

Moorooka Ward News and Events

Good afternoon

Welcome to my latest e-Newsletter providing a snapshot of the many projects, news and community events taking place across the ward.

Last week my Budget Bulletin July 2023 should have arrived in your letterbox. It contains information regarding projects and improvements made in the last financial year, along with a list of projects earmarked for completion within 2023-24. Please see a copy of the Budget Bulletin below.

Annerley residents are invited to the upcoming Annerley Community Corner with myself and Cr Nicole Johnston on Saturday 12 August from 10am-12 midday at Laneway 86 Café. It's your chance to chat all things local in Annerley.

In other news, I have been contacted by local residents, concerned about the recent increase of odour in Salisbury and Moorooka. The Department of Environment and Science (DES) are conducting odour surveillance and have increased their compliance presence outside normal hours.

If you experience any odour I would encourage you to report this directly to the **DES Pollution Hotline on <u>1300 130 372</u>**. Please provide the date and time, location, nature of the odour, severity, wind direction etc.

As always if you have any concerns or have an event you would like promoted, please don't hesitate to contact my office via email <u>moorooka.ward@bcc.qld.gov.au</u> or phone on 3403 1730.

Regards,

Steve



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Due to the fantastic response from local residents, new dates have been released: 13 and 27 August, 10 and 24 September. Book your koala walk <u>here.</u>

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COUNCIL NEWS

Kerbside Collection

Upcoming kerbside collections for 2023:

21 August - Oxley

28 August - Acacia Ridge, Archerfield, Coopers Plains, Willawong

11 September - Durack

Please place your items for collection on the kerbside in front of your property by 6am on the first day of the collection period.

You can <u>check what items Council will accept</u> as part of this large item collection service. Learn more <u>here</u>.



Parks Update

Koala Park Community Garden:

The new composting bays are now installed at the Koala Park Community Composting Hub. The new hubs are steel framed with separate wooden sides, and removeable panels that will make future repairs easier.



Community Grants currently open

Lord Mayor's Sustainability Grants: Providing funding from \$1,000 to \$10,000 for non-profit organisations to undertake actions to support the reduction of energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions of their facilities. Applications close 14 August 2023.

<u>Native Wildlife Carer Grants</u>: Native wildlife carer organisations and registered individuals can apply for grants from \$500 to \$5000 for the rescue and rehabilitation of orphaned, sick, and injured native wildlife originating from within the Brisbane Local Government Area. Applications close 14 August 2023.

Better Suburbs Grants: The community support category of the Better Suburbs Grants provides funding to support projects that respond to local community needs, improve community facilities and build organisational capacity. These grants are up to a maximum value of \$10,000 each. Round 1 is now open and closes on 28 August 2023.

WasteSMART Brisbane Awards

WasteSMART Brisbane Awards are back for 2023!

Do you know of any individuals, community groups, schools/kindergartens or businesses going above and beyond to reduce their waste in Brisbane?

These awards recognise the work that so many are doing to help make Brisbane a clean, green and sustainable city.

This year there are 12 awards with a prize pool of more than \$4000 for those that are helping to make Brisbane a clean, green and sustainable city.

Nominate someone now online at <u>https://www.wastesmartawards.com.au/</u> by Saturday 2 September. The submission process is simple and takes around five minutes to complete.



Notice of upcoming road and construction works

Road resurfacing works:

 Sherwood Road, from Golf Links Road to Fairfield Road – Rocklea. Works are due to commence Monday 31 July 2023 and finish Thursday 7 September 2023, pending weather and construction conditions. This night time work will be undertaken between 7pm to 5am, Monday-Thursday.

New footpath construction:

• Rockvale St, Coopers Plains. Works are due to commence Monday 14 August and conclude Friday 25 August, between the hours of 7am-5pm, pending weather conditions.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Annerley-Stephens History Group

The Annerley-Stephens History Group (ASHG) was established to document the history of their part of Brisbane.

The reason for the name of the group is that they focus on the area of the former Stephens Shire Council (1886-1925), an independent council which was incorporated into Brisbane City Council in 1925.

The shire included the current suburbs of Yeerongpilly, Tennyson, Yeronga, Fairfield, Annerley, Tarragindi, Holland Park West, and those parts of Moorooka, Greenslopes and Mt Gravatt west of Logan Road.

ASHG regularly hosts a local history conference to highlight the research and stories of those people connected to the local area. Their next conference will be held at the Marymac Community Centre, Annerley on **21 October 2023**.

The group also regularly gives community talks on local history, often in the Annerley, Fairfield and Holland Park Libraries.

The major reasons ASHG reaches out to the community is to meet other people who either can share or document their local histories to add to those resources already compiled or who love history generally and want to learn more about their local area.

You can contact or find out more about the Annerley-Stephens History group at <u>https://annerleystephenshistory.org/</u>, or by following their Facebook page at Annerley-Stephens History Group Inc.



