



Peter Matic

# Environment and Parks Committee Chairman

## MEDIA RELEASE

### **Labor wants flood warnings kept secret**

Labor Councillors would continue to cover up flood information if they were in power, ALP Opposition Leader Shayne Sutton revealed today.

Cr Sutton told media outlets this morning that Lord Mayor Campbell Newman was wrong to issue a community service announcement on Wednesday (attached) warning Brisbane residents that there was a chance of flooding in some low lying suburbs, labelling him “alarmist”.

Cr Sutton made her claims despite Council receiving flood modelling on Wednesday afternoon that showed cars parked in low-lying areas like Windsor and Albion could be at risk from rising water.

Environment, Parks and Sustainability Chairman Peter Matic said Brisbane residents deserved to know about flood risks and have the opportunity to prepare for them, regardless of whether or not they eventuated, and was shocked that Labor was still determined to hide flood information from the public even after their infamous flood report cover up in 2003.

“We’re here to serve the people of Brisbane and keep them informed about flooding risks as they arise and we will continue to do so because we want them to be safe and prepared,” Cr Matic said.

“The last thing I want is for the nurses who park down near Enoggera Creek to return from a long shift to find their cars damaged by a surprise flood, only to then learn we knew about it and could’ve warned them against parking there that day.

“I think it’s absolutely outrageous that Cr Sutton and her ALP colleagues would oppose warning the public about potential flooding and this is more proof that they still haven’t moved on from the bad old days of Labor cover ups in Council.”

In 2003 the Soorley/Quinn Labor Administration were exposed for covering up a flood report for four years which revealed that the next major flood in Brisbane was expected to rise 1-2 metres higher than what the Council had originally planned for.

The then-Labor administration was also damned for ignoring advice that their strategy to do nothing more than “maintain (the) status quo” upon receiving the report was “poor” and would reduce flood immunity, increase Council’s liability and cause the loss of Natural Disaster relief funds.

Since Lord Mayor Campbell Newman was elected in 2004 he has set up a suburban flooding taskforce and made river, creek and storm tide flood maps and overland flow flood maps available free to the public online for the first time ever.

“Unlike Labor, this Can Do administration is about being open and transparent when it comes to keeping Brisbane residents informed about flooding,” Cr Matic said.

“Brisbane is a river city built on a flood plain and no matter how much money we spend some areas will always flood, so it is important to make sure people are prepared.

“This is a good reminder for people to sign up to our early warning text message service by calling Council on 3403 8888 so they can keep up to date with any issues that may arise.” [Ends] Oct 15, 2010

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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Lord Mayor announces new flood alert service**

Lord Mayor Campbell Newman is encouraging residents to prepare for possible severe storms and flooding this summer by registering for Council's new creek flood alert service.

Attending a sandbag preparation event at the Brisbane State Emergency Service (SES) Headquarters at Newmarket, Cr Newman said residents needed to take only a few simple steps to be better prepared for severe storms and flooding.

"Last week's flooding events had a huge impact on many residents across the city and the Weather Bureau is warning us to prepare for more storms and possible flooding," he said.

"Brisbane is a sub-tropical city that has historically flooded many times, so there is no room for complacency during the wet season."

Cr Newman said Council was increasing the suite of free tools available to the community to help with flood preparedness and will be writing to around 3,000 residents advising them of a new creek flooding alert service in Boondall, Rocklea, Hemmant and East Brisbane at the end of this month.

"This free service will allow people to receive alerts for creek flooding events that could potentially affect their home and we may look to expand it into other areas as technology allows," he said.

"This is a new, targeted form of free information for Brisbane residents that will allow them to prepare for potential flooding."

Cr Newman said people who registered would receive an alert via SMS, email or a voice recorded message when rain and creek levels in a nearby creek system indicate their property is at risk from flooding.

He said the new creek flood alert service was in addition to the Early Warning Alert system announced in December 2009 that now has more than 17,000 subscribers and would complement the free *Floodwise* property reports and flood flag maps available online.

"Council has a number of easily accessible products to help residents be better informed, but it is up to residents to take the initiative to access this detail and prepare accordingly."

"Ahead of and during flooding events, Council makes sandbags available for residents to collect as in major events it may take some time for the SES to provide assistance. There is currently a stockpile of more than 3,000 sandbags spread throughout four locations.

"We plan year-round for severe weather and I encourage residents to do the same."

Resident can be better prepared by having an emergency kit and signing up to the Early Warning Alert Service on Council's website or phoning Council on 3403 8888.

