

Speed Limits Drop to Boost Pedestrian Safety

During April and May Council implemented speed limit reductions in several suburbs to improve pedestrian safety and driver awareness.

The busy **Sherwood Rd high street** outside Woolies was reduced from 50km to 40km between Oxley Rd and the rail line and 50km west to Dewar Tce. 75% of people that participated in the community survey last year supported a speed reduction and I am pleased that Council has listened and acted.

Everyday drivers are speeding through the zebra crossing putting lives at risk. Interestingly, more people use Sherwood Rd on foot or bike, with a one-day pedestrian count showing 7,813 crossings in multiple points along the block including 207 cyclists, 32 people with a disability, 689 children and 6562 adult crossings. On Thursdays, the busiest day of the week, there were 6,036 vehicle movements recorded.

Hyde Rd, Yeronga is now 50kms along its entire length following the construction of a pedestrian crossing near the shops and **Cansdale St**, home to several sporting clubs, a large retirement village and nursing home, will be reduced from 60kms to 50kms.

Busy **Englefield Rd**, Oxley has been reduced from 60kms to 50kms.

Speed limit changes are made by a multi-agency Speed Management Committee comprising Brisbane City Council, TMR and Qld Police following investigation and recommendation by Council.



What's On

Yoga (Auslan)

Sun 19 Jun, 8.30-9.30am
Yeronga Memorial Park, next to pool
Australian Sign Language yoga class.
All welcome.

Sherwood Arboretum Free Guided Tour*

Sun 26 Jun, 9.30-11am
Sherwood Arboretum
Phone 3403 2535 to book.

Library Book Clubs

Corinda Library Tue 28 Jun, 8.45-9.45am
Fairfield Library
Evening Book Club Thu 16 Jun, 6-7pm
Wed 22 Jun, 1-2pm
Annerley Library BYOB Baby Book Club
Tue 5 Jul, 9.15-9.45am

St Joseph's Corinda School Fete

Sat 31 Jul, 10am-4pm

Graceville State School Fete

Sat 27 Aug (all day)

Interested in getting involved with great community events like Annerley Junction Fest or Sherwood Community Festival? Contact my office via email tennyson.ward@bcc.qld.gov.au or 3403 8605 and I can put you in touch with the organisers.

Cartooning Workshop: Cute Manga Monsters with Phil Judd*

Annerley Library | Sat 25 Jun, 11am-12pm
Fairfield Library | Wed 29 Jun, 3-4pm
For ages 7-12. Phone the relevant library to book.

Freestyle Scooter Coaching

Tue 28 Jun, 10am-12pm
J.F. O'Grady Memorial Park, Fairfield
Learn new skills on your scooter and how to ride in the park safely. For ages 10-17.

GOLD'n'Kids Fun Soccer*

Fri 1 Jul, 9.30-10.30am
Yeronga Memorial Park Girl Guides hut
For grandparents and ages 4-7.
Phone 1800 446 437 to book.

GOLD'n'Kids Eco Drama*

Fri 8 Jul, 10am-12pm
Nixon Park, Oxley
Games with a sustainability focus for grandparents and grandchildren.
Phone 0411 246 487 to book.

Football (Soccer) Coaching*

Sat 9 Jul Ages 12-14 3-4pm
Ages 15-17 4-5pm
Ken Fletcher Park, Tennyson
Introduction to football (soccer) coaching with team activities.
Phone 3447 6333 to book.

*denotes booking required. Please phone relevant number to book.



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2022 Council Flood Review

Brisbane has been hit again by a major flood causing devastation to homes, sporting and community groups, schools and businesses right around Tennyson Ward. 9 of the 10 suburbs in Tennyson Ward and approx. 3000 homes were flood affected, many catastrophically. As I write this, we are getting another scare. For many people it will be months before they can return home, if at all.

I know many people are still battling with insurers to find out if they are covered or waiting for advice about securing trades to start rebuilding. With insurance premiums out of reach, many families will be relying on the \$771m State/Federal Disaster package which has now been announced. So far, the "Schrinner Council" has refused to reinstate Council's voluntary buy-back scheme or to extend the flood resilient homes to all suburbs in Brisbane. It is heartbreaking to see the Lord Mayor refusing to help rebuild homes that pay huge rates every quarter and instead focus on advertising, junkets and funding for the Olympics.

So much about how this flood has been handled by all three levels of government has been inadequate. From the lack of warning, the lack of ongoing investment in flood mitigation infrastructure, poor planning and development controls and the lack of disaster relief funding so much more needs to be done and done better. That's why I made a substantial submission to Council's 2022 flood review led by former

Supreme Court Chief Justice Mr Paul de Jersey. You can read a summary of my recommendations overleaf or click on the QR code to read the whole submission.

We need to do more because it will flood again. Brisbane was built on a flood plain and severe weather events are increasing in severity due to climate change and exacerbated by inappropriate development.

I will not ever stop fighting for better planning, preparedness and resilience for our community. If I can assist you with any advice about flood recovery or any Council matters please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards, Nicole.

SCAN FOR FURTHER INFO



Parks Upgrades Underway

Dozens of local parks, dog parks and bikeways were flooded and are slowly being repaired and reopened. 860 parks around the City were flood affected. There is a shortage of soft fall so some playgrounds remain closed while supplies are sourced. Parks that remain closed include Cactoblastis Corner, Sherwood due to a major landslip, Ron Goeldner Park playground, Sherwood Arboretum playground, Taylor Bridge playground, Allawah St playground, Paringa Place Park and Fairfield Park. Council advises there are still many weeks ahead before all park facilities are reopened.

In some good news, Council is now trying to deliver on the planned park upgrades this year as well as manage flood clean-up activities. The new \$100,000 **outdoor gym has been installed in Yeronga Memorial Park**, the \$180,000 upgrade to refurbish and add a **new small dog park, new facilities, and lighting to the Fairfield dog park** is due to commence shortly and planning is being finalised for the \$140,000 **upgrade to the children's playground at Hives Park, Sherwood**. A new shade sail will be installed at **Ed Kuepper Park, Oxley** in coming weeks.

Major upgrades are also underway in the **Sherwood Arboretum** including new pathways, a playground upgrade, nesting boxes, weed removal and mulching and tree planting. Design and planning is also underway for repairs to the heritage listed rock retaining wall in **Yeronga Memorial Park**, Ipswich Rd frontage and for a new irrigation system for popular **Ken Fletcher Park, Tennyson**.



Flood Recovery Key Contacts

Australian Financial Complaints Authority – insurance complaints and advice - www.afca.org.au or call 1800 931 678

Qld Reconstruction Authority (QRA)
www.qra.qld.gov.au – state grants and advice
www.qra.qld.gov.au/resilient-homes – build back better funding

Qld Community Disaster – State Government grants
www.communityrecovery.qld.gov.au or
Community Recovery Hotline on 1800 173 349

Services Australia – Commonwealth grants
www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/south-east-queensland-floods-february-2022-australian-government-disaster-recovery-payment

Yeronga Community Centre – community flood support
In person 26 Devon St, Yeronga or call 3848 2285 for a home visit

Brisbane City Council – flood waste collections, rates rebate
3403 8888 or www.brisbane.qld.gov.au

Tennyson Ward Office – council and community advice, support and referrals - 3403 8605 or www.nicolejohnston.com.au

Flood Resilient Home Funding

Registration is now open for flood recovery funding to 'build back better' via www.qra.qld.gov.au/resilient-homes. The Resilient Residential Recovery Programme will be administered via the State in conjunction with Brisbane City Council. There will be detailed eligibility criteria but if habitable areas in your home flooded funding will be available for:

- home resilience assessments;
- retrofitting homes with flood resilient materials;
- house raising and home buy back.

SCAN TO REGISTER



Flood Lessons

- Preparedness
- Planning
- Resilience
- To Do



Thanks 🙌 We couldn't have done it without you!

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped our community during the flood, including these groups:



- Yeronga Community Centre
- Sherwood Neighbourhood Centre
- Tzu Chi Foundation
- Graceville State School
- Oxley State School
- St Sebastian's
- St Lawrence's
- Graceville Presbyterian Church
- Oxley Uniting Church
- Ekibin Lions, Moorooka Lions, Sherwood Oxley Lions
- Taylor Bridge Rotary Club and other Rotary groups
- Riverlife Church
- Dozens of local business who donated generously – shop local!
- Community Facebook page coordinators
- Mud Army 2.0 community clean-up volunteers, family, neighbours and friends
- Legends with tinnies and kayaks
- Council, Police, Fire, Ambulance and SES officers

