

# Westside

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## Heritage grants for local historic properties

Paddington Antique Centre is one of four local buildings to receive a Living Building and Places heritage grant to help with building conservation on well known heritage properties.

The Centre's \$45,000 grant will help replace the roof sheeting, guttering and downpipes. Originally built in 1930 as an Atmospheric Picture Theatre (one of only two remaining in Australia), The Paddington Antique Centre is now home to a variety of antique dealers.

Local State Member Andrew Fraser said other recipients of the Queensland Government's \$5 million heritage grant

program in the electorate include:

- \$10,000 to Bishopbourne and Chapel at Saint Francis Theological College
- \$45,000 to Moorland House on the Wesley Hospital grounds
- \$11,000 to St Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Church.

"The inner west has a rich history and these funds will help preserve these iconic local buildings," said Andrew.

For more information visit:  
[www.epa.qld.gov.au](http://www.epa.qld.gov.au)



At the opening of the new \$17.1million Normanby Pedestrian and Cycle Link with Ben Wilson of Bicycle Qld, Premier Anna Bligh, Andrew Fraser and Transport Minister, John Mickel.

### Upcoming Community Events

#### Anzac Day Services

Friday, April 25

- 6.20am at Toowong RSL Memorial, Sylvan Rd, Toowong
- 8.00am at Ithaca War Memorial, Enoggera Tce, Paddington
- 10.45am at Bardon Bowls Club, Bowman Parade, Bardon.

#### Caxton St. Seafood Festival

Sunday, May 4 11am – 10pm  
Caxton St, Paddington

#### Bardon Mayfair

Sunday, May 25 10am – 3pm  
Bardon State School oval,  
330 Simpsons Road, Bardon

#### Brisbane's Big Cheese Bite

Sunday, June 15 10am – 5pm  
Norm Buchan Park, Rainworth

## Clean Up Australia Day



Bardon Scout: Hunter Keenan, Andrew Fraser, Leader: Keith Rand, Scout: Nick Outram, & Group Leaders, Matt Hordern & Mark Mugnaioni at Simpson's Falls, Mt. Coot-tha.



At Ithaca Creek in Red Hill on Clean Up Australia Day, 70 volunteers found 31 bags of rubbish and then continued to plant trees.

## Applications open for Community Celebration Fund

The second round of community funding for Queensland's 150th Celebrations, which will provide up to \$3.5 million for community groups across the State, is now open.

The grants, ranging from \$2,000 to \$10,000, are available to community groups, educational institutions and incorporated organisations.

They recognise the need for groups to celebrate in their own way - whether that be through an event, publication, exhibition, research project or some other means.

I urge all community groups to consider now how they would like to mark this milestone year and apply to receive a grant," said Andrew Fraser.

Andrew has just taken delivery of two framed marquees (3x3 metres) which are now available to local schools and community groups for their outdoor fundraising, sporting or promotional events. For bookings phone 3368 3208.

The third and final round will open in July 2008 with submissions closing in September.

Details on the grants program are available from the Queensland's 150th Celebrations website - [www.q150.qld.gov.au](http://www.q150.qld.gov.au) ■



# Tackling climate change

## Message from the Premier

When I became Premier on 13 September 2007, I set myself one task above all – to keep Queensland the best state in Australia to live, work and raise a family.

We are experiencing prosperous times with record low unemployment, rapid industrial expansion and an economy that is growing at above the national average. We also have a lifestyle the envy of the world.

These strong foundations allow us to build an even better Queensland. That means understanding the challenges ahead, seeing over the horizon, anticipating and solving problems.

My Government's first months have given Queenslanders an idea of what they can expect – hard work, courage to take the tough decisions and the vision to anticipate the challenges ahead.

I lead a team determined to get on with the job of making Queensland an even better place, now and into the future.

We have set ourselves the goals of lifting our education and skills base, keeping ahead of growth, delivering infrastructure, building stronger regions and healthier communities, managing climate change and providing open, accountable government.

I look forward to working with you, to build a better Queensland.

  
Anna Bligh

**Premier Anna Bligh is acting now to tackle climate change with a range of key initiatives.**

Anna said the State Government is focused on reducing our greenhouse gas emissions.

"Climate change is no longer a foreign scientific term – it is a reality that Queenslanders are living with every day.

"In Kevin Rudd we finally have a Prime Minister who recognises the climate change challenge. We can work together to make a difference," she said.

"The longest drought in history and the more recent devastating flooding in regional Queensland show what we can expect from climate change.

"This generation has an obligation to the next to tackle climate change, and innovation is the key to achieving this," Anna said.