Cr Newman said Council invested more than \$50 million each year into flood mitigation activities across the city and had completed 83 desilting projects since July.

The SES can assist with temporary roof repairs, removal of trees or large branches from your roof, or sandbagging and should be called for emergencies inside your property boundary.

**[Ends] October 19, 2010**

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### **Residents get flood aware with free Council tools**

Tens of thousands of Brisbane residents are taking advantage of Brisbane City Council's flood awareness tools this storm season.

In October alone 32,051 Flood Flag Maps and 28,934 FloodWise Property Reports were downloaded by residents.

The Flood Flag Maps show overland flow paths and where flooding may occur in suburbs from creeks, rivers and storm tides. The FloodWise Property Reports provide information on individual properties such as highest defined flood level and minimum habitable floor level.

Lord Mayor Campbell Newman said since the Flood Flag Maps were made available on Council's website in November last year 139,862 Flood Flag Maps had been downloaded. A further 161,910 FloodWise Property Reports have been downloaded since they were made available online.

"Severe storms and flood are a natural part of life in Brisbane so it's great to see residents are taking advantage of these free tools we've made available to help them be aware of their flood risk," Cr Newman said.

"These reports can then be used to help people make informed decisions about how to best prepare for potential flooding.

"They're also important tools for helping potential home buyers who want to learn about how flooding may affect any property they're interested in buying."

Cr Newman said more than 18,000 people had also registered for Council's free Early Warning Alert Service.

The service allows residents to register for severe and urgent weather alerts via email, SMS or home phone which may affect their residential address.

"While it's encouraging so many people are arming themselves with the right information, there's still many more in Brisbane who could learn a lot more about their flood risk by jumping online or phoning Council to take advantage of these free services," he said.

Council is also spending more than \$50 million this financial year for flooding mitigation works, as well as another \$500,000 to update and review the recommendations of the Lord Mayor's Taskforce on Suburban Flooding to ensure Council is doing all it can to ensure Brisbane residents are better protected and prepared when it floods.

The top 10 suburbs for downloading Flood Flag Maps were:

1. Ashgrove,
2. Coorparoo
3. Brisbane CBD
4. Windsor
5. Bardon



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6. Bulimba

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7. Warrimbah

8. Nundah

9. Oxley

10. Toowong

To register for the Early Warning Alert Service or to download a Floodwise Property Report or Flood Flag Map visit [www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/floodwise](http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/floodwise) or phone (07) 3403 8888.

**[Ends] November 09, 2010**



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### **Lord Mayor makes it even easier to learn your flood risk**

Lord Mayor Campbell Newman has made it even easier for people to find out their flood risk with Council's new look FloodWise Property Report.

Cr Newman said Council has redeveloped the FloodWise Property Report to make it more user-friendly.

"Severe storms and flooding are a natural part of living in Brisbane due to its subtropical climate, and whether we like it or not, Brisbane is built on a flood plain," he said.

"While we can never stop flooding from happening, we can give residents the tools to find out their flooding risk and help them to prepare."

"The FloodWise Property Report gives residents a way to find out the flood risk for a property they live in, or wish to build, renovate, buy or rent, and the redesign has now made it easier for residents to understand the results produced by the report."

The Lord Mayor said the redevelopment of the FloodWise Property Report involved dividing the report into two sections to provide easy to comprehend information for residents, as well as a separate technical summary for engineers.

The new look report includes graphs of flood levels and the size of minimum living areas, a supplementary information section and a revision of all definitions to make reports easier to understand.

The FloodWise Property Report was initially introduced online in 2008 to deliver on recommendations handed down by the Lord Mayor's Taskforce on Suburban Flooding, an initiative which was instigated in 2005.

Depending on the property, the report may show sources of flooding such as river, creek, and defined overland flow, predicted flood levels, minimum habitable floor levels and whether a property is located within a waterway corridor.

More than 173,000 reports have been generated since the Floodwise Property Reports were introduced, with a record 30,000 reports requested by residents during October.

Also this week, flood warning lights on Shaw Road, Woolloowin became operational. Council invested \$136,000 to install the lights, which will warn motorists when the road is affected by floodwaters.

The FloodWise Property Report is free and available through Council's website at [www.brisbane.qld.gov.au](http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au) or phoning Council on 3403 8888.

You can also see overland flow paths and where flooding may occur from creeks, rivers and storm tides by downloading the Flood Flag Map for your suburb. Maps are available on Council's website.

