

From the
desktop of
Andrew Fraser



An advantage of my job as your local Member is that I get to meet so many inspiring people who are unselfishly giving their time and resources to help others.

In this edition of 'Westside Stories' we feature a number of community groups who have celebrated milestones. Whether they are supporting our senior citizens, enriching the learning experiences of our children or organising sporting activities — these groups depend on those many volunteers who contribute their time and services.

I am pleased that a number of community groups have been successful in gaining Government grants, which we have detailed in this newsletter.

Although my ministerial responsibilities are increasingly challenging, my commitment to the electorate remains unchanged.

I look forward to keeping in touch.

Kind regards

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CELEBRATE YOUR Milestones

Ever wondered how the Queen, the Prime Minister, the Premier or the Governor know when and where to send those congratulatory letters for older members of our community celebrating milestone Birthdays or Anniversaries?

Request forms for these letters are available from the Mount-Coot-tha Electorate office.

Congratulatory letters can be arranged for people celebrating Birthdays over 90 years and Anniversaries from Golden (50years) — Diamond (70 years).

Verification of the date of birth or marriage must be provided and the notification time needed varies from 3–4 weeks, the more notice you can give the better. Requests for messages from the Prime Minister may be lodged with your local Federal Member of Parliament.



Anzac Day

Andrew Fraser and Mrs. Esther Elkins, representing the War Widow's Guild, pictured at the Anzac Day Service at the Ithaca War Memorial in Paddington. Numbers continue to grow each year for this service organised by Andrew's Electorate Office on behalf of the Bardon and Ithaca South Brisbane BCOF - RSL Sub-Branches.

Community Events

JP/Cdec Seminar | September 27, 2007

Free refresher course hosted by Andrew Fraser at Parliament House from 6pm to 8.30pm, please call 3368 3208 for further info and to register. RSVP by 5pm Tuesday, Sept 25

Toowong Harriers Little Athletics

Sign on now for the upcoming season which runs from October to March with a 5 week break at Christmas. All children aged from 5 – 16 welcome, one competition each week with coaching provided at Jack Cook Park, Taringa. Call Tony Pople (ah 3378 2263) or visit www.toowong.littleathletics.org.au.

Babytalk & Toddler Talk Seminars | November 1, 2007

Presented by Robin Barker (author of best selling book 'Baby Love') Cost \$20 per session, held at Broncos Leagues Club, tickets on sale at the Club ph 3858 9000. Download flyer at www.candk.asn.au Sponsored by C & K Assoc.Qld & arranged by Lady Cilento Parenting Centre and Community Qld.

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Historical Snippet



from local historian
MANFRED CROSS

Mount Coot-tha Electorate

Crested in 1949 from Toowong and Enoggera electorates it was the largest seat in the metropolitan area. In 1986 its boundaries retracted in the west and extended to include most of Ithaca which was abolished. Further redistributions in 1991 and 1999 added areas formally part of Brisbane Central.

Mount Coot-tha has been represented by:

Ken Morris	1950 to 1963
Bill Lickiss	1963 – 1986
Lyle Schuntner	1986–1989
Wendy Edmond	1989–2004
Andrew Fraser	since 7 Feb 2004

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Rainworth Community Garden

Last year, a group of avid gardeners from Rainworth State School (lead by parent Megan Bickle), made plans to establish a community garden at the school. Their aim was to involve the children in a sustainable garden concept, however, the drought hampered their planting efforts.

The group has now been successful in gaining a *Eat Well, Be Active* Community Partnerships Grant from the State Government to involve students in the hands-on production of food to help encourage healthy eating choices. This will allow them to buy water tanks, soil, compost bays, mulch etc. to help get the garden established.

The *Eat Well Be Active* Grants Program recognises that the people best placed to challenge obesity and overweight issues are local communities. The State Government's \$10 million funding package encourages people to make small, positive changes to their everyday eating and exercise habits.

Funds for Local Sporting Projects

Local sporting groups are set to benefit from recent funding.

The Western Districts Youth Club, now permanently located at Purtell Park, Bardon, will receive \$65,200 towards installing a sprung floor for their gymnastics program.

Toowong State School will receive \$57,590 towards constructing a tennis court, cricket practice nets and an administration building. Both grants are from the State Government's Minor Facilities Program.

The Toowong Soccer Club is busily starting construction on their new clubhouse, incorporating change rooms

and toilets at Dunmore Park, Auchenflower—thanks to a grant of \$88,000.

As our local member and the Minister for Sport, Andrew Fraser was pleased to announce the grants, which will aid these sporting groups to provide improved facilities to help local children keep active.

"Childhood obesity is a looming epidemic and the Government is committed to helping local sporting groups and schools (and the hardworking volunteer committees) tackle this problem, said Andrew."

New smoke alarm laws

From July 1 this year, owners of all houses and units in Queensland must install at least one 9 volt battery powered smoke alarm.

As a legal minimum requirement, a smoke alarm must be installed on or near the ceiling on any storey: - between any area containing bedrooms and the rest of the house or unit e.g. hallways; or – on a storey not containing bedrooms on the most likely evacuation route from the storey.

Since July 1, 1977 it has been mandatory in Queensland to install smoke alarms in new homes or those significantly renovated. These new laws now include older houses that may not currently have smoke alarms.