### **Bligh Government actions include:**

- introducing a new scheme to pay Queensland households for the solar electricity they generate and contribute to the electricity grid

- establishing the Premier's Climate Change Advisory Council, with eminent scientists Tim Flannery and Ian Lowe
- creating the \$430 million Queensland Climate Change Fund to assist communities and households reduce their carbon footprint
- investing \$15 million to establish the Geothermal Energy Centre of Excellence to take advantage of "hot rocks" technology
- reducing the carbon output from the Government car fleet by 50 per cent in 10 years
- slashing energy use in Government buildings by 20 per cent by 2015
- increasing 'green zones' in Moreton Bay Marine Park from less than 1 per cent to 15 per cent
- investing \$7 million to enable Cloncurry to become the first town in Queensland to get all its electricity from solar power
- assessing climate change impact for all proposals that go to State Cabinet
- introducing a pilot program to reduce the cost of installing solar power energy system for 1,000 households in south-east Queensland, Cairns, Rockhampton, Fraser Coast and Toowoomba ■

## A new agenda on health

**Anna Bligh and Kevin Rudd are working together on a new agenda for health. In its first few months the Bligh Government has introduced comprehensive reforms.**

Premier Anna Bligh said population growth created challenges for our hospitals, our ambulance and police services.

"These are challenges my government is committed to meeting. We want to enable people to make healthy lifestyle choices and ensuring we provide safe neighbourhoods for our children to grow up in," Anna said.

### **Bligh Government initiatives include:**

- boosting elective surgery funding by \$50 million to keep pace with record patient demand
- protecting Queenslanders' teeth by introducing fluoride into the State's drinking water supplies
- streamlining the bureaucracy at the Queensland Ambulance Service to ensure Queenslanders get better front line emergency care

- combating the road toll by introducing random roadside drug testing, unmarked 'Q cars' and fixed speed-cameras
- overhauling the Liquor Act to promote responsible alcohol consumption
- enforcing Australia's toughest smoking laws and working with the community to explore a further toughening of smoke laws to include possible bans on smoking in cars, bus stops and other public places
- introducing an historic welfare reform trial in four Indigenous communities to ensure parents better care for their children. Working with the mayors of all of our Indigenous communities to toughen alcohol restrictions and break the link between councils and taverns or canteens as a source of revenue.

### **\$7 billion Health Action Plan has so far delivered:**

- 1,369 extra doctors
- 4,267 extra nurses
- 1,549 extra allied health professionals working in our hospitals. ■



# Building infrastructure

Queensland's nation-leading growth is our greatest challenge and our biggest opportunity.

Premier Anna Bligh said she was committed to retaining our unique lifestyle through better planning, delivering infrastructure and reducing congestion.

"This will help us stay one step ahead of our growth," Anna said.

## Infrastructure initiatives include:

- Gateway Bridge Duplication – Queensland's biggest road and bridge project
- the state's largest-ever urban renewal project, the \$1.7 billion North Bank redevelopment, and a rejuvenation plan for the Roma Street Precinct
- \$119.6 million Townsville Ring Road – to be completed by late 2008
- establishing the Urban Land Development Authority to speed up the release of land for affordable housing
- a new Urban Transit Authority to better coordinate and schedule public transport in South-East Queensland
- completed an expansion of the RG Tanner and Barney Point coal terminals at Gladstone adding an extra 35 million tons per annum coal export capacity
- \$192.8 million Cairns Domestic Airport redevelopment and expansion ■



Premier Anna Bligh and Prime Minister Kevin Rudd are working together to get things done for Queensland.

## First six months highlights:

- Working with the Rudd Government to secure an extra \$1 billion for Queensland Hospitals and Health System, strengthening Premier Anna Bligh's new agenda on health.
- Official opening of the \$160 million Skilled Stadium (Home of the Gold Coast Titans).
- Established an independent review of Queensland's Freedom of Information laws.
- Worked closely with local communities and local councils to get communities back on their feet in the wake of the worst floods in 30 years. ■

## Water grid update

During February 2008, the South-East Queensland Water Grid reached a key milestone with 225 kilometres of pipe in the ground.

Premier Anna Bligh said this was a half-way point in a total of 450 kilometres of pipe required for the \$9 billion Water Grid.

"The South-East Queensland Water Grid is an infrastructure project of significance and I look forward to continue reporting on its progress until completion later this year," Anna said.

Deputy Premier Paul Lucas said workers had come from more than 35 countries from Bangladesh to Zimbabwe to work on the water Grid.

"Currently there are more than 1900 workers across some 45 sites. This group has recently clocked up four million working hours," he said.

He said the Gold Coast's \$1.2 billion desalination plant is now more than 60 per cent complete with more than 1.8 million working hours recorded. ■

# Educating Queenslanders

From the early years to senior schooling and beyond, the Bligh Government is determined to maximise opportunity for every student.

Premier Anna Bligh wants all Queenslanders to achieve their maximum potential and claim a stake in Queensland's exciting future.

"Continuing to improve our education system is central to my vision for Queensland," Anna said.