**[Ends] December 7, 2010**

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## Council's flood response continues

The floods may have receded, but Lord Mayor Campbell Newman said Brisbane City Council would continue to focus its efforts on coordinating flood relief and the enormous clean up effort following recent severe weather.

Up to 320mm of rain fell in a 24 hour period in some parts of Brisbane, causing the worst flooding seen since 1974.

"Brisbane has faced one of its worst natural disasters in many years and it has taken an enormous effort to ensure the city could continue to run as smoothly as possible," he said.

"Our staff has been working around the clock to make sure that roads remain open and provide assistance to people whose properties were inundated."

Cr Newman said Brisbane City Council's response to the disaster has included:

- 2428 Council officers and 203 SES personnel have been working around the clock repairing damage;
- 2698 potholes have been repaired;
- 857 damaged roads and drains have been fixed;
- 283km of local roads have been swept;
- 2166 vehicles have dropped off 924,220kg of storm-related waste at Council waste facilities;
- 16.5 tonnes of kerbside collection has been collected from 115 locations; and
- 10,240 sandbags have been handed out to residents.

The Lord Mayor said no amount of preparation could have prevented the flooding seen last week right across the city.

"We've just come out of one of the worst droughts in living memory, so it's perhaps not surprising a lot of people forgot that Brisbane was built on a flood plain," he said.

"No matter how much is spent, we can never stop flooding when we have such a massive amount of rain fall in such a short period.

"All we can do is be prepared and make sure that we respond as quickly and effectively as possible – and I'm proud to say that's exactly what this Council did."

After years of Council secrecy and inaction, the Lord Mayor's Taskforce on Suburban Flooding was set up in 2005 and Cr Newman introduced free Floodwise Property Reports in 2006 at the height of the drought. Information kits were also sent to the 1000 properties at most risk of flooding in Brisbane.

To request a free Floodwise Property Report for your property, call 3403 8888 or go to <http://flood.brisbane.qld.gov.au> and enter your address to see if your property is prone.

[Ends] May 25, 2009

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### **Lord Mayor encourages residents to access flood advice**

Lord Mayor Campbell Newman has called on Brisbane residents to be safe during the continuing floods.

Cr Newman said help and guidance was available as part of Council's Floodwise program and the Lord Mayor's Taskforce on Suburban Flooding.

"I strongly encourage people to contact Council now to prepare themselves as the current severe weather shows how important it is to be prepared," he said.

"In Council we do a number of things to prepare for and prevent flooding but we also need residents to learn how to prepare and handle floods."

Cr Newman said people could help Council by reporting any flood hazards such as blocked stormwater drains or fallen trees.

He said there were key danger areas to beware of.

"During flooding, water can move quickly and with great force – just 15 centimetres of moving water can knock you off your feet - so away from water and drains," Cr Newman said.

He warned people to stay clear of fallen powerlines electrical wires – as electricity passes through water very easily.

"Wash with soap if you come into contact with flood water as sewage or chemicals can contaminate flood water," Cr Newman said.

He also asked people to be on the look out for stressed wildlife inside their home and backyard that had lost their homes.

Cr Newman called on residents to contact Council for updates to the flood level database.

He said the flood level database was updated in two ways – from rainfall gauges on major local waterways and from photos and descriptions from the public.

The Lord Mayor's clean-up tips were to wear protective clothing and rubber gloves and think what materials could be contaminated by floodwater.

"Plasterboard acts like a sponge when wet so if soaked by contaminated flood water it can be a permanent health hazard and should be removed.

The Lord Mayor's Taskforce on Suburban Flooding is made up of over a dozen specialists including industry experts and was set up by the Lord Mayor in 2005.

To request a free *FloodWise Property Report* from Council to assess your property's flooding risk contact 3403 8888.

**Ends - 07 February 2008**

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## ***WaterSmart* Brisbane prepares to *Be FloodWise***

BRISBANE Lord Mayor Campbell Newman has today announced the go-ahead for the roll out of a \$500,000 community flood awareness campaign.

Councillor Newman said the *Flood Awareness Communication Strategy* would provide valuable flood information to residents across the city, especially those living in flood-prone areas.

“Even though we are currently experiencing the worst drought on record, Brisbane is a subtropical city that generally experiences significant rainfall events. The risk of flooding from this rain has been compounded by poor planning decisions over many decades, which have allowed development to occur in flood-prone areas, or in areas that increase the probability of flooding elsewhere,” Cr Newman said.

A key recommendation in the Lord Mayor’s Suburban Flooding Taskforce Report, Councillor Newman said the flood awareness strategy would help residents and businesses know more about local flood risks when buying, renting, building or renovating their home or business.

