now finalised its WaterSmart Strategy.

The WaterSmart Strategy maps out ideas and goals to protect and improve waterway health while creating well-designed, vibrant and livable spaces. It also sets out clear actions for Council, our partners and the community to:

- use water creatively and sensitively in the design of public and private spaces
- manage flood risks to ensure the safety of people and properties
- ensure the sustainability of water resources
- create recreational areas that allow the community to appreciate the many values and benefits of our waterways.

The WaterSmart Strategy was finalised after extensive consultation with industry, business, residents and an expert panel.

Visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/watersmartcity to view Council's WaterSmart Strategy and find out how you can contribute to Brisbane's water future.

Your guide to safe eating is written in the stars.



Eat Safe Brisbane is a new rating scheme that measures and promotes world-class food safety in our city. Businesses that achieve good food safety standards can display their star rating on their door or window. So, next time you eat out, look for the stars.

For more information about Eat Safe Brisbane visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/EatSafeBrisbane

Help shape Brisbane's future



Your chance to have a say on the things you love about our city.

The draft Strategic Plan and draft River City Blueprint are two important plans that will set the direction for how Council manages future growth and improve the lifestyle of Brisbane residents.

The draft Strategic Plan will provide the overall strategic direction for Brisbane planning, while the draft River City Blueprint focuses on the inner city which will accommodate a significant proportion of Brisbane's future growth in jobs and housing.

Brisbane will need to cater for a projected 156,000 new dwellings in the next 20 years. While growth is unavoidable, good planning allows us to manage growth and provide better transport infrastructure, new parks and community spaces, protect biodiversity and provide more housing and job choices.

The draft Strategic Plan sets the framework for the update of the *Brisbane City Plan 2000* which controls all development in Brisbane. The plan will guide new development into areas which are most suitable to manage this change – the inner city, around major centres, along public transport corridors such as busways and railway lines and in employment precincts.

Population and job growth will be focused into growth areas, which cover less than 7% of Brisbane's urban areas. This allows us to keep development to a minimum in Brisbane's leafy suburbs and historic neighbourhoods.

Following community feedback, the recommendations will be converted into provisions in the new *Brisbane City Plan*, against which future development will be assessed.

Visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/planning to find out how you can have your say.

Council plans for a growing city

South East Queensland is growing. With more than 156,000 extra homes expected over the next 20 years, Council has been working hard to manage this growth and preserve the unique character of our city and quality of life.

In 2010 Council launched five new neighbourhood plans for Darra/Oxley, River Gateway, Moggill/Bellbowrie, Toombul/Nundah and Taringa/St Lucia.

Council also formally adopted five neighbourhood plans (Fortitude Valley, Acacia Ridge/Archerfield, Centenary Suburbs, Bracken Ridge and District, and Lutwyche Road Corridor) into the *Brisbane City Plan 2000*, working for almost two years and with more than 10,000 residents in the community to develop the plans.

The \$10 million Woolloongabba Centre Urban Improvement project was also successfully completed in 2010. Pedestrian and cyclist traffic in the precinct has increased by three times and it's now a popular place to eat, shop and relax.

Our forgotten city spaces were also given a facelift with Council's Vibrant Laneways and Inhabit programs. Burnett Lane, Spencer Lane, Eagle Lane and Gresham Lane in the CBD were transformed into vibrant, engaging and pedestrian friendly spaces.

Free new-look FloodWise Property Report available

Council has made it easier for residents and businesses to determine their flood risk with its new look FloodWise Property Report.

The FloodWise Property Report is an essential planning tool for residents to prepare for the summer storm season and has been redesigned to make it more user-friendly.

The free report can help you identify the type of flooding that might occur for a specific property and help you determine your flood risk, whether you are buying, renting, building or renovating.

Guided by feedback from the community, the report is now divided into two sections – flood level information for residents and a technical summary for professionals.

With an average of almost 2000 reports downloaded each week, the Floodwise Property Report will help you prepare for the summer storm season.