## Some recent initiatives include:

- a new strategy to improve Queensland students' numeracy skills
- providing \$25 million to the Queensland Brain Institute at the University of Queensland

- mandating sunshirts and sunscreen during swimming lessons by primary students and sunscreen for high school students
- refocusing our employment programs towards getting the long-term unemployed into work through the nation-leading Participate in Prosperity program
- encouraging cutting edge research through 20 PhD scholarships under the Growing the Smart State Program
- working with the Queensland Resources Council to encourage more students to pursue careers in the resources sector
- 6,098 extra teachers are now teaching in our schools (since 1998) ■

# ACROSS THE ELECTORATE

## Paddington, Rosalie, Red Hill and Petrie Terrace

- \$37,572 to Brisbane West Senior Citizens Centre on Latrobe Terrace, towards a replacement for their (famous) bus
- \$6,532 also to Brisbane West Senior Citizens Centre to install waterwise plumbing
- \$9,920 to Albert Park Flexible Learning Centre in Petrie Terrace to refurbish their hall
- \$45,000 to Paddington Antique Centre for conservation works on heritage building
- \$21,077 to Queensland Youth Housing Coalition
- \$7,973 to Learning Connections in Petrie Terrace for computer equipment
- \$20,925 to Paddington Community Kindy and Preschool for landscaping and carpark upgrade
- \$30,000 to Peakcare Queensland to upgrade computer equipment
- \$12,308 to Life and Human Relations service for furniture and a photocopier
- \$5,198 to Always People Overseas Community Projects for computer equipment
- \$3,457 to Playgroup Assoc. of Queensland – Rosalie to purchase equipment and resources.

## Bardon and Rainworth

- \$40,000 from Safe School Travel program to improve pedestrian and cycle areas around St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
- \$38,011 to St Joseph's School for refurbishment and installing playground equipment
- \$47,504 to Community for emergency assistance to families, repainting buildings and other initiatives.



**Rainworth School Leaders Induction Ceremony – Rainworth's School Captain, Mia Pattison addresses students and parents at the Ceremony watched by (from left): Gap State High Deputy Principal, Paul Brennan; Gap State High Sports Captain, Zac Tully; Andrew Fraser and Rainworth's Acting Principal, Peter Cooper.**

## West Ashgrove and Jubilee

- \$337,431 to St Finbarr's School for classrooms, tanks and sheds and to refurbish school entrance
- \$26,018 to St Finbarr's P and F Assoc. to provide water bubblers in the play area
- \$19,893 to Mater Dei School to refurbish the library, install skylights and awnings
- \$1,101 to SeQual Association Inc for training assistance
- \$5,855 to Ashgrove West Preschool Centre to upgrade the security system
- \$2,500 to Little Miracles Playgroup for play equipment and resources.

## Toowong and Taringa

- \$1.15 million for safety improvements on the Western Freeway
- \$10,449 to Stuartholme School for IT network infrastructure.
- \$7,272 to St Ignatius School to install synthetic grass and softfall
- \$11,000 to St Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Church for conservation work
- \$51,871 to Jahjumbeen Occasional Care to install waterwise plumbing, rainwater tanks and playground upgrade
- \$25,528 to Toowong Childcare Centre to install waterwise plumbing and rainwater tanks
- \$30,000 to Blue Care to purchase bladder scanners
- \$4,375 to Rotary Club of Brisbane Planetarium for computer equipment.

## Auchenflower and Milton

- \$10,000 to Bishopbourne and St Francis Theological College Chapel for conservation
- \$45,000 to Mooreland House on Wesley Hospital grounds for conservation work
- \$7,350 to Mary and Martha's Womens Refuge
- \$4,542 to Amparo Advocacy Inc. for disability services
- \$20,056 to the Hear and Say Centre for Deaf Children to resurface playgrounds
- \$29,450 to the Hear and Say Centre for Deaf Children for painting and kitchen renovation
- \$11,643 to Brain Injury Association of Queensland Inc.
- \$18,522 to Brain Injury Association of Queensland Inc. to purchase a vehicle.



**Andrew Fraser addressing the Rainworth State School Leaders Induction Ceremony with student leaders from The Gap High School Zac Tully, Sports Captain and Rhiannon McKinnon, Treasurer of the Student Advisory Council looking on.**

## From the desktop of Andrew Fraser

In a fast changing world, it's important to remember, preserve and celebrate our history. Our suburbs have a rich history, one worth preserving against the pressures of modern growth.

This edition of Westside Stories details the funds made available to preserve the historic Moorlands House on the site of Wesley Hospital as well as a grant to the iconic Paddo picture theatre building.

Also in this edition is the opportunity to seek funds for events in the lead-up to the celebration of our 150th anniversary as a state in 2009, after our separation from the colony of New South Wales in 1859.

Around the corner is Anzac Day and I will once again be conducting a service at the Ithaca War Memorial on Enoggera Terrace.

As Treasurer I am almost daily confronted with data demonstrating future uncertainty. In the face of this we can all draw lessons from the past as we chart a course through today's challenges.

I look forward to keeping in touch.

Kind regards,

**Andrew Fraser MP  
State Labor Member for Mount Coot-tha**

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