“The development of the *Be FloodWise* campaign will include information guides for high flood risk residents and businesses, fact sheets and brochures, a roving flood display in Council libraries and online information,” Cr Newman said.

“While most Brisbane residents are praying for rain, there are many residents who fear the rain clouds building over the horizon. This information will help local residents better prepare for significant rainfall events and reduce the risks associated with flooding.”

The Lord Mayor said the *Be FloodWise* material should be available from September.

“In the longer term, Council plans to implement measures such as engaging industry and peak bodies, establishing community networks in high risk flooding areas and developing flood preparedness plans,” Cr Newman said.

“Don’t forget you can pick up a free flood information report for your property from one of Council’s Regional Business Centres or Customer Service Centres.”

To find out more about the Lord Mayor’s Suburban Flooding Taskforce Report, visit [www.brisbane.qld.gov.au](http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au) or phone 3403 8888.

**19 July 2006**





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## **Lord Mayor to fix Lake Manchester, while supplementing regional water supply**

BRISBANE Lord Mayor Campbell Newman has today announced Brisbane City Council will expedite work to fix Lake Manchester, while supplementing the regional water supply with 60 million litres of water per day.

Re-commissioned last year to provide a supplementary regional source of 30 million litres of water per day, Councillor Newman said Lake Manchester would now double its contribution to 60 million litres a day to allow for more detailed and controlled work on repairing the dam wall.

Cr Newman said an increased draw-down of Lake Manchester would also increase its capacity to catch and withstand greater rainfall events, which could be an added bonus given it is likely to receive more rainfall than the Wivenhoe and Somerset catchment systems.

“An accelerated draw-down of Lake Manchester will limit the risk on the dam during its upgrade, as well as reduce evaporative losses across the region by minimising the surface area exposed to air,” Cr Newman said.

“Lake Manchester also has slightly elevated manganese levels at low water levels so it makes sense to use this water and blend it with Wivenhoe water now – while Wivenhoe quality remains good.”

Cr Newman said when he became aware of the problems associated with Lake Manchester and the potential risk to the local community, he instructed Council officers to fix the problem – with major upgrade work scheduled for 2007.

“I am determined to achieve greater efficiencies through better coordination of major projects and Council will now accelerate my plans to upgrade Lake Manchester by carrying out this major remediation work, while providing a supplementary water source of up to 60 million litres of water per day to the regional supply,” Cr Newman said.

The Lord Mayor became aware of the previous Labor Council’s secret report into the risks associated with Lake Manchester when he directed Council Officers to fix Gold Creek Dam, which had also been identified by the previous Labor Council as a serious risk to local residents – but kept hidden.

In 2003-04, Labor Councillors were exposed for playing an arrogant game of ‘hide and seek’ with public reports about flooding risks to Brisbane residents, while they sat on their hands and prayed it didn’t rain too heavily. Despite knowledge and awareness of the very real risks to many Brisbane residents associated with significant rainfall, Labor Councillors consistently refused to acknowledge the problem – and did not plan and fund flood risk mitigation measures.

18 August 2006

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### **Lord Mayor urges residents to be floodwise**

BRISBANE Lord Mayor Campbell Newman will tomorrow launch a new public education campaign to raise awareness of the risks of suburban flooding in Brisbane.

The education campaign is a key recommendation from the Lord Mayor's Taskforce on Suburban Flooding, released in November last year.

"Brisbane City Council takes the risk of suburban flooding very seriously. We might be in a drought at the moment, but with the storm season approaching there is always the possibility of flash flooding in our subtropical climate," Cr Newman said.

"Council has issued more than 51,000 free flood reports on residential properties in the last 12 months, and today we're releasing new information to ensure residents and businesses know what they can do to reduce the impact of a flood on their property.

"Our new *Be FloodWise* campaign aims to raise awareness of flooding in hot-spots and includes guides for businesses and residents, fact sheets, a website, an interactive CD and a community survey to better understand the needs of our most affected residents.

"Being FloodWise is about ensuring residents and businesses aren't caught unprepared this summer and make smart choices when renovating or building."

Cr Newman said Council was well advanced in implementing the priority recommendations made by the taskforce. Other actions Council has adopted include strengthening land use, development and building controls to lessen the impact of flooding on residential and business properties.

Early warning systems are being installed at flooding hotspots in Rocklea and Boondall. These systems alert Council and other emergency services by SMS when roads in the area are cut by floodwaters, allowing Council to respond to flooding events faster.

