

# TRINA MASSEY

## COUNCILLOR FOR THE GABBA WARD



Dear Neighbours,

This year has felt both long and fast as I reflect on all that has unfolded in our community. From the unexpected wet weather events like **Ex-Cyclone Alfred**, to the long-awaited opening of the **Kangaroo Point Green Bridge**, and the joy we've shared at community events such as **Kurilpa Derby, the Dutton Park Community Movie Night and Markets**, and countless local gatherings across the ward.

We've navigated a year marked by **resilience, change, and uncertainty** and through it all, we've found moments of joy, connection and collective care. The kinds of small acts that hold communities together and make us stronger.

One of the greatest privileges of this role is engaging with community across the ward. From local organisations and dedicated volunteers to passionate community advocates, I have the opportunity to connect with people who are tirelessly working to make our neighbourhoods better. Every conversation and collaboration helps shape our response to the evolving needs of our vibrant community.

Every day that I have the privilege of representing this community, I feel a deep sense of gratitude. Whether it's a small or big step forward on community infrastructure projects, or a long day in City Hall advocating for your voices, I carry that sense of purpose and pride with me.

At events throughout the ward, where our cultures and communities come alive with colour, music, and connection, I'm reminded of the strength and spirit that make the Gabba Ward such a special place.

As we close out this year and look toward the next, whatever it may bring, **I wish you a safe, merry and restful holiday season**. Thank you for everything you do to make this community what it is.

In gratitude,

**Trina Massey**

Councillor for The Gabba Ward

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### SELLOFF OF COMMUNITY AND THE VISY SITE

The State Government has announced plans to **sell off the former Visy site, the last major publicly owned riverfront site** in South Brisbane / West End (Kurilpa), to private developers.

I stand with residents to **call for this land to remain in public hands** and for community needs and consultation to be centred in all decisions.

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I acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land which we live and work on, the Yuggera and Turrbal peoples. Sovereignty was never ceded.





# PUBLIC LAND for COMMUNITY GOOD

**FIGHT FOR THE FUTURE**  
This is our chance to shape the future of our neighbourhood.  
Let's make sure it's a future built for community, not profit.



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In 2022, the State Government secured the **7.1 hectare Visy site in South Brisbane for \$165 million**. Visy is the last major publicly owned site in South Brisbane and West End (Kurilpa).  
**The Visy site is an incredible opportunity for our community to gain public parkland, community facilities, social housing, or even a new school.** With careful flood-resistant planning and a focus on community needs, the site could be a South Bank 2.0. A place delivering long lasting benefits today and for generations.  
In October this year, the State Government announced plans to

sell the site to private developers. And they did it without consulting residents.  
This is not how decisions about our neighbourhood should be made. This land carries responsibilities; to community, to country, and to future generations. We all deserve a say in its future. That's why I'm calling on you to join me in demanding better.  
**I've launched a campaign to protect this site for public use** so it benefits everyone, not just developers' bottom lines. We need your voice to show the State Government and Council that our community will not be ignored.

**THE MORE YOU KNOW**  
**WHAT ARE PUBLIC / PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS?**  
**Public facilities like Riverstage and our community pontoons in West End and Dutton Park are being handed to private operators.**  
These are community facilities paid for by rate payers and renters, and should be accessible to residents for public use. Council's dire financial situation means privatising assets under the cover of cost-saving solutions.

## OUT & ABOUT

**It's been an incredible year of events across the ward!**



Thank you to everyone who helped make these events possible, including residents, community groups and organisations, gardening groups, P&Cs, neighbourhood groups, faith groups, grassroots organisations, youth groups, and of course our wonderful volunteers!

# PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

Speaking with residents across the ward, one issue that comes up time and again is pedestrian safety. Whether it's around our schools, local shops, or busy intersections, people want safer, more walkable streets.

In 2024, I worked with Council to secure approval and used the Gabba Ward Suburban Enhancement Fund (SEF) to begin investigations and designs for pedestrian improvements at several key locations across the ward.

I'm pleased to share that **two of these sites now have final concept designs ready**. I'll be inviting community members to come along, learn more about the proposed upgrades, and ask questions about the design process and next steps.