WHAT'S ON



11am Saturday 29[™] July

to the Parkland between 28-32 Gleneagles Crescent, Oxley Ridge

For the

CELEBRATION OF FIRST NATION PARK NAMING TO NYUNDARE-BA PARK



The Ceremony will include:

Welcome to Country

Smoking Ceremony

Bush Tucker

Song and Dance

Our Proud Supporters:

- Hon Milton Dick,
- Cr Steve Griffiths Councillor for Moorooka Ward
- Annastacia Palaszczuk MP Member for Inala.





<u>Parking</u>: If driving it is suggested you park in Factory Road, as there is no parking in Gleneagles Crescent and it is illegal to park on footpaths. Then it is just a short walk down the grass hill behind the houses. (This is the unofficial extension of Alban Street.)

<u>Please note</u>: Closest public toilets are at the Blunder Road shops, so highly recommended you go before you arrive *O*. BYO folding chair - if you want to sit.

You are welcome to stay on after the ceremony and investigate our Discovery Trail – through the Archerfield Wetlands.







THE TRAGEDY OF MACBE

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by William Shakespeare

Directed by Matthew Hobbs and Nigel Munro-Wallis

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Book and pay online at www.stlukestheatre.asn.au or call 0490 371 885



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St Luke's Theatre Society presents...

Macbeth is one of William Shakespeare's greatest tragedies. It tells a tale of how greed and lust for power inevitably leads to Macbeth's ultimate downfall.

25 August – 9 September 2023

7.30pm: 25, 26 August 1, 2, 8, 9 September

2pm: 26 August 2, 9 September

at Christ Church Hall, 10 Cork St, Yeronga





Celebrate INTERNATIONAL DOG DAY with

PUPPYPALOOZA!

SUNDAY 27 AUGUST 12PM

SEARCH

FOR A

Brisbane Municipal Concert Band Off Leash Green Stalls





CLUBHOUSE MOOROOKA

SAVE THE DATE

CHROME STREET FIESTA INC.

Presents

RECHARGE

Saturday 9 September Food Connect Shed

> Reconnect Share our stories Celebrate Music & Art

Proudly supported by the Lord Mayor's Community Fund and Moorooka Ward Councillor



BUDGET BULLETIN JULY 2023

Cr Steve Griffiths

Councillor for Moorooka Ward



July 2023

BUDGET BULLETIN

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Scan the barcode to book your free koala walk as places are limited and watch out for our next event.







Group walk with Brad Lan

Message from Steve

Please find inside our 2022-2023 Report Card of works that have been completed.

I am pleased to report a budget win for Rocklea. Council has allocated \$670K for flood mitigation works. This has been an ongoing issue for over five years since Council has not carried out any major works at the Fauna Parade Park. Rocklea residents have been demanding action, making repeated requests to Council to clear out the creek and finally we have been heard. This is great news for Rocklea residents who have fought hard with me and can finally have a little more peace of mind whenever we experience heavy rainfall.

In other news, Council has released the independent review of the Traffic Improvement Plan at the intersection of Homestead St, Beverley Hill St, Fernvale Rd and Tarragindi Rd, Moorooka. Disappointingly, Council has not released the traffic modelling that has been requested by myself and local residents for their review. Ym aware that residents are still very concerned about the design and functionality of this intersection. I want to assure you that the safety of motorists, cyclists and pedestrians is my top priority in this matter.

Another important issue in my Ward relates to the Moorooka War Workers Housing Estate. I'm pleased to advise that we achieved a significant victory and common sense has prevailed. I have worked with residents and Council has agreed to remove heritage protection from 180 homes, subject to the majority of residents agreeing to this.

I will continue to work with residents and businesses to ensure you have a strong and active voice in Council. Please contact me if you have any Council matters you wish to discuss, or say hello at any of the mobile offices I hold at the local community events I attend.

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Stay safe and well,

Brisbane residents hit with a<mark>nother rates rise</mark>

The Lord Mayor handed down his \$4.3 billion 2023-24 budget for the city. Since becoming Lord Mayor rates have risen 17% in just four years.

The table highlights the average rate change over the past four years. Of the twelve suburbs within the Moorooka Ward boundary, only Rocklea has an increase below the 3.45% average. With the remaining 11 suburbs, Tarragindi has risen sharply with the biggest rates rise of 7.59%, closely followed by Nathan at 7.2%, Annerley at 6.61% and Salisbury at 5.94%.

Brisbane deserves more. Billions are being spent on inner-city projects like the Kangaroo Point pedestrian bridge, Breakfast Creek pedestrian bridge, the Adelaide Street tunnel, Kingsford Smith Drive and Victoria Park, while infrastructure and services in the suburbs miss out.