Council has also started a voluntary home purchase scheme for properties that are the most frequently flooded in Brisbane, with one property already purchased. A new round of offers will be made to eligible property owners later this month.

Delivery of *Be FloodWise* kits to approximately 1000 of the most at risk residents and businesses in Brisbane will be made in coming weeks.

Residents can obtain free *Be FloodWise* information by visiting [www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/floodwise](http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/floodwise) or calling Council on 3403 8888.

### **DETAILS OF ANNOUNCEMENT**

**When:** Friday, 8 September 2006  
**Where:** Watt Dining, Brisbane Powerhouse (119 Lamington St, New Farm)  
**Time:** 10.00am

7 September 2006

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### **Lord Mayor's Suburban Taskforce on Suburban Flooding buys first most at-risk homes**

BRISBANE City Council has now purchased four homes in flood-prone areas of the city and will buy more as part of the Lord Mayor's commitment to address the impacts of suburban flooding in Brisbane.

As a key recommendation of the Lord Mayor's Taskforce on Suburban Flooding (LMTSF), Lord Mayor Campbell Newman said the Voluntary Home Purchase Scheme was set up to assist owners of properties that were most at risk of flooding.

"Council has developed a fact sheet for residents that provides more information on the scheme and its processes," Cr Newman said.

"Even though our city is experiencing its worst drought in living memory, our subtropical climate combined with several decades of un-checked development in flood-prone areas, means there is a greater possibility of flash-flooding – especially with the summer storm season almost upon us."

"This proactive Voluntary Home Purchase Scheme offers some of our city's most flood-prone homeowners an escape from the stress and anxiety associated with unacceptable local flooding problems."

Other recommendations from the taskforce include early warning systems at flooding hotspots in Rocklea and Boondall. These systems alert Council and other emergency services by SMS when roads in the area are cut, allowing Council to respond to flooding events quicker.

Cr Newman said Council's Be Floodwise campaign aimed to raise awareness of flooding and includes a guide for residents and businesses, fact sheets, website and an interactive CD.

"Be FloodWise information kits have been distributed to 1,000 at-risk residents and businesses across the city, as well as peak representative bodies and industry groups, with more to be distributed over the coming months," Cr Newman said.

"Being FloodWise is about ensuring residents and businesses make informed decisions about flood risk and prevention strategies and are better prepared for the coming summer storms."

"Council has already issued 51,000 free *FloodWise Property Reports*, which provide valuable flood information for anyone looking to buy, build, renovate or rent," Cr Newman said.

Council is also seeking responses to a community survey to help it better assist the city's most flood-affected residents.

Be FloodWise publications, including the community survey, are available on-line at [www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/floodwise](http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/floodwise) or by phoning Council on 3403 8888.

31 October 2006

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### **Lord Mayor commits to flooding taskforce ideas**

BRISBANE Lord Mayor Campbell Newman has announced Council has strengthened its peak town-planning document, by including key recommendations borne out of the Lord Mayor's Taskforce on Suburban Flooding.

Cr Newman said the changes reflected his ongoing commitment to better protect people's lives and property throughout the city from the very real dangers of suburban flooding.

"Despite the ongoing drought, seasonal rainfall at this time of year has the potential to dump large amounts of rain on the city in a short space of time and create areas of flash flooding, particularly in low-lying areas," Cr Newman said.

"Key actions in the taskforce report recommended a review and strengthening of land use planning controls, as well as development and building controls, in *City Plan*. This will help to ensure there are less adverse impacts from flooding.

"Council intends to update the *Brisbane City Plan 2000* to close a legal loophole that will ensure developments take into account the safety of all people when planning for flood immunity.

"Council will also require developments to have flood immune access to the property, an outcome that also resulted from the recommendations by the taskforce."

Cr Newman said proposed amendments to the Subdivision and Development Guidelines Planning Scheme Policy would bring Council's standards up to date and in line with State and Federal government policies and guidelines.

Cr Newman said changes had also been made to the Voluntary Home Purchase Scheme, which was also part of the Lord Mayor's Suburban Taskforce on Flooding.

"The scheme involves Council purchasing homes that flood, on average, once every two years," Cr Newman said.

"One of the eligibility criteria had been that the residential dwelling is occupied by the owner of the land.

"However, about one in four of the properties in question are rented and flood no matter who lives in them, so Council has determined to include these properties in the scheme from now on.

"This change will also result in the removal of more frequently flooded properties from the market and provide an opportunity for more people to access the scheme."

For more information on the Lord Mayor's Taskforce on Suburban Flooding, visit [www.brisbane.qld.gov.au](http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au) or phone Council on 3403 8888.

