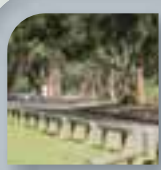
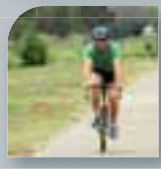




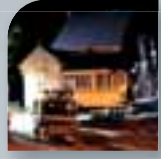
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CONSTRUCTION STARTS ON AIRPORT LINK

Premier Anna Bligh signalled the official start to construction of Australia's largest road infrastructure project with a sod turning ceremony at the Kedron site in November.

When completed in 2012, the \$3.4 billion Airport Link project will allow motorists to drive between Bowen Hills and Brisbane Airport in approximately six minutes, avoiding 18 sets of traffic lights on the way.

"Airport Link is a huge congestion buster, it's the missing link in Brisbane's road network," Premier Bligh said.

"Together with the Northern Busway (Windsor to Kedron) and Airport Roundabout Upgrade projects, Airport Link will free up the northern road network."

Project Director Gordon Ralph, fresh from successfully leading Melbourne's EastLink project, joined the Thiess John Holland and BrisConnections teams to break through ground at the former Department of Emergency Services complex, marking the official start of construction for the Airport Link and Northern Busway (Windsor to Kedron) projects.

Site establishment has already commenced along the projects' alignment at Bowen Hills, Windsor, Toombul and Kedron.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Infrastructure, Paul Lucas, said two tunnel boring machines worth \$90 million will arrive next year, helping to complete work on all three projects by mid 2012 – six months ahead of the State Government's original plans.



Premier Anna Bligh with Deputy Premier Paul Lucas signal the start of construction

"More than three-and-a-half hectares of new parkland will be provided for local residents upon completion of the projects, including a hilltop park at Bowen Hills which will have stunning city views," said Mr Lucas.

The magnitude of this project – encompassing three projects in one – and its inner city location mean the next four years will bring some disruptions to those living near the work or using road networks close to construction.

The project team appreciates the co-operation and patience of the community while this essential transport infrastructure is constructed.

In return, locals will have new and larger parks, extensive pedestrian and cycle pathways connecting the city and north Brisbane, and fast travel from the airport to the city and northern suburbs.

As part of the projects there will also be approximately one million new plants and 5,400 new trees planted, as well as the rehabilitation of creeks with their banks returned to a more natural state.



AREA UPDATES

Kedron

As demolition activity around Colton, Norman and Windsor Avenues is now complete, construction of the 'new' Perry Street is about to commence and will continue into the first half of 2009.

The 'new' Perry Street is required for residents in Colton and Windsor Avenues to maintain access to Lutwyche Road.

Two new pedestrian and cycle bridges over the Kedron Brook, one on either side of Gympie Road, are now being constructed. These structures will provide access to the Kedron Brook cycle path throughout construction, and both bridges are expected to be completed by late January 2009.

Work is still in progress at the former DES site, where the Kedron Brook Building is being transformed into the new project head office, housing a team of more than 400 staff.

Lutwyche/Windsor

Site establishment is almost complete at Truro Street, Windsor. In the coming months, an acoustic shed will be erected to cover the tunnel entrance, which acts as a barrier to reduce noise and dust for local residents.

Removal of the OzCare building, relocation of the Windsor School of Arts and changed traffic conditions have all taken place in Truro Street to prepare the site as the projects' mid-tunnelling point. The next important activity will be demolition and removal of the YMCA building in early 2009, before Truro Street becomes a launching point for the projects' first two roadheader tunnelling machines which arrive

in February. From here the roadheaders will begin their underground journey; one tunnelling north from Truro Street and the other heading south.

Bowen Hills

The Bowen Hills construction team recently reached a milestone - the first stage of excavation work to make way for the Airport Link tunnel portal at Bowen Hills.

Construction site offices and support services were recently established on Federation and Addison Streets. Traffic changes in this area will include the closure of Federation Street (east of Addison Street) and Addison Street (north of Federation Street).

Spoil haulage vehicles accessing the construction site will travel through a purpose-built haulage road from the Lutwyche Road/Inner City Bypass on a ramp. This access road is restricted to construction vehicles only.

Pedestrians and cyclists accessing Lutwyche Road via the Flynn Oval shared pathway will use an alternate route via Bryden Street, Windsor.

At Mann Park some trees have been removed and local fauna has been successfully relocated; at the end of the project the park will be restored to a new and improved green space with stunning city views.

Controlled excavation, including drilling and blasting, is underway at the Bowen Hills site (see article Page 2). All residents and stakeholders in the area, including hospitals, have been informed well in advance of the work and continue to be notified on the day of the blast.

Toombul

Site establishment is underway with fencing now visible in the Centro Toombul overflow car park. Construction of site offices and the delivery of demountable office buildings will begin in coming weeks.

During site establishment, pedestrian and cycle path diversions will be necessary around the Centro overflow car park and Kalinga Park - these diversions will be clearly marked with directional signage for pathway users.

