

MESSAGE FROM THE GABBA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION



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Dear Members and Friends,

I would like to start with a big thank you to everyone who helped with the resurrection of the GBA (Gabba Business Association) last year. After several years in hiatus due to Covid, we felt now was the time to reboot with a plethora of local activity in progress and yet to come. Thank you for the opportunity to be President of this Association. The Association has had a busy year.

I particularly want to single out Julie Sultmann our Treasurer, who has so much on her plate but was still willing to put her hand up and Mick Brown for helping us get started and providing our regular venue - Mix Bar.

The Cross River Rail is now at the halfway stage and the Olympic Buzz is starting. Properties have been snapped up and plans/visions are starting to be released. It is an exciting time for the Gabba, but one many locals are reservedly hoping won't adversely affect their business. We have endured the Clem 7 Tunnel, Busway, Bikeway and many new unit blocks, since the Association started in 1999. Hopefully the main aim of bringing locals together to share comradery and our concerns, continues into the future. The GBA also provides a voice for its members to be heard by all levels of Government. We will continue to help with providing a communication pathway.

I feel it is vital that the local community must unite, to have a voice in what the future may hold – We need to ensure what remains after the Games is something long lasting and of benefit to the local residents and businesses. There will be some pain along the way, with massive building projects planned. This will cause short term chaos building up to the Games and we hope the final product will be worth it. There will certainly be challenges in the Gabba and we look forward to the reward in the aftermath.

I would like to thank our diverse group of guest speakers over the last – Cross River Rail, Qld Police Service, Local Members, New Development, to name a few. We do need more financial members and support to keep this running. It is only \$100 per year, I would urge everyone to get involved and talk to your business neighbours and colleagues. The committee urges you to not be shy. Tell us of what your concerns are, things you want to hear about or anything we can assist with.

I look forward to seeing old friends again and welcoming new members over the next year.

Kind regards

Glenn Maymann

President