**18 December 2006**

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## 2005-06 Budget Media Release

### Lord Mayor tackles Brisbane's flood concerns

MANAGING water use and improving the health of Brisbane's waterways is a key priority for Lord Mayor Campbell Newman who has allocated \$105 million in his 2005/06 Budget to help create a water smart city, as well as to protect the Brisbane River and Moreton Bay catchments.

Cr Newman said he shared local residents concerns about how the previous Labor-led council had in some way contributed to the increased frequency and severity of flooding in some areas.

"Council not only has a role to play in mitigating flood risk through better planning and investment in infrastructure, it must do what it can to help local residents in flood-prone areas better-prepare for flood events," Cr Newman said.

"Our climate and landscape mean that Brisbane experiences flooding more frequently than other capital cities in Australia."

Cr Newman said he had established the Lord Mayor's Flooding Taskforce, which would be made public when it was completed later this year, to investigate flooding in Brisbane and assess the impacts of floods, as well as allow Brisbane residents to alleviate their potential impact.

Cr Newman said his 2005/06 budget would include \$92 million for flood management initiatives, including:

- \$25.8 million invested in new drainage construction and upgrades to reduce the impact of local flooding on properties and roads
- \$869,000 to provide flood studies and information to residents to increase their awareness of potential impacts on their property
- \$905,000 to manage Council's stormwater relief program.
- \$1.8 million for stormwater gully reconstruction
- \$ 1.5 million to undertake flood mitigation works at O'Callaghan Park, Zillmere

"As a city known endowed with natural assets like our river, bay and waterways, it is incumbent upon our generation to limit the risks and to preserve, protect and promote its benefits for future generations to enjoy," Cr Newman said.

Cr Newman said enhancing the quality and enjoyment of our waterways and reducing pollutants would be achieved through:

- \$4.8 million for stormwater quality improvements and waterway rehabilitation
- \$4.1 million invested in the Moreton Bay Waterways and Catchments Partnership
- \$2.2 million to maintain and construct wharves, jetties, sea and river walls and pontoons to improve access to creeks and Moreton Bay
- \$1.58 million to reduce stormwater pollutants entering our waterways
- \$551,000 to support regional water planning activities in the South-East Queensland region.
- \$552,000 will be used to increase awareness of the need to protect our river system
- \$450,000 will support the recruitment of Catchment Creek Coordinators to assist Council in improving the health of our local creeks

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- **2005-06 Budget Media Release**  
\$220,000 to develop the Oxley Creek Rehabilitation Master Plan.

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### **Flood Reports free for Brisbane residents**

BRISBANE Lord Mayor Campbell Newman has announced residents can now obtain an automated written report with the most up-to-date flooding information about their property for free.

Councillor Newman said he had delivered on an election commitment by making the reports publicly available, and now had made it even easier for residents by removing the \$16 cost.

Cr Newman said he hoped that more residents would take advantage of the service and get the important information they needed to know about potential flooding on their property.

The Automated Flood Reporting System provides:

- defined, rather than historical, flood levels to provide more accurate and indicative flood information;
- minimum and maximum ground levels so residents can establish their property's highest and lowest points, and interpret how significant flood levels may be for their property;
- general flood information including the types of flooding experienced in Brisbane.

Cr Newman said this information would give Brisbane residents peace of mind and allow them to better prepare for possible flood risks, particularly in the lead up to the summer storm season.

"These free Flood Reports are available for residents and potential property owners so they can make fully informed decisions about what will probably amount to be their most significant investment, their home," Cr Newman said.

"This is the best way for residents to become better informed about local and household specific flooding details and information.

"The report will also enable residents to make informed decisions about buying, renting, building or extending an existing property."

Cr Newman said he had allocated \$92 million in flood management funding in this year's budget, an increase of \$12.8 million.

For further information on Council's new Automated Flood Reporting System, telephone Council on 3403 8888 or visit one of Council's Customer Service Centres at Brisbane City, Chermiside, Inala, Upper Mount Gravatt, Indooroopilly or Wynnum, or Council's Regional Business Centres at Carindale, Chermiside, Indooroopilly or Sunnybank Hills.

**27 October 2005**

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## **Vital repair work on Gold Creek dam ready for summer storms**

BRISBANE Lord Mayor Campbell Newman has today announced the vital remediation and flood mitigation work on Brookfield's Gold Creek Dam was now complete and the dam was now better-prepared for Brisbane's upcoming storm season.