Demolition of properties previously resumed by the State continues, with the removal of properties in Wongara Street, Sandgate Road, Alma Road and Elliot Street.

In December work will ramp up in Kalinga Park with the installation of fencing and essential utility services, along with ground engineering work involving the mixing of soil with grout to stabilise the ground in preparation for tunnelling. Geotechnical investigations in Kalinga Park and surrounding streets are on-going to enable the project team to gain more understanding of ground conditions in the area.

Contacting your local CLG member

Community Liaison Groups (CLGs) have been formed in each project precinct to communicate issues, ideas and opportunities, on behalf of the local community, to the project team and State Government during construction.

To get in touch with your local CLG member, please contact the 24 Hour Community Hotline on 1800 721 783 or email contactus@tjh.com.au

THE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE HAS MOVED!



Come and see our new-look Visitor Information Centre at Centro Lutwyche - check out the 3D models, maps and video flythrough of the city's largest infrastructure project...see how it will look when completed in 2012!

The new centre is now open at Lutwyche Road.

Opening hours:

Monday - Closed
Tuesday - Closed
Wednesday - 10am to 4pm
Thursday - 2pm to 7pm

Friday - 10am to 4pm
Saturday - 9am to 12pm
Sunday - Closed

PROTECTING OUR LOCAL HERITAGE AND ENVIRONMENT

On its journey from the city to the airport precinct, the Airport Link alignment incorporates a number of cultural heritage landmarks, waterways and green space that will be protected, re-instated and enhanced as part of the project's delivery.

In Clayfield's Kalinga Park, the historical Eucalypt-lined Diggers' Drive was constructed in the early 1920s as a memorial for returned soldiers and local residents who died in the First World War.

While some work for Airport Link will be undertaken in the Diggers' Drive area to prepare for the launch of two tunnel boring machines within Kalinga Park, there will be no permanent change to the alignment or surfacing of Diggers' Drive. The area's cultural-heritage significance will be retained.

The original Eucalypts planted by diggers in the 1920s will not be impacted by the project. Some trees from other parts of the park will need to be removed during construction. Importantly, a 300-year-old remnant ironbark adjacent to Schulz Canal will be protected and retained.



In July 2008, the Queensland Heritage Council issued a Notice of Recommendation stating that temporary and permanent works associated with the construction of the Airport Link project in Kalinga Park proceed, subject to strict conditions. The projects are adhering to these conditions.

In consultation with the Toombul Community Liaison Group and the Nundah & District Historical Society, the project team is currently investigating urban design opportunities to extend the Diggers' Drive landscaping theme along the alignment towards Sandgate Road.



All design and construction, including work undertaken at the Kalinga Park area, is carried out according to the projects' Environmental Management Plan, incorporating appropriate environmental management and protection practices.

CONTROLLED EXCAVATION IS UNDERWAY...WHAT IS DRILL AND BLAST?

As hard rock lies in a number of areas where construction will be undertaken for Airport Link and Northern Busway (Windsor to Kedron), controlled excavation, including some drilling and blasting, is needed to effectively loosen and remove hard rock to make way for tunnelling.

Drilling and blasting, a common excavation technique, is now underway at the Bowen Hills construction site, south of Federation Street, and will also be undertaken in Kedron and Lutwyche/Windsor precincts at a later date.

What will drill and blast involve?

A controlled blast is a small detonation undertaken to break up rock. A maximum of two controlled blasts will be performed from Monday to Saturday. The controlled blasts will only last a few minutes, and are expected to take place between 10.00am – 10.30am and 2.00pm – 2.30pm to minimise inconvenience for local residents.

Can traffic still access Federation Street?

To maintain safety, Federation Street will be closed to all vehicle, pedestrian and cycle movements for approximately 10 minutes during each blast – these traffic changes will be clearly posted.

Is drill and blast safe?

Yes. All blast activity will be performed and supervised by experienced personnel. The blasting program has been reviewed by the Department of Mines and Energy and is carried out in accordance with a Brisbane City Council blasting permit. The immediate blast area will be covered with rubber blast mats and blankets to reduce noise and dust, and activity will comply with the State Government's noise, dust and vibration guidelines.

For further details on what locals can expect to see and hear, view the drill and blast notification in the Community section of our website www.brisconnections.com.au

New cycle and pedestrian paths for northern suburbs

KEDRON BROOK

Upgrades to the Kedron Brook pedestrian and cycle pathways started in November with the construction of two new pedestrian bridges 180m east and 80m west of the Gympie Road overpass. Construction of these bridges will take approximately three months.

Additional upgrades, including new pedestrian and cycle pathways between the two bridges on the northern bank of Kedron Brook, will provide enhanced connectivity for the northern suburbs.

Ultimately these pathways will provide residents with safe and easy access to the new Kedron Brook Busway Station, without having to cross Lutwyche and Gympie Roads.