Keep an eye out for more updates on pedestrian safety projections at **Nile St, Woolloongabba** and **Main St, Kangaroo Point** in 2026!

## MEETINGS

7<sup>TH</sup>  
FEB



**Montague Rd, West End**

Come to Daddy  
208 Montague Road,  
West End  
12:30PM - 1:30PM

7<sup>TH</sup>  
FEB



**Dornoch Tce, Highgate Hill**

St Francis Hall  
47 Dornoch Terrace,  
Highgate Hill  
10:30AM - 11:30AM



# COMMUNITY POWER

## APPLY FOR LOCAL GRANTS

Do you have an idea to strengthen The Gabba Ward?

The **Gabba Ward Community Fund is now open**, with \$41,803 available for local projects that bring people together and build community.

From arts and music to workshops and neighbourhood events, if your idea helps strengthen our community, I want to hear about it.

## HOW TO APPLY

For eligibility details and the application process, visit: [trinamassey.com/localgrants](https://trinamassey.com/localgrants)

Need guidance or a letter of support? Contact the Gabba Ward Office on **3403 2165**.

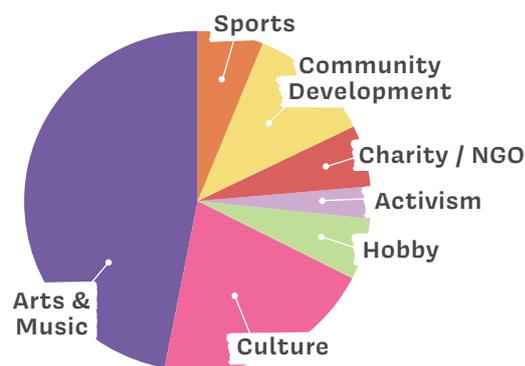


## THE GABBA WARD COMMUNITY GRANTS 2024-25

Last year's grants supported **35 community-led projects reaching over 22,000 people**, nearly half focused on participation and empowerment. From multicultural initiatives and First Nations voices to arts, activism, and community development, this is real grassroots investment.

As we face big decisions about our ward's future, remember that our strength comes from grassroots initiatives like these.

### TYPES OF PROJECTS FUNDED:



### WITHIN THESE PROJECTS, FUNDING WENT TO:





# HUMANS OF BRISBANE: AUNTIE DAWN DAYLIGHT

## WEST END IS HOME

Auntie Dawn's achievements are remarkable. She has written three books, created a documentary, and produced important art projects musically and visually. She has even been recognised by the Human Rights Commissioner. Yet she remains grounded and humble.

West End is more than a suburb. It is home, it is culture, it is connection. Auntie Dawn reminds us that our community thrives when we see each other, listen to each other, and build loops of care and understanding. In a fast changing city, that is something worth holding on to.

Auntie Dawn's story reveals the transformative nature of everyday acts of love and care. Her assertion of West End as Indigenous ground resists colonial erasure. Her "loops of care" are revolutionary practices that counter isolation and build webs of mutual recognition. Her questions about knowing mothers maintain intergenerational care. Her insistence that "I am important and they are important too" builds solidarity across difference.

Auntie Dawn shows us that compassion and care is daily practice: the work of building beloved community can happen one loop at a time.

- Words by Trina Massey



■ Sometimes I don't see what others see in me. But I feel grounded here. I live calmly and not stressed. I have more friends here. **It is so important to be seen as a person, not just as an Aboriginal woman.** I talk to people, especially people from other countries. I am important and they are important too. It is about seeing people and how you feel, and having good people around. ■

## UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

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**29<sup>TH</sup> NOV**  
Romania Day Festival  
Captain Burke Park,  
Kangaroo Point  
Saturday

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**30<sup>TH</sup> NOV**  
Gathering in the Spirit of Justice  
Musgrave Park,  
West End  
Sunday, 12PM - 3:30PM

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**7<sup>TH</sup> DEC**  
Christmas Market for Palestine  
Orleigh Park,  
West End  
Sunday, 7AM - 1PM

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