Councillor Newman said Council had invested \$6.3 million to ensure Gold Creek Dam continued to play an important role in flood mitigation for the city.

Increasing the height of the dam wall, and water draw-down facility to ensure the dam could accommodate higher water levels, Cr Newman said the rehabilitation work was prioritised because of significant safety concerns about the dam's capacity to withstand the increasing flood risk.

"Gold Creek Dam is an important flood mitigation asset during peak wet-weather events and it was of paramount importance that these remediation works were undertaken," Cr Newman said.

"I am relieved Pullenvale Ward Councillor Margaret de Wit and I uncovered the risks associated with Gold Creek Dam and then were able to act quickly to do the necessary work to make the dam safer."

"The dam now complies with recently updated State Government regulations relating to performance of Queensland dams in heavy rains," Cr Newman said.

"Council has also restored the heritage components of the dam site which included the draw-down tower, pump house and brickwork on the spillway."

Constructed in 1885, Councillor Margaret de Wit said Gold Creek was Brisbane's second oldest dam.

"There were serious concerns about the safety of Gold Creek Dam and I am just so pleased to tell the local community that the dam is not only a whole lot safer but it's going to be here for a long time," Cr de Wit said.

"Lord Mayor Campbell Newman's record in flood warning and flood mitigation is in stark contrast to previous Labor Administration's secretive and inactive 'hide and seek' attitude to the city's longstanding flooding problems."

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“Enjoyed by local bushwalkers and horse-riding clubs, Gold Creek Dam is an historic icon. This necessary work to rehabilitate and reinforce the historical dam will enable Gold Creek Dam to continue serving as an important tool in our city’s future flood mitigation strategy – for several generations of local residents yet to come,” Cr de Wit said.

**WHERE: Gold Mirror Room  
Lord Mayor’s Office – CITY HALL**

**WHEN: Monday – October 31, 2005**

**TIME: 1:00 PM**

The Lord Mayor allocated \$92 million in flood management funding in this year’s budget - an increase of \$12.8 million.

“This will give Council the resources to better educate residents about flooding and has enabled us to make Council-commissioned flood reports publicly available and free of charge for the first time ever,” Cr Newman said.

For further information on the Gold Creek Dam project, contact Council’s Call Centre on 3403 8888 or visit [www.brisbane.qld.gov.au](http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au).

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**MEDIA ALERT**

July 06, 2004

## ***Council puts public flood studies within public reach***

6 July, 2004

HONOURING an election commitment by Brisbane's *Can Do* Lord Mayor Campbell Newman, Brisbane City Council (BCC) has now put 17 completed flood studies in the Central Library.

Councillor Newman said BCC's Water Resources and Library Services had teamed up to ensure the reports were collated, copied, catalogued, and deposited into the library so these publicly funded flood studies were accessible to all Brisbane residents.

"Brisbane residents need access to information about their own space to help them make informed decisions about the potential risks of flooding in their own neighbourhoods," Cr Newman said.

"There is no point having public information about a neighbourhood if the public – indeed the neighbourhood – are not able to benefit from this information."

The 17 Flood Studies include:

- Albany Creek (1992)
- Bald Hills Creek (1994)
- Battery Drain - Part 1 (1996), Part 2 (1996), and Phase 2 (September - 1996)
- Brighton (1997)
- Brisbane River Flood Study:
  - Volume 1 (Draft – 1999)
  - Volume 2 (Draft – 1999)
  - Volume 3 (Draft – 1999)
- Panel Review (2003) and Update (2003)
- Bulimba Creek Flood Study (1992) and Bulimba Creek Flood Study Summary Report
- Cabbage Tree Creek Flood Study (Old – 1991), Cabbage Tree Creek Flood Study Summary Report (1991), and Cabbage Tree Creek Flood Study - Update (2000)
- Cubberla Creek (1996)

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- Kedron Brook (1996)
- Moggill Creek (1996)
- Norman Creek (1987)
- Perrin Creek (part -1994)
- Pullen Pullen Creek (1987)
- Sandy Creek – Indooroopilly (1997)
- Sandy Creek – Enoggera (1996)
- Wolston Creek (1996)
- Wynnum Creek Flood Study (1997) and Wynnum Creek Flood Study Drawings (1997)

**WHERE: Central Library  
City Plaza – 69 Ann Street, CITY**

**TIME: 11:55 AM (for 12:00PM)**

**WHEN: July 06, 2004.**

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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **New detailed Flood Information Reports an 'information investment' for property owners**

Brisbane residents can now access the most up-to-date flooding information about a property, in an automated written report for just \$15.35.

