



# The Auchenflower Gazette

Spring 2011

Welcome to Spring 2011 in Auchenflower.

The Auchenflower Residents Alliance Inc. has now entered its twelfth year in existence. Our Mission Statement on page 4 details what the members have agreed should be our guide as we approach the issues that confront our suburb and impact on you and the rest of the Auchenflower community.

Essentially, the ARA is an organization in place that continues to assess local issues under portfolios such as :- the built environment, the natural environment, local history and community spirit. It also has flexibility in its structure that ensures it can easily be ramped up and expanded to meet the needs of assessing and addressing issues that affect the lifestyle and livability of the suburb. Our review and comment to the BCC on issues associated with the initial proposals for entrances to the road tunnel under the suburb and on the Milton Tennis Court site are recent examples. Our long term members feel it is wise to have such a body available and continue to support the Alliance.

## THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

OF THE AUCHENFLOWER RESIDENTS ALLIANCE Inc. WILL BE HELD AT

**91 MUNRO St, AUCHENFLOWER (lower level)  
ON SUNDAY, 27 NOVEMBER 2011 @ 4pm**

2010 Committee:-    John Fenwick – President    Tom Drinan – Treasurer    Jackie Bentley  
   Bill Phillips     Nancy Young     Kevin Southern

Nominations for new Committee Members are actively sought. Fresh ideas and enthusiasm is welcomed.

John Fenwick's President's Report for the year is printed below and Tom Drinan's Treasurer's Report and the financial statements will be presented at the meeting.

Please notify your proposed attendance to [otoh@optusnet.com.au](mailto:otoh@optusnet.com.au) or phone 3371 2660 (Jackie Bentley or Kevin Southern) or 3870 9766 (Bill Phillips).

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 2010-2011

Although the ARA had a fairly quiet year, the suburb had an eventful time.

**MILTON PARK.** Community protests against a major housing development on the old Milton Tennis Courts site, led by Elizabeth Handley and the CRAMED organization, had a very positive outcome.

BCC has purchased the land and will develop a major new park. This was an outcome that ARA supported in our submission to Council. Congratulations to all those who took part, and especially the leaders and organizers.

ARA looks forward to the park construction, hopefully completed next year. Please contribute to the public consultation so that we get a new asset close to home.

**JANUARY FLOODS.** The worst since 1974, floodwaters inundated low-lying parts of Auchenflower and adjacent suburbs. There was an amazing community response, ably assisted by the Lord Mayor, and many volunteers helped get flooded homes cleaned, and local businesses back in operation.

**WEBSITE.** Bill Phillips continues to maintain the ARA website, and keep it up to date. Thanks Bill. With spring bringing a sudden burst of growth, especially for the weeds, it is worthwhile checking the website to identify if you have noxious weeds, and deal with them before they take over!

**LOCAL HISTORY.** Jackie Bentley and Nancy Young continue with the history of Miss O'Shea's School in Munro Street. For many years the school occupied the site now the home of the Hear and Say Centre. Anyone with memories, photos or information can help by contacting Jackie (3371 2660). If you have any detail of the school or know of people who attended **PLEASE** ask them to make contact. This project is supported by a Community Grant from the Brisbane City Council.

**THE TUNNEL.** The long anticipated "Northern Link" tunnel, now Legacy Way, is under construction, and promises to be a benefit to Auchenflower by taking a

major proportion of traffic on the Western Arterial off our local roads, especially Milton Road. Construction noise and disruption should be minor, another advantage of tunneling. Thanks to Bill Heather for leading the ARA's contribution to the community consultation run by BCC.

**FINANCES.** ARA has had only modest expenses over the last several years, the committee has therefore not formally levied a membership fee over the last two years. All memberships have continued on that basis.

The Financial Statements will be presented to the AGM on 27 November 2011 and then presented to the Office of Fair Trading in line with our statutory requirements as an incorporated association.

While the organization's finances remain adequate there is a need to review our base and consolidate our contact register. Over the next pages are details of the organization and a request for membership fees for the current financial year to 30 June 2012.

\$10 per household is a modest fee and sufficient to keep the organization active and relevant. Detail of how to pay membership fees is on the next two pages. We can forward an invoice if you provide a good email address.

