

LOCAL EVENTS

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SATURDAY
28
MAR

Easter Scavenger Hunt
2-5pm
Toowong Memorial Park
Join our community for a day of Easter festivity!



THURSDAY
07
MAY

Work, Bullying and Financial Rights Toowong Pop-up Office
5-7pm
Toowong Village - Ground Floor
Got a question about your rights? Chat with me and a guest from Caxton Legal Centre.

THURSDAY
21
MAY

Work, Bullying and Financial Rights Indooroopilly Pop-up Office
5-7pm
Indooroopilly Shopping Centre - L1 near Coles
Got a question about your rights? Chat with me and a guest from Caxton Legal Centre.

WEDNESDAY
EVERY WEEK!

Free Community Meal
From 5pm
Guyatt Park, St Lucia
Meet your neighbours, enjoy a free dinner & skip the washing up!



Get more info and RSVP here



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Helping locals stay cool at the Invasion Day rally



Train meeting with Brisbane public transport advocate Imogen of SEQTA



MAIWAR MATTERS

NEWS FROM YOUR STATE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
MICHAEL BERKMAN MP



Dear neighbour,

If you're worried about the state of the world, I'm with you. Whether it's hail and heatwaves, war and conflict, or continually rising rent and mortgages, it's easy to feel like control of our lives is slipping away. Politics has become a circus, and I'm sick of watching Labor and the LNP tinkering around the edges instead of actually helping people – or worse, actively taking away our rights, like free speech and access to healthcare.

When I think about how we take back control over our lives and our neighbourhood, I'm reminded that we are surrounded by people already doing it. Like our local cyclists who banded together and campaigned for safer bikeways, winning a new separated cycling lane on Sylvan Road. Our local bushcare groups, who have been working together to restore our local creeks and wildlife habitats, while inspiring a new generation of environmentalists. And the hundreds of people who come together to cook and share food at our weekly community dinners, directly building friendship and bonds between neighbours.

This is what people power looks like, and I truly believe it's the most powerful antidote against extremism and disconnection. When people listen to each other, help each other, and work together to build the kind of community they want to live in, it's so much harder to divide us.

As your local representative in the State Parliament, I believe it's my job to help local people get their voices heard, and to bring people together to try and fix the big issues that are hurting our community. Read on for updates on projects like our big Olympics for the People campaign, bikeways, housing, and local grants for community groups.

Yours in hope,

Michael
MICHAEL BERKMAN
Greens State MP for Maiwar



P.S. I only send these hard-copy newsletters twice a year to minimise waste, but you can subscribe to my monthly local e-newsletter here michaelberkman.com.au/get_updates

WHAT'S INSIDE?

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- ✓ Fighting Corruption
- ✓ Housing Prices - What's going on?
- ✓ Apply for a Community Grant!
- ✓ Local News + Events



What a turnout! Thank you to the 400+ people who joined our public summit on the Olympics. **Read more inside.**

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HOW I CAN HELP

I am your representative in State Parliament, and I work for you. My office can help you with:

- ▶ Advocacy or support with government services or housing
- ▶ Printing newsletters, flyers and posters
- ▶ Free meeting room & event equipment (PA system, marquees, BBQ, projector, tables)
- ▶ Small grants for community projects
- ▶ Raffle prizes or sponsorship for schools & community groups



迈克尔是您当地的议员成员同样也是Maiwar在昆士兰州议会的声音。迈克尔的工作是为您效劳。迈克尔和他的团队将竭力帮助您向州政府不同部门、住房、交通和发展等当地问题进行宣传,同时迈克尔也将支持您的社区活动。翻译可以安排。

Michael은 주 의회 에서 귀하의 지역 위원 의 발원 권 자를 마크 인 위 원 해 일 하는 것 은 Mi- chael의 일 입 니 다. Michael과 그의 팀 부 서, 추 택 교 통 과 개 발 과 같 은 지 역 문 화 제 를 해 열 하 거 나, 문 화 를 위 해 지 원 하 는 것

Soy tu representante local, y la voz de Maiwar en el parlamento estatal. Mi responsabilidad es trabajar para ti. Mi equipo y yo te podemos ayudar con trámites frente a departamentos del estado de Queensland, vivienda, asuntos locales incluyendo transporte, y apoyo a iniciativas comunitarias. Puedes acceder a un intérprete gratuito si prefieres.

Michael adalah anggota parlemen local anda dan merupakan suara atau perwakilan Maiwar di Parlemen Queensland. Adalah tugas Michael bekerja untuk anda. Michael bersama timnya bisa membantu anda dengan pembelaan kepada departemen, yang berhubungan dengan perumahan masalah-masalah lokal seperti lalu lintas dan pengembangan atau dukungan dan inisiatif bekerja untuk / komunitas. Penerjemah bisa di atur jika di butuhkan.