Download the FloodWise Property Report for free at www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/floodwise



Prepare for king tide

The summer king tide is expected to peak at 2.65 metres around 10.37am at the Brisbane Bar on Friday 21 January 2011.

King tides occur naturally on Australia's east coast twice a year. They can result in minor localised flooding in some Brisbane suburbs.

Residents can sign up to the Brisbane Early Warning Alert service to receive an SMS or email notification for the summer king tide and severe weather.

To register for the Brisbane Early Warning Alert service, call Council on 3403 8888 or visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/earlywarning for a registration pack.



Emergency contact card

Be prepared
for severe weather

Brisbane is a subtropical city and flooding is a natural part of living here.

Tips to be prepared

1. Understand your flood risk by:

- getting a free FloodWise Property Report and Flood Flag Map of your suburb from www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/floodwise
- talking to your neighbours about any flood history.

2. Prepare your home, people and property by:

- trimming tree branches well clear of your house
- clearing gutters and drainpipes
- developing an emergency kit
- clearing your yard of loose objects
- signing up online to the Early Warning Alert service.

3. When severe weather approaches:

- listen to your portable radio for weather updates
- seek shelter for your family and pets
- keep your emergency kit and contact numbers handy.

4. After a severe storm or during flooding:

- don't drive through floodwaters and stay away from stormwater drains
- be aware of risks such as contamination and electrocution during floods to avoid injury
- stay away from fallen powerlines
- if you need assistance, contact the SES on 132 500.

For more information on severe weather preparedness visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au or phone Council on 3403 8888.



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Emergency contact numbers:

Emergencies (Police/Fire/Ambulance)	000
Emergency number for mobiles	000 or 112
State Emergency Service (SES)	132 500
Energex	13 19 62
RACQ road conditions	1300 130 595
Brisbane City Council	3403 8888

My emergency contacts:

- Electrician
- Plumber
- Gas company
- Insurance company
- Home insurance policy no.
- Car insurance policy no.
- Vet
- Neighbour

Your emergency kit should contain the following:

- Portable radio
- Torch
- Spare batteries
- First aid kit
- Emergency contact numbers
- Waterproof bags
- Important documents such as insurance papers

See you in 2011

The next edition of *Living in Brisbane* will be out in February 2011. Until then, Council wishes everyone a safe holiday and a happy New Year.

Save our native animals

If you see a sick, injured or orphaned native animal, Council's Native Animal Ambulance service can come to the rescue.

The Native Animal Ambulance service is on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week to rescue and help rehabilitate injured native wildlife in Brisbane.

More than 280 calls for animal help have been made since the service started in January this year. Animals rescued include brush and ringtail possums, koalas, kangaroos and lorikeets.

To report a sick, injured or orphaned native animal call Council on **3403 8888**. The ambulance aims to arrive within two hours of the first phone call to help.



WHAT'S ON

1-31 December: Museum Zoo: Animals, Size and Me, 9.30am-5pm, Queensland Museum, South Bank, FREE

17 December: Indie Twilight Christmas markets, 5-9pm, King George Square, Brisbane CBD, FREE

19 December: Bands in the Square, Brisbane City Temple Salvation Army Band, 4.30pm, King George Square, Brisbane CBD, FREE

4 February: St Jeromes Laneway Festival, Fortitude Valley, www.lanewayfestival.com.au

9-20 February: World Theatre Festival 2011, Brisbane Powerhouse, New Farm, www.brisbanepowerhouse.org

Until 27 February: The Stoke: Skateboarding in Brisbane, Museum of Brisbane, 157 Ann Street, FREE

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LIVING IN BRISBANE



Major upgrade for Bridgeman and Beckett Roads

Bridgeman Road is currently being upgraded as part of Council's Road Action Program, which tackles congestion and improves safety on Brisbane's most congested roads.

Improvements to this major corridor, which links Brisbane City with the northern suburbs, will be completed in two stages.