Suburb	2020/21 % increase (Ave 2.5%)	2021/22 % increase (Ave 3.75%)	2022/23 % increase (Ave 4.93%)	2023/24 % increase (Ave 3.45%)
Acacia Ridge	2.56	3.9	4.9	5.06
Annerley (part)	1.23	4.1	4.66	6.61
Archerfield	3.12	4.7	5.69	4.01
Coopers Plains	1.09	3.0	4.6	3.76
Durack (part)	2.85	4.1	5.38	4.99
Moorooka	2.37	4.4	4.68	4.16
Nathan	2.75	4.0	6.9	7.2
Oxley (part)	2.28	4.1	6.61	5.59
Rocklea	3.11	4.5	5.22	2.66
Salisbury	-0.22	1.7	6.76	5.94
Tarragindi (part)	3.05	4.6	5.27	7.59
Willawong	1.30	1.8	2.4	5.19

Upcoming free community events

- Koala Research Forum at Griffith Uni EcoCentre 27 July
- Brisket and Brass at the Clubhouse Moorooka 30 July
- Moorooka Family Fun Day 26 August
- Puppy Palooza at the Clubhouse Moorooka 27 August
- Chrome Street Fiesta 9 September
- Jazz Blues and Koalas at the Griffith Uni EcoCentre 8 October
- Annerley Junction Fest 14 October
- Hallo Weekend at the Clubhouse Moorooka 28 & 29 October

Acacia Ridge Community Street Planting





It was wonderful to see the many local residents who attended Council's recent community street planting event in Acacia Ridge.

In conjunction with National Reconciliation Week, locals observed a meaningful Welcome to Country ceremony in addition to singing, dancing, and a smoking ceremony. Culturally significant trees were planted in C.A. O'Sullivan Park, and locals planted over 700 trees in nearby streets. Residents were also treated to a bush tucker display, demonstration and tasting by Murri Tukka, along with a free native plant to take home.

Well done to the many residents who have now contributed to creating a cleaner, shadier, and greener Brisbane. I would encourage residents to continue to water and nurture these newly planted street trees, particularly in the next 12 months as it gives the plants a better chance of survival.

Don't forget all Brisbane residents can collect two free native plants each financial year!

To find out more visit: **brisbane.qld.gov.au** and search Free Native Plants Program.

KERBSIDE COLLECTION CALENDAR



2023-24 Projects

NEW FOOTPATHS

- Ainger St, Salisbury
- Herring St, Moorooka
 Lawrie St, Tarragindi
- Tarragindi Rd, Moorooka

Rockvale St, Coopers Plains

Ipswich Rd, Moorooka

FOOTPATHS AND BIKEWAY CONSTRUCTION Fauna Parade Park, Rocklea Fernvale Rd, Moorooka

KERB AND CHANNEL

Burgess St, Salisbury

TRAFFIC CALMING

Woodlea St precinct, Moorooka (carry over)

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN IMPROVEMENTS • Junction Park State School, Annerley (carry over)

CONGESTION BUSTING/INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

- Beaudesert Rd, Moorooka
- Colebrook Ave at Beaudesert Rd, Moorooka
- Troughton Rd at Middle St, Coopers Plains/Robertson

ROAD RESURFACING

- Boundary Rd, Archerfield
- Boundary Rd, Rocklea
- Burgess St, Salisbury
- Elma St, Salisbury
- Evans Rd, Salisbury
- Ipswich Rd, Annerley/
- Lillian Ave, Rocklea
 Lilydale St, Archerfield
 Nicholls St, Moorooka

Learoyd Rd, Acacia Ridge/Algester

- Paradise Rd, Willawong
- Venner Rd, Annerley
- Moorooka/Rocklea
- SAFETY FENCING AND GUARD RAILS • Ipswich Rd, Rocklea

FLOOD MITIGATION WORKS

• Fauna Parade Park, Rocklea

VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

- Rocky Waterholes Creek, Salisbury
- Stable Swamp Creek, Coopers Plains

PARK UPGRADES

- New fitness equipment Alexander Park, Moorooka
- New playground, youth space and environmental centre Archerfield Wetlands District Park
- Bill Moore Park, Salisbury
- Doolandella District Sports Park, Durack
- Joy Taylor Park, Coopers Plains
- Cricket net Salisbury Recreation Reserve
- Upgrade dog park Shaftesbury Street Park, Tarragindi
- Toohey Forest Park, Nathan
- New playground equipment in park, Watson Rd, Acacia Ridge
- New playground equipment in Gemstone Park, Watson Rd frontage, Acacia Ridge

BRIDGE AND CULVERTS RECONSTRUCTION

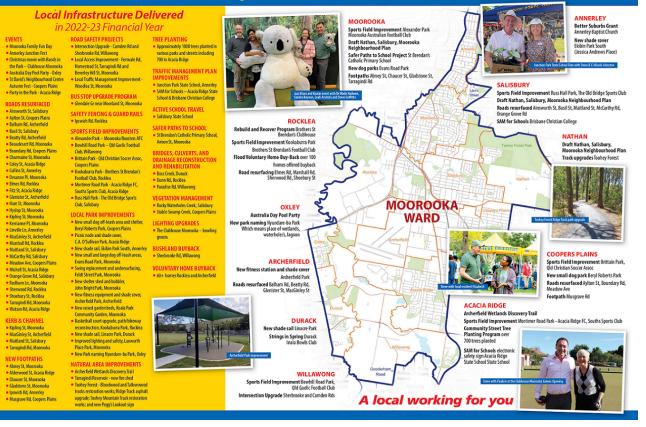
Paradise Rd, Willawong

VILLAGE PRECINCT PROJECTS

Salisbury

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Cr Steve Griffiths: Report Card for 2022-23 Financial Year



Want to report an issue?

REPORT AN ISSUE

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