

The

Wilson Update

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working hard,
getting results

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As Christmas rapidly approaches once more it is time to tie a bow on more than just the presents to put under the Christmas tree. That is why I was both relieved and disappointed with recent developments at the Ferny Grove Railway Station and Transport Hub. I have worked hard for a long time to see this project to its conclusion and it is one that I believe has been long overdue in our community.

I was pleased to see that Queensland Rail has at last awarded a local Queensland business, Matrix Projects, the station contract. But I have been extremely disappointed that there has been little progress made for the past six months on the construction of the car park and platform.



I am calling on Queensland Rail to get on with the job and not let up until it is completed. Help me keep Queensland Rail moving by signing the e-petition: <http://dlvr.it/sZhBq>.

I hope that with Matrix Projects now on board the work can at last pick up the pace. It is time that Queensland Rail gave us all a Christmas present and put this project back on track.

Car Park changes from November to February 2012

Queensland Rail have advised that the parking capacity of the Ferny Grove Railway Station will be limited during the November-February period and are urging commuters to consider making alternative arrangements. Below is a map of commuter parking during this period.



Important Queensland Public Holiday Changes for 2012

Thanks to legislation passed in State Parliament this week from next year Queenslanders will no longer miss out on public holidays when they fall on a weekend. Following recent consultations and strong public support, the legislation is in place in time for the new year.

The legislation also allows for the shifting of the Queen's Birthday holiday from June to the first Monday in October - a part of the year that is usually light on for public holidays. In 2012 there will be an additional one-off Queen's Diamond Jubilee holiday on the June long weekend.

The final change allows the creation of a two