The first stage will widen Bridgeman Road and Carseldine Road (between Beams Road and Linkfield Road) to four lanes, with on-road bike lanes and traffic signals at key intersections. This will allow motorists to continue directly to Gympie Arterial Road instead of using neighbouring roads such as Neville Road, Roghan Road and Beams Road.

Construction for stage one began last month and is expected to be completed by May 2011.

The second stage, planned for September 2010, will upgrade Bridgeman Road

from Beams Road to Graham Road and Beckett Road from Graham Road to Saturn Crescent/Casuarina Street.

Once complete, the project will link Beckett Road and Bridgeman Road to Gympie Arterial Road via Linkfield Road, providing improved road safety and increased traffic capacity.

For more information on the Bridgeman Road and Beckett Road corridor upgrade email roadactionprogram@brisbane.qld.gov.au or call Council on 3403 8888.



Millionth tree to be planted in May

Brisbane residents will get an extra dose of fresh air when the 2 Million Trees project plants its millionth tree this May.

Council has committed to planting an additional two million trees in Brisbane by 2012 to restore bushland, assist biodiversity and reduce our carbon footprint.

Since 2008, nearly one million trees have already been planted in local parks, as street trees and part of large-scale bushland restoration.

The 2 Million Trees project is part of Council's commitment to restore 40% of mainland Brisbane to native habitat and help make Brisbane Australia's most sustainable city.

Our two million trees will protect Brisbane's flora and fauna and provide a greener, cleaner and cooler city. It will also make our waterways healthier and preserve Brisbane's subtropical character and outdoor lifestyle.

For more information on Council's millionth tree planting event, visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au or call 3403 8888.



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Improving safety in Banyo

Council is upgrading the intersection of Nudgee Road, Approach Road and Buchanan Road at Banyo to ensure it continues to meet required safety standards for the increasing volume of traffic.

The upgrade will improve traffic flow, road user safety and access to residential communities and businesses. The project involves:

- widening Nudgee Road at the intersection from two lanes to four lanes with dedicated right-turn pockets
- installing traffic signals with controlled right turns and providing signalised pedestrian crossings
- installing lanes for cyclists to stand in while waiting at traffic lights on Approach Road and Buchanan Road.

Early works to relocate some services are expected to begin in April. Construction of the upgrade is expected to start mid-2010 and will take about six months to complete.

The work is part of Council's Road Action Program which fast tracks 15 years of road works into four and tackles congestion and safety issues.

For more information, email roadactionprogram@brisbane.qld.gov.au, contact the project team on 1800 884 681 or phone Council on 3403 8888.





A new way to 'Go Between' Milton and South Brisbane

The Go Between Bridge is on track to open mid-year, providing a new cross-river connection and better access to some of Brisbane's most popular educational, recreational and cultural precincts.

Motorists will be able to access the 300 metre, four-lane tolled bridge at the Inner City Bypass/Hale Street in Milton and from a right turn on Coronation Drive. It will connect to Montague Road and Merivale and Cordelia streets in South Brisbane.

The \$370 million project will help support population growth in West End and South Brisbane, while improving access to

and from popular venues such as South Bank, the Gallery of Modern Art, Suncorp Stadium and Caxton Street.

The bridge will also include dedicated cyclist and pedestrian paths.

The main bridge and additional road works on the northern and southern ends, including the Coronation Drive overpass, have been completed. Work on the finishing touches is underway, including painting, road surface works and installing barriers and canopies.

Visit www.gobetweenbridge.com.au for more information.

Personal safety classes – a safer and more active Brisbane

If you want to gain self-defence skills and improve your confidence and awareness, head along to one of the free personal safety classes held weekly across Brisbane.

The classes focus on teaching participants how to be aware of potential threats and avoid harmful situations. Anyone over 14 years of age who lives or works in Brisbane can attend.