KALINGA PARK

A new pedestrian and cycle path is under construction on the northern bank of Schulz Canal. The pathway will connect the existing Diggers' Drive network with Toombul Terrace, Sandgate Road and Centro Toombul.

Following its completion in January/February 2009, this pathway will maintain pedestrian and cycle access throughout project construction for the Clayfield, Toombul and Nundah community and broader pathway users.

In the final design, this pathway will also connect with a new landbridge to improve connectivity between communities north and south of Schulz Canal, the railway station and the bus interchange.



Kalinga Park/Toombul pedestrian and cycle pathway development phases

PATHWAY DETOURS AND DIVERSIONS

During construction, a number of pedestrian and cycle pathway detours and diversions will be in place, clearly marked with directional signage. To plan your trip keep informed of any temporary changes by visiting the 'traffic' page on the project website www.brisconnections.com.au/traffic

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- PHASE 3 – JANUARY/FEBRUARY 09**



Artist impression 2012 – The new home of Windsor School of Arts in Clark Park

WINDSOR SCHOOL OF ARTS RELOCATES TO NEW HOME

One of the north side's most cherished buildings – the 97-year-old Windsor School of Arts – was relocated to its new home on the evening of 14 November.

The heritage-listed building was carefully dismantled before moving 100 metres south along Lutwyche Road to Clark Park, ensuring it will remain a community asset during construction of the Airport Link and Northern Busway (Windsor to Kedron).

Secretary of the Windsor Historical Society, Beres McCallum, was extremely pleased that the building would be saved and that it will be available for community use sooner than previously thought.

“The School of Arts is a beautiful building and has long played a part in the community life of Windsor. Since the early 1990's it has been headquarters for the Excelsior Band and many years ago it was renowned as a venue for local events of importance, including flower shows, balls and concerts,” said Mrs McCallum.

“Its new home in Clark Park will ensure it remains a community asset for many decades to come.”

While original plans for the Airport Link and Busway projects had the building moved off-site for nearly four years, the building will now be returned to the community during 2009.

The Windsor School of Arts was officially opened by the then Queensland Governor, William McGregor on 16 February, 1911. Relocation of the Windsor School of Arts was undertaken on Friday 14 November, with reinstatement of the building to continue through the first half of 2009.

On completion of the projects in 2012, the Lutwyche/Windsor community will benefit from:

- A state-of-the-art, open-air busway station safely connecting both sides of Lutwyche Road, with cycle and pedestrian access
- Upgraded facilities in Clark Park
- Re-establishment of the Windsor School of Arts
- New outbound bus stop on Lutwyche Road near Windsor State School and new inbound and outbound bus stops on Truro Street
- Improved access to and from the city and airport precinct.



Relocating the School of Arts Building during the early hours of the morning, 15 November 2008

BRISCONNECTIONS interview with Chief Financial Officer

BrisConnections, listed on the ASX, was appointed by the Queensland Government to deliver the Airport Link, Northern Busway (Windsor to Kedron) and Airport Roundabout Upgrade. The company will also finance, operate and maintain the Airport Link toll road, a free flow motorway linking Brisbane city to the northern suburbs, Brisbane Airport and Australia Trade Coast.

BrisConnections has further strengthened its executive management team by the appointment of Chief Financial Officer, Nicholas Lattimore. Mr Lattimore has more than 29 years' experience in structured and project financing, primarily for infrastructure projects.



BrisConnections Chief Financial Officer Nick Lattimore

INTERVIEW WITH NICHOLAS LATTIMORE

Why did you decide to work on this project?

I wanted to be part of a unique piece of infrastructure which will have long term benefits for the Queensland economy now, through job creation and local investment, and into the future.

Airport Link is founded on solid economic rationale and investment credentials, with the road corridor catchment area containing 60% of Brisbane's population, as well as the continued rapid growth in the Trade Coast region and Brisbane Airport.

We have a senior and experienced management team in place. Construction is now progressing in accordance with our program, and we are now focused solely on delivering this crucial piece of infrastructure.

Why is the BrisConnections share price so undervalued?

We are extremely disappointed with the current security price. While current global financial market conditions are unfavourable for BrisConnections, the long-term investment opportunity that quality infrastructure presents, has not changed. In time, I am confident the market will recognise the quality and credentials of the Airport Link Motorway project and BrisConnections.

How does the instalment structure work?

Basically there have been three installments, so after you purchase your securities you then then owe two more installments. \$1 is due in April 2009 and the other \$1 is due in January 2010. This is indicative in our ASX code which is BCSCA, the CA means there are contributing installments to be made.

Is project funding secure?

The project funding is secure and all of the debt facilities raised by BrisConnections for the project are underwritten. There is no funding risk for the company.

For more information about the BrisConnections management team please visit www.brisconnections.com.au and click on the 'Investors/corporate governance' section of the website.



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