Lord Mayor Campbell Newman said the new flood reports were more detailed than previous reports, and would prove an important, low cost information investment for every current or future property owner.

The new Automated Flood Reporting System will provide:

- Defined, rather than historical, flood levels to provide more accurate and indicative flood information;
- Minimum and maximum ground levels so residents can establish their property's highest and lowest points, and interpret how significant flood levels may be for their property; and,
- General flood information including the types of flooding experienced in Brisbane.

Councillor Newman said the report would represent important value for Brisbane residents.

"Every resident should be aware that these Flood Reports are available for their property, especially if they are considering purchasing a property", Cr Newman said.

"This is the best way for residents to become better informed about flooding information for a property."

Cr Newman said the report also enabled residents to make better informed decisions about buying, renting, building or extending an existing property.

For further information on Council's new Automated Flood Reporting System, telephone Council on 3403 8888 or visit one of Council's Customer Service Centres at Brisbane City, Chermside, Inala, Upper Mount Gravatt, Indooroopilly or Wynnum, or Council's Regional Business Centres at Carindale, Chermside, Indooroopilly or Sunnybank Hills.

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**August 19, 2004**



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## MEDIA RELEASE

### New detailed Flood Information Reports delivered...

BRISBANE residents can now access an automated written report on the most up-to-date flooding information about their property so they are fully aware of likely flood.

Lord Mayor Campbell Newman said the new flood reports were more detailed than previous reports, and would prove an important, low cost information investment for every current or future property owner.

The new Automated Flood Reporting System will provide:

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- Minimum and maximum ground levels so residents can establish their property's highest and lowest points, and interpret how significant flood levels may be for their property; and,
- General flood information including the types of flooding experienced in Brisbane.

Cr Newman said this information would give Brisbane residents peace of mind and allow residents to better prepare for possible flood risks.

"These Flood Reports are available for residents and potential property owners so they can make a fully informed decision about what will amount to the most significant investment for most Brisbane residents," Cr Newman said.

"This is the best way for residents to become better informed about local and household specific flooding details and information."

Cr Newman said the report also enabled residents to make informed decisions about buying, renting, building or extending an existing property.

Costing only \$15.35, the report represents value for money for Brisbane residents.

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**WHERE:** *Brisbane City Council Contact Centre*  
*Lower Ground – City Plaza - 69 Ann Street – CITY*

**WHEN:** **Tuesday – August 24, 2004 (TODAY)**

**TIME:** **12:00 PM**

**August 24, 2004**

**Media contact: Francis Quinlivan 3403 4832 or 0408 709 160**



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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Major drainage work to bring flood relief for local residents

BRISBANE City Council (BCC) is continuing its major drainage construction program to provide flood relief for Brisbane residents.

Lord Mayor Campbell-Newman said the \$11.5 million program would increase stormwater capacity throughout Brisbane.

“By improving drainage facilities across the city, we’re ensuring Brisbane is designed for subtropical living, and working towards minimising local flooding,” Cr Newman said.

“All selected projects are part of Council’s major drainage program, which is prioritised according to needs, costs and benefits to residents.”

Work on most of the selected projects is expected to be complete by December 2004.

Some of the projects are long term, covering several years.

“There may be some temporary inconvenience for local residents, but Council will strive to keep any disruptions to a minimum,” Cr Newman said.

#### Major drainage construction works around Brisbane include:

- Monkton St, Tarragindi - \$500,000. Construction scheduled March 2005, completion June 2005
- Wahcumba St, Dutton Park - \$1.5 million. Construction starts January 2005, completion June 2005
- Westerham St, Taringa - \$700,000. Construction starts November 2004, completion February 2005
- Wishart Rd, Wishart - \$300,000. Construction scheduled November 2004, completion December 2004
- Woodville St, Clayfield - \$1 million. Construction starts October 2004, completion December 2004
- Woolcock Park (Grove St), Red Hill - \$1 million. Ongoing project, completion May-June 2005
- Central Ave, Indooroopilly - \$1 million. Construction starts January 2005, completion May 2005
- Goble St, Hamilton - \$1 million. Construction September 2004, completion November 2004
- Huessler to Nairn Sts, Milton - \$1.3 million. Construction January 2005, completion June 2005
- Jackson St, Clayfield - \$700,000. Construction starts July 2004, completion November 2004.

For further information on the drainage construction program, contact Council on 3403 8888 or visit [www.ourbrisbane.com](http://www.ourbrisbane.com) and click on the Brisbane City Council button to enter our internet site.