Suzanne Daley's Violence Minimisation Alliance (SDVMA) runs the classes and

has provided training to organisations around the world for more than 25 years. The classes are gender-specific, as men and women usually have different needs, experiences and issues to discuss.

Details about your local Personal Safety Seminar are listed in the 'What's On' section of *Living in Brisbane*.

Bookings must be made for classes by calling Council on **3403 8888**. More information can be found at www.brisbane.qld.gov.au

Autumn tips for your backyard botanic garden

The Brisbane Botanic Gardens celebrated its 40th anniversary on 28 March. Curator Ross McKinnon has worked at the gardens for 38 years and shares some

tips on how you can create your own backyard botanic garden.

- Mulch, mulch, mulch! Any time of the year is a good time to mulch but now is especially important to retain moisture from the recent good rain fall.
- Lawn grubs have been more of a problem this year because of our record summer rains. The most environmentally friendly way of getting rid of lawn grubs is to dampen your lawn early in the evening and

Brisbane loves safe trees

After many parts of the city suffered damage from trees during severe storms in November 2008, Council has been looking at ways to improve safety and reduce the risk of our trees falling on people and houses.

Residents were invited to take part in a review of Council's tree policies and many valuable suggestions were included in the final action plan and policy.

As a result of the review, Council is now implementing actions to:

- increase safety inspections and maintenance programs for Council's trees to minimise risks
- select more appropriate tree species and planting locations to reduce the risk of future damage caused by trees
- implement new guidelines and procedures to assist with residents' tree removal requests
- engage additional standby tree contractors for efficient storm clean up.

Council is distributing a new *Good Tree Neighbour* leaflet which outlines what we can do to live with trees safely – as tree owners and tree neighbours.

If you'd like a copy of *Good Tree Neighbour* you can download it from www.brisbane.qld.gov.au or call **3403 8888**.

place an old hessian bag, carpet square or large tarpaulin over the lawn.

The lawn grubs will come to the surface over night to feed. They can be hand picked off or left for our native birds to enjoy an early morning feast.

- To save money, purchase plants only 15cm high in small pots. Plant them now so they can grow a strong root system before becoming dormant in winter. In spring they will resume very rapid growth.



Curator at Brisbane Botanic Gardens, Ross McKinnon

Order your new green waste recycling bin now

Residents will soon have the opportunity to have their garden waste picked up with Council's new green waste recycling service.

From July 2010, you can have Council pick up garden waste from your kerbside by simply ordering a new green waste recycling bin.



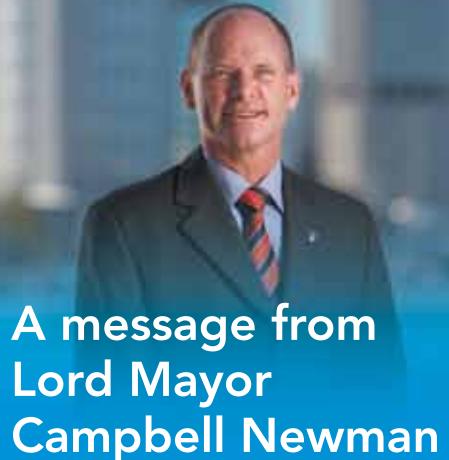
The waste will be turned into compost-based products and will help Brisbane achieve its vision of zero waste by 2026.

Residents can order up to two green waste recycling bins from 6 April. The bins have a lime green lid and will be collected fortnightly on the alternate week to the recycling bin (yellow lid) collection.

For each green waste recycling bin there is an establishment and delivery fee of \$55 and an annual fee of \$65. This will be billed quarterly via your rates notice once the collection service starts.

The first collection will start in July 2010, with the service progressively rolled out across the city in the coming months.

Visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/waste or call Council on **3403 8888** to order your bin.



A message from Lord Mayor Campbell Newman

Since our last edition, Council has been busy finalising two major infrastructure projects in the TransApex CBD ringroad – the CLEM7 tunnel and Go Between Bridge.