For more information phone the information hotline number: 1300 369 003 (the cost of a local call) or go to the Qld Fire & Rescue Service website at www.fire.qld.gov.au



Western Districts
YOUTH CLUB
Gymnastics

Getting results in Mt Coot-tha

Across the electorate

- \$6.2 Million to community organisations under the Home and Community Care program, which provides support for eligible people to prevent early admission to residential care
- \$109,000 for Child Health Services
- \$112,000 for Arts Qld Development and Presentation Grants
- \$183,000 for the Home Assist Secure Program

Paddington, Rosalie, Red Hill & Petrie Terrace

- \$8,608 to Red Hill Special School P&C Association for rainwater tanks.
- \$7,500 to C & K Paddington Community Kindergarten for a rainwater tank.

Auchenflower & Milton

- \$30,000 to The Wesley Hospital for the replacement of town water for irrigation and to replace existing water use devices.
- \$44,000 towards the clubhouse upgrade for Toowong Soccer Club at Dunmore Park, Auchenflower.
- \$8,182 to Scouts Assoc. of Aust., Qld for the installation of town water for irrigation and replacement of existing water use devices & \$1,000 to celebrate 100 years of Scouts in Queensland.
- \$540 to Jundal Aboriginal Corporation for Young Women.

Bardon & Rainworth

- \$696,000 to complete intersection improvements at Jubilee Terrace and Kennedy Terrace, Bardon
- \$65,200 to Western Districts Youth Club to upgrade facilities at Purtell Park.
- \$27,831 to Community Queensland Inc to assist the organisation in providing limited hours child care.
- \$6,580 to Rainworth State School P & C Assoc. for a rainwater tank & \$8,968 to develop a school community garden.
- \$15,400 towards the new public amenities in Norm Buchan Park.

West Ashgrove & Jubilee

- \$20,000 to Ithaca Creek State School for high priority floor maintenance.
- \$5,231 to Ashgrove Baptist Church for water efficient irrigation and to replace existing water use devices.

Toowong & Taringa

- \$57,590 to Toowong State School for a tennis court, cricket nets and administration building & \$30,000 to the P&C Assoc. for rainwater tanks.
- \$41,470 to St Mary's Support and Accommodation Program for crisis accommodation.
- \$30,000 to Western Districts Rugby Football Club for a water efficient irrigation system.
- \$1320 to Tamil Seniors Citizens Association.

Rainbow Carnival



Andrew Fraser opened the Rainworth State School's Rainbow Carnival recently. The carnival raised over \$55,00 for the school. Pictured from left: Master of Ceremonies, Jeff Sneddon with Andrew Fraser

Queensland Roar Launch



Andrew Fraser revealed his soccer skills at Qld Roar's – Roar Active Program launch at Bardon State School earlier this year. He is pictured with Bardon's Year 5 student Matthew McAuliffe.

An outcomes from the Government's Obesity Summit in 2006, the program is set to reach over 20,000 kids state wide, with Roar players promoting the sport in many communities.

"We shouldn't just be focused on treating illness at the hospital end. We should focus on making sure people lead healthy lives in the first place," Mr. Fraser said.



Cubs & Brownies enjoy Riverfire at Parliament House

62 local Cubs, Brownies, Leaders and parent drivers were invited to Parliament House on September 1 to enjoy a sausage sizzle and watch the Riverfire fireworks. Pictured from left: Charlotte Watt, James Barbarossa, Alex Watt, Briony Coward, Curtis Newport, Andrew Fraser, Alex Newport and Aled Cole.

Andrew is happy to arrange for local community or not for profit groups, to take advantage of Parliament House's barbecue facilities for a special event. Perhaps your group would like to book a High Tea in the Dining Room, cost \$28 for groups of 10 or more (maximum 20 guests) – avail. 1st Friday of each month from 10am -12noon.



Albert Park flexi school Opening

A celebration was held in July to mark the opening of the Albert Park Flexible Learning Centre at 1 Hale Street, Milton. This partnership between the Dept. of Education, Brisbane City Council and Edmund Rice Education caters for young people from age 14 years 9 months to complete Years 10 & 12 certificates.

Edmund Rice Education runs a number of Flexible Learning Centres providing young people, who have disengaged from education, with a place and an opportunity to reengage in a suitable, flexible learning environment. Students Jardine and David Turpin are pictured acknowledging the traditional owners at the ceremony.

Significant Milestones in the electorate

Respite Centre birthday

Paddington Day Respite Centre clients enjoyed meeting our Governor, Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce, the special guest at their 20th Birthday Party in May. The Centre provides fantastic care for the frail and aged. Nance McKie, the Centre's longest serving client, is pictured cutting cake with the Governor and watched by Coordinator, Carol Carr. Contact: phone 3368 3723



Senior citizens 50th

Toowong Senior Citizens Club celebrated their 50th Birthday at the Broncos Club in April. The Club was formed in 1957 for seniors in the western suburbs — the first of its kind in Brisbane. Activities include indoor bowls, concerts, auction bridge and bingo. Elsie Miskin, Past President and Committee Member, is pictured with her daughter at the lunch. Contact: phone 3371 4577



Bardon Guides 75th

Bardon Guides celebrated their 75th Birthday in May. Her Excellency the Governor, Ms Quentin Bryce joined with ex-Guides and Leaders to celebrate with current Guides and Brownies. L to R: Mia Teubler, Eli Bennett, Briony Coward and Terri Collins, Leader 1st Bardon Brownies. For more information: contact Barbara Leis, District Leader, on 3300 2495.



St John's 75th

Anglicare's St John's Home for Men in Toowong celebrated its 75th Birthday in July, with a morning tea for residents and guests. Since 1932, St John's has offered quality-of-life residential care for men aged over 60 years, who have been assessed by ACAT as being in need of care. The dedicated staff are also supported by a great team of volunteers. Contact: phone 3870 7479.



Andrew Fraser and Labor . . . working for the local community