**COMMUNICATION.** A good email address makes communication much easier and saves petrol and shoe leather. Please confirm a good address to :-  
otoh@optusnet.com.au  
and recall that we will always include the word Auchenflower in our subject line.

**COMMUNITY.** ARA supports the concept of Australia Day street parties, a tradition that has grown in Auchenflower. Please keep your eye out for notices about your street party, or better still, start organizing one with your neighbors.

Thanks to all those who have contributed this year, and a Happy Christmas and New Year to all.

John Fenwick.

# Membership

Membership of the Alliance is open to any and all households within the area of the suburb of Auchenflower together with the area within Frederick St., Milton Rd., Gregory St., Siemon St., and Birdwood Tce. This is the area of the suburb of Toowong that was considered to be so closely related in housing style, demographic, and general community of interest to allow its incorporation into the area of responsibility of ARA Inc. The constitution allows ARA to welcome these residents into the group and to represent their interests.

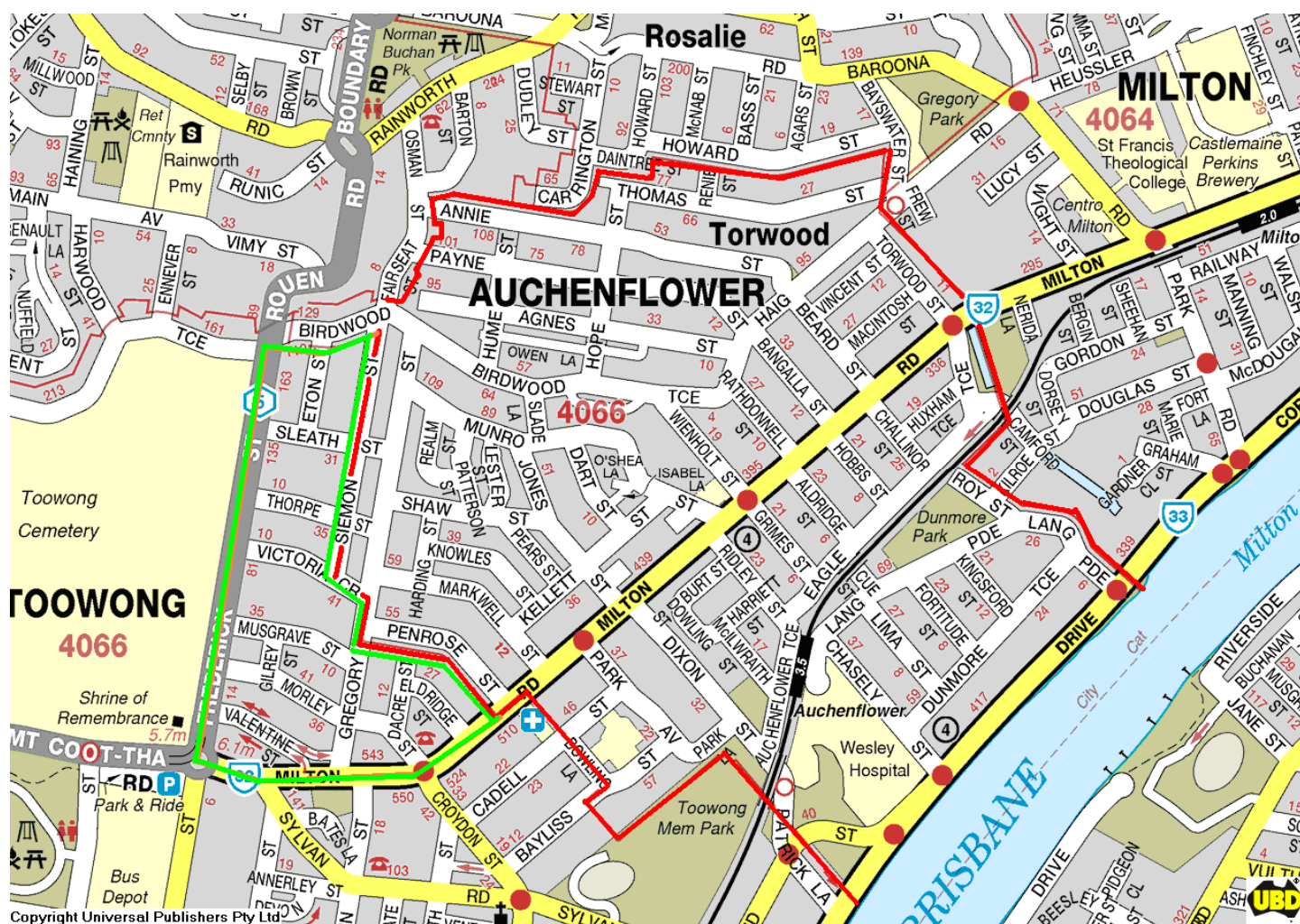
If you have family, friends, neighbours, acquaintances – know anybody within these areas please invite them to contact us or you can send their contact detail to us to allow us to keep them in touch with the neighborhood.