I was delighted to see the CLEM7 open to traffic on 15 March – more than seven months ahead of schedule. This followed the wonderful community open day on 28 February, where more than 50,000 people took the opportunity to see the tunnel up close.

For new residents to Brisbane, the CLEM7 tunnel is named after Brisbane's longest serving Lord Mayor, Clem Jones, who passed away in 2007. Naming Brisbane's first major road tunnel after Clem was a great way to honour and remember the work he did to shape Brisbane into the city we love today.

Another key TransApex project, the Go Between Bridge, is on track to open mid-year. Brisbane's first inner city traffic bridge in 40 years – connecting South Brisbane to Milton – will add four vital traffic lanes across the river.

Council is also working hard to achieve our vision to be a clean and green city. From July, in addition to the option of having a second recycling bin, Council will offer a new green waste recycling bin service. This service will pick up your garden waste, including grass clippings and branches, and turn it into compost-based products. You can order up to two bins now by visiting www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/waste or calling Council on **3403 8888**.

I'm also excited about the one millionth tree being planted in May as part of Council's 2 Million Trees project. The project aims to protect and enhance Brisbane's biodiversity and establishes a genuine environmental legacy to sustain our city's future.

Campbell Newman
LORD MAYOR

City Hall celebrates 80 years

On 8 April Brisbane City Hall opened its doors to the community to celebrate the heritage building's 80th birthday.

Guided tours gave visitors the opportunity to see how the restoration is progressing and gain an appreciation of the scale of the task at hand.

City Hall closed at the end of 2009 to start restoration works and significant progress has already been made.

Scaffolding is now fully erected inside the main auditorium. The ceiling, wooden walkways, insulation and old cabling from the dome are all being removed. A new sprinkler system and smoke detection system will then be installed inside the dome along with

other safety measures to comply with current building standards.

Support for the restoration continues to grow, showing what a special place City Hall has in the hearts and minds of Brisbane residents.

Become involved in the largest heritage restoration project in Australia. Visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/cityhall or contact Council on **3403 8888** to:

- find out about City Hall displays in your local library
- make a donation to the National Trust Brisbane City Hall Appeal
- get the latest updates about the progress of the restoration.



15th CityCat launched



Brisbane's iconic CityCat services have been boosted with the launch of 'Kuluwin', Council's 15th CityCat.

As part of Council's commitment to increase the CityCat fleet to 19 vessels by 2012, Kuluwin (the Indigenous name for Wooloowin) was launched at Riverside ferry terminal on 18 February. In support of the National Breast Cancer Foundation, Kuluwin was wrapped in pink for its first month on the water.

Kuluwin is a third-generation CityCat, boasting more standing room, an extra toilet and a sleeker and more streamlined hull design.

The new addition to the fleet has delivered four new weekday CityCat services from New Farm Park, Mowbray Park and Sydney Street, and three express services from Hawthorne.

For more information visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au or call Council on **3403 8888**.

Keeping our city clean and green

The Health, Safety and Amenity Local Law 2009 has been introduced in response to ratepayers' concerns about protecting the livability of Brisbane.

Brisbane residents have spoken up and said they want to live in a city free from graffiti and litter.

The new law will help Council achieve this by working with the community to keep our streets, paths and creeks beautiful.

Provisions in the law include:

- shopping trolleys must not be taken out of shopping precincts
- unsolicited newspapers and advertising material must be delivered within the property boundary
- bins must be brought back into the property as soon as practical after collection.

Fact sheets on the new law are available at ward offices and Council libraries.

For more information visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au or phone Council on **3403 8888**.

Kids day out at Green Heart Fair

Looking for a free family day out with heaps of activities for the kids? Then head to the next Council Green Heart Fair at Chermside on 16 May.

Bursting with kids activities, the Green Heart Fair will also showcase the latest in green products, services and innovations.

While the kids meet local television celebrities, learn about living a more sustainable lifestyle at more than 30 interactive displays. There will be free plants on offer, markets and gourmet

food stalls to tempt your taste buds. You can also experience native wildlife and take in the all-day entertainment on the main stage.

What: Green Heart Fair

When: 10am-3pm, Sunday 16 May

Where: 7th Brigade Park,
Murphy Road, Chermside

For more information visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au or call Council on **3403 8888**.

What's on

11-30 April: Dinosaur Garden Playasaurus Place, Queensland Museum, South Bank, FREE

19 April, 17 May and 21 June: Personal Safety Seminar (women only), 6:30-9pm, Chermside Library, FREE, call 3403 8888 to book

28 April-4 May: Audi Festival of German Films, Palace Centro, Fortitude Valley

30 April-2 May: Buddha Birth Day Festival, South Bank Parklands, FREE

1 May: Get Wild – Mangrove Meander, 9:30-11am, Nudgee Beach Parklands, FREE, call 3403 8888 to book

2 May: Caxton Street Seafood Festival, Caxton Street, Brisbane CBD

9 May: Get Wild – World Migratory Bird Day, 8:30am-12:30pm, Boondall Wetlands Environment Centre, FREE

10 May: Cycling the Hornibrook Bridge and Sandgate lagoons (Growing Old, Living Dangerously), 9:30am-12 noon, call 3403 8888 to book

16 May: Green Heart Fair, 10am-3pm, 7th Brigade Park, Chermside, FREE

22-23 May: Paniyiri Greek Festival, The Greek Club and Convention Centre, South Brisbane

2-6 June: Brisbane Motor Show, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, South Brisbane

8-14 June: Out of the Box Festival, Queensland Performing Arts Centre, South Bank

13 June: K-9 Capers, 1:30pm, Curlew Park (dog off leash area), Sandgate

For a full list of what's on, visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au or www.ourbrisbane.com



LIVING IN BRISBANE



New connection for Progress Road

The Progress Road upgrade is underway with the second stage of the project about to begin construction.

The upgrade is part of Council's Road Action Program which tackles congestion and improves safety on Brisbane's most congested roads. It will improve the connection between the Ipswich Motorway and Centenary Highway, providing a major east-west connection for the Richlands and Wacol communities.

Stage two of the upgrade will:

- widen Progress Road to five lanes between the Ipswich Motorway and Boundary Road
- install traffic lights at the intersection of Progress Road, Production Street and Industrial Avenue
- upgrade the Progress Road and Boundary Road intersection
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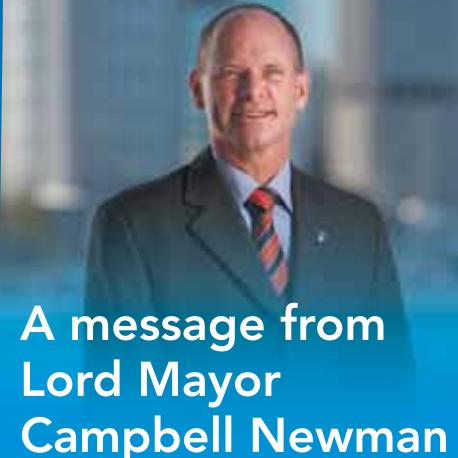
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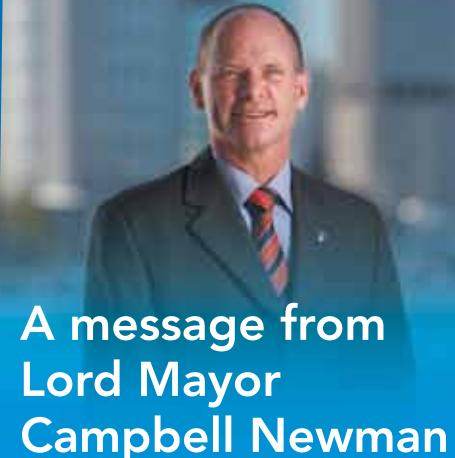
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