मैं आपका स्थानीय संसद सदस्य और राज्य संसद में मैवार की आवाज़ हूँ। आपके लिए कार्य करना मेरा कर्तव्य है। मैं और मेरी टीम वभिन्न मुद्दों पर आपकी सहायता कर सकते हैं उदाहरणार्थ सरकारी वभिगों में आपकी वकालत,



LOCAL BIKEWAY NEWS



GOOD NEWS:
A huge win for west side commuters: construction on a separated Sylvan Road Bikeway begins this year. This will fix the "missing link" between the Western Freeway Bikeway and the Bicentennial Bikeway, following decades of advocacy from cycling groups.

BAD NEWS:
There's still no movement on construction of the Indooroopilly Bikeway (both the Witton Road and Lambert Road sections). In worse news, Stage 1 of the Moggill Road Bikeway which was previously announced has been quietly cut by the LNP. We need much more investment to fix the gaps in our bikeways around Brisbane, especially in the lead-up to the Olympics.

Stay updated

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Supporting Bardon Girl Guides with funding for Auslan interpreters

MAIWAR COMMUNITY GRANTS

Applications are now open for my Community Grants! If you're part of a community group or non-profit project, apply for up to \$2,000 to help you make a social or environmental impact.

Previous grants have funded:

- Community gardens
- Equipment for events & workshops
- Benches and seating
- Educational materials
- Auslan interpreters

Apply before 14 April!

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FIGHTING CORRUPTION

What do you call it when companies pay politicians for favourable treatment? I'd call it bribery – even corruption. And it's happening here in Queensland.

The LNP secretly took more than \$620,000 from the Adani coal company last election. Then, they dropped legal action against Adani's company for underpaying royalties, and signed a new deal to defer future payments.

Now, they've changed the law to allow property developers to donate to political parties, all while selling off huge areas of public land and removing affordable housing requirements.

Notice a pattern? Politicians and their corporate donors win, and ordinary people lose. **This is why I refuse corporate donations and am fighting to ban them.**

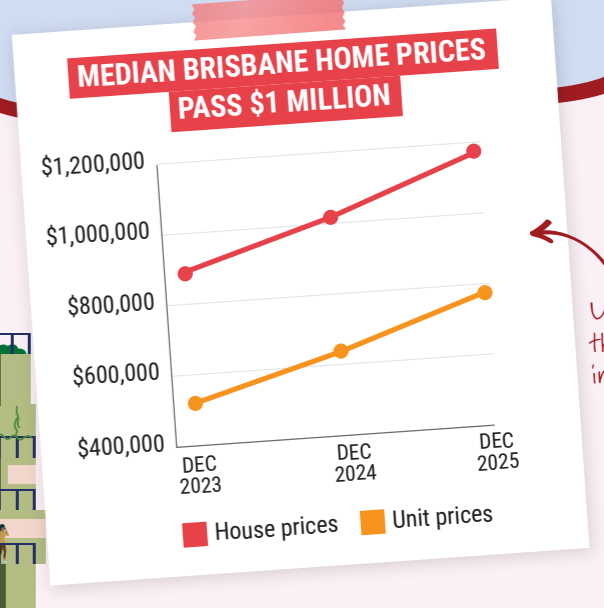
BRISBANE'S HOUSING CRISIS

The housing system is broken, and our governments are making it worse with policies that increase demand and push up prices – like the 5% deposit scheme.

It doesn't have to be this way. I believe it's time we treated housing as an essential need, not a money-making scheme.

Fairer, more affordable housing is possible, with:

- A public development company to build more public housing
- A tax on vacant homes and land
- Social housing in new developments
- Limits on rent increases, in line with wages



OLYMPICS FOR THE PEOPLE

The Olympics should make our city better. Instead the LNP are selling off public land and making big developers rich – driving up house prices and rents, while giving nothing back to the people of Brisbane.

I believe the \$15 billion budgeted for the Olympics should be used to deliver a positive legacy for everyday Queenslanders, not just big corporations and the real estate lobby.

Last month I brought together hundreds of locals to discuss what an Olympics for the People could mean – starting with a new Games Day public holiday, and including more public housing, better public transport, & a greener Brisbane.

If you want a better deal from the Olympics, join the campaign today



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TARINGA FAMILY FUN DAY

Over 1,000 people came together for our Family Fun Day in Taringa, with 100+ gifts donated to Community's Christmas Appeal. Thank you!

