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our growing area

We all know that South-East Queensland is booming. In fact, it's the fastest growing urban area in Australia! Our local area is right in the thick of the action, with a number of exciting projects underway that will improve our neighbourhood.



Ever been stuck waiting for a freight train to pass on Beaudesert Rd? The 10-minute wait will soon be a thing of the past with construction of a new overpass underway. The overpass should be operational by late this year/early 2009. The Elizabeth St, Paradise Rd and Fox Rd intersections will also be upgraded.

There are plans for a new multi-use business park on the corner of Beaudesert Rd and Bradman St. Called *Connect*, the complex will include offices, shops and warehouses, as well as a hotel, medical centre and childcare centre. Construction should start later this year.

SkillsTech, the trade and technical skills training centre on Bradman St, continues to grow with a foundry currently under construction. The site is expected to be completed by 2010 and train more than 10,000 students every year.



Brisbane City Council has a number of neighbourhood enhancement projects planned for our area. Between March and May, trees will be planted in selected streets in Acacia Ridge and Archerfield to create neighbourhood "shadeways" (see page 4 for more). A new picnic shelter and barbecue is planned for Mortimer Road Park in February, and a new picnic table will be installed at Kerry Road Park.

The Coopers Plains and Sunnybank railway stations have undergone major redevelopment recently as part of the construction of a third track between Salisbury and Kuraby. Express trains between the city and Gold Coast will use the new track.

While construction of some of these projects may interrupt our daily lives, the improvements to our community are certainly worth it. Let us know your thoughts – email us at turf@roundtheridge.com.au

Until next time,

Sonia & Margot
TURF Community Newsletter



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shop locally first

Here's an easy way to help your local community – shop locally first. There are a great range of shops and services in our local area, including chemists, bakeries, restaurants and snack bars, hairdressers, newsagents, pet stores, a florist and an independent supermarket. Next time you need professional advice, visit a local solicitor, accountant, chiropractor, dentist, optometrist or doctor.



Local shops offer a more personal service than major chain stores. Many of our local businesses are owned by the person behind the counter so you can expect great service with a smile. Can't find something on the shelf? It's worth asking whether they can order it in for you.

The more we shop locally, the more variety and better prices we'll see in these stores. Plus it's easy to find a carpark right near the door! Less travel, less fuel, less stress from traffic and friendly service – what more can you ask for!

Best of all, local shops boost the local economy because they keep your money circulating in the local area. We even have a community bank at Acacia Ridge that invests part of its profits back into our local area. This means we all benefit just from doing our everyday banking!



shop locally next time you

- need a bunch of flowers or a gift
- organise catering for a party or work function
- go out for a bite to eat
- buy fuel



create change in your suburb

Do you have a great idea for our local area? As residents, we are the eyes and ears of our community. Our ideas shape the neighbourhood – but they need to be voiced.

Government support is crucial for getting lots of things done but our local members need to know about the issues before they can help fix them.

Whether it is a shade sail in a local park, a new bus route or a rail overpass, our local representatives are here to help. Write a letter to your local member so they know about local concerns and your ideas to improve our neighbourhood.

Over the past 12 months, Brisbane City Council and a team of locals have prepared a Neighbourhood Plan for the Acacia Ridge/Archerfield area to help shape the future of our suburbs. The draft is currently being reviewed by the State Government but will soon be available for public comment – another opportunity to have your say.

Local businesses are also keen to support local initiatives. Look at the list who have contributed to our random prize draw on page 3!



fix-o-gram

Have you noticed something that needs to be fixed? Trees growing over the footpath or playground equipment broken? Contact Brisbane City Council on 3403 8888 or send a fix-o-gram (available from council libraries and online).

Our local members

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|------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--------------|
| Graham Perrett | Federal Member for Moreton | PO Box 419, Sunnybank Plaza Q 4109 | Ph 3344 2622 |
| Bernie Ripoll | Federal Member for Oxley | PO Box 555, Goodna Q 4300 | Ph 3818 3900 |
| Karen Struthers | State Member for Algester | PO Box 243, Archerfield Q 4108 | Ph 3216 6389 |
| Kevin Bianchi | Councillor for Acacia Ridge Ward | PO Box 1574, Sunnybank Q 4109 | Ph 3407 0566 |
| Steve Griffiths | Councillor for Moorooka Ward | Shop 2, 122 Beaudesert Rd, Moorooka Q 4105 | Ph 3403 1730 |
| Gail MacPherson | Councillor for Runcorn Ward | 121 Lister St, Sunnybank Q 4109 | Ph 3407 8500 |

feedback form

1. Where did you get this copy of Turf? (tick one)

- Your mailbox Work Community centre
 ARTIC Other _____

2. Is this the first edition you've read? (tick one)

- Yes I've read others

3. What do you like best about Turf? (tick one)

- Local stories Events calendar
 Funky facts Other _____

4. Would you like to see Turf continue to be published in the future?

- Yes No

5. How does Turf make you feel about our local area?



6. What sort of stories from our local area interest you? (tick all that apply)

- People Environment Education
 Development Community facilities

7. What do you think is the most important issue for our local community?

8. Suburb you live in (tick one)

- Acacia Ridge Archerfield
 Coopers Plains Sunnybank Hills
 Other _____

9. How many years have you lived in that suburb?

10. Age (tick one)

- Under 18 20-29 30-39 40-49
 50-59 60-69 70-79 80+

11. Have you visited us online at www.roundtheridge.com.au?

- Yes No

thanks for your feedback!

To receive a \$10 voucher for Souths Sports Club and entry into the random prize draw, complete this section and post to PO Box 335, Acacia Ridge Q 4110 by Friday 14 March 2008.

Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone _____



Every completed survey returned will receive a

\$10 voucher

to spend at **Souths Sports Club**

and entry into the random prize draw for:

Dinner for two

to the value of \$50 at **Souths Sports Club**

\$30 Gourmet Hamper

from IGA Acacia Ridge

Coffee and Cake for Two

at Karmen's Coffee Club

Two bottles of wine

donated by Bendigo Bank, Acacia Ridge

\$30 Gift Pack

from Chemmart Day & Night Pharmacy

Flowers or Gifts to the value of \$30

from Gorgeous Flowers

\$50 worth of Stationery and Cards

from Australia Post Shop

Hair Services to the value of \$65

at E Street Hair Design

Family membership for one year

at the ARTIC Community Library



\$300 worth

Thank you to these local businesses for their generous support. Please support those who support us.



why are we asking what you think?

Turf Community Newsletter is an initiative of two local mums who publish the newsletter as a labour of love. Now that we're onto our third edition, we need to hear what you think and whether we should continue the project. All information collected will be solely used by us and will not be passed onto any third party.



fun for kids

Here are some great ideas to try next time you're bored.

Challenge your mates to a game of soccer at lunch.

Have handstand and cartwheel competitions with your friends.

Play hopscotch at home. Find a flat concreted area and make your own design with coloured chalk.

Throw a frisbee in the backyard or make your own obstacle course.

Make the most of a windy day and fly a kite in the park. Be sure to check there are no powerlines in the way first.

Try a new sport this year. There are heaps of options in our local area – soccer, netball, rugby league, futsal, judo or gymnastics just to name a few.

Don't forget to fill up your water bottle and have easy snacks like an apple or carrot sticks on hand.



Haven't played before? Go to www.gameskidsplay.net for instructions

did you know?

There are 86,400 seconds in day

You produce enough spit to fill two swimming pools in your lifetime

It takes about 20 seconds for a red blood cell to circle the whole body

A sneeze travels out your mouth at over 160 km per hour

funky facts

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PO Box 335

ACACIA RIDGE Q 4110

greening our city

Come to a community planting day and help create beautiful, tree-lined streets in our suburbs. Imagine the greenery and shady footpaths in the future.

More than 300 trees were planted in streets around Chifley St late last year by a team of 27 local volunteers, who also enjoyed a free sausage and cold drink afterwards and took home three free plants for their own gardens.

Saturday 22 March

260 trees to be planted in Chardean St, Elizabeth St, Amherst St, Mitchell St, Alderwood St, Gemstone Cr, Benton St, Bellamy St, Farrar St

Meet at 8.30am at Mitchell St park, Acacia Ridge.

Saturday 29 March

255 trees to be planted in Colborne St, Kilkenny St, Dunkelt St, Hemsworth St, Wakley St, Saxon St, Larbert St, Rothesay St

Meet at 8.30am at the Acacia Ridge State School, at the end of Larbert St, Acacia Ridge.

feedback

We'd love to hear what you think about our community. Email us at turf@roundtheridge.com.au

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Saturday 2 February 8.30am – 10.30am **Netball Sign On** Souths Acacia Netball Brandon Park, Mortimer Rd, Acacia Ridge. For game location and costs call Veronica on 0405 449 211

Saturday & Sunday 2 – 3 & 9 – 10 February **Soccer Sign On** Acacia Ridge Soccer Club, 174 Mortimer Rd, Acacia Ridge. Call Judy 0407 027 564

Sunday 24 February 10am – noon **Ice Hockey Sign On** Acacia Ridge Ice World Beaudesert Rd, Acacia Ridge. For more information call 3277 7563

Thursday 28 February 10.30am – 1pm **FREE Womens Personal Safety Seminar** Acacia 50 & Better, 29 Chardean Street, Acacia Ridge. Everyone welcome. Call 3403 1730 or email moorooka.ward@ecn.net.au to reserve your seat

Enrol now for Judo, Tumbletots, Gymnastics, Playschool, Dance & Exercise and Over 50's Exercise Y-South Youth & Community Centre (YMCA) cnr Mannington St & Beaudesert Rd Acacia Ridge. Call Helen 3277 7822

march

Saturday 8 March 12 noon **ARTIC Easter Cent Auction** Souths Acacia Sports Club, Mortimer Rd, Acacia Ridge. Entry \$3 (\$1 per child) – includes one sheet of auction tickets

Saturday 22 March 8.30am **Acacia Ridge Community Tree Planting** meet at the park on Mitchell St come along, plant a tree and help improve our streets

Saturday 29 March 8.30am **Acacia Ridge Community Tree Planting** meet at the Acacia Ridge State School at the end of Larbert St. Come and lend a hand!

april

Friday 25 April **Anzac Day** look for local events in the Southern Star newspaper

Got an event in May, June or July?
Email turf@roundtheridge.com.au or
add your event to the calendar at
www.roundtheridge.com.au

calendar of
events