The most effective contact is to email to [otoh@optusnet.com.au](mailto:otoh@optusnet.com.au) with a cc. to [arainc@optusnet.com.au](mailto:arainc@optusnet.com.au)

Another is to log onto [www.auchenflower.org](http://www.auchenflower.org) and follow the prompts.

We are most particular with our contact list and guarantee that we will use your details ONLY for ARA contact. Any email we send to you will have the word - Auchenflower - in the subject line.

Obviously, email addresses save us money, time, paper, shoe-leather and petrol. Please supply your details or reconfirm them now to ensure accuracy.





***Auchenflower Residents Alliance Inc.***  
***local people addressing local issues***

**Mission**

**To provide an organisation to represent the views and values of the residents of Auchenflower in relation to the character and development of the suburb.**

**To maintain the historical character and amenity of the suburb of Auchenflower while ensuring that new development is appropriate and sympathetic to that character.**

**Objects**

The objects of the association are-

- 1 To provide a non-profit and non-political community organisation able to represent the interests of the residents of Auchenflower.
- 2 To provide when appropriate advice and support to residents on community issues and other matters affecting Auchenflower.
- 3 To make representations to authorities and other organisations in relation to community issues.
- 4 To provide a forum for residents to express views and build social networks within Auchenflower.
- 5 To promote Auchenflower as a desirable residential suburb.
- 6 To liaise with other community organisations on matters of common interest.
- 7 To make submissions to government instrumentalities on planning documents, policies, proposals and development applications affecting Auchenflower residents.
- 8 To inform the Auchenflower community when issues arise which impact on the character and amenity of the suburb.
- 9 To encourage community events in Auchenflower.
- 10 To identify aspects of Auchenflower's natural, historic and built environment that warrant preservation and to take steps to have them preserved.
- 11 To welcome new residents to Auchenflower
- 12 That the suburb be as defined within the UBD 2000 edition plus that contiguous area of Toowong bounded by Milton Road and Frederick Street.

*Each year the ARA Inc. promotes neighbourhood street parties to celebrate Australia Day*

**Membership Form**

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Phone 3371 2660  
PO Box 319, Toowong 4066

Name: .....  
Address: .....  
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Phone: .....  
Email: .....

Annual Household Membership fee: \$10  
Current to 30 June 2012  
  
Please make cheque payable to:  
***ARA Inc.***  
and post to:  
P O Box 319, Toowong 4066

## **Auchenflower Residents Alliance Inc.**

The Alliance is a voluntary, not-for-profit, non-political grouping of households within the suburb of Auchenflower and a small associated portion of Toowong. It was inaugurated in 1999 after a Public Meeting ratified its existence and its aims which then defined its structure. The Rules of the body are derived from the model rules for such associations as required by the Office of Fair Trading which oversees and governs such bodies and requires annual returns on financial and administrative issues.

Please review the website regularly and keep up with what makes the suburb tick.

**[www.auchenflower.org](http://www.auchenflower.org)**

The major reason for continued existence of the Alliance is to keep the profile of the suburb before the government and the Brisbane City Council. The Alliance is regularly asked for the local opinion on various issues and we are always called to represent the suburb on every BCC Advisory Committee or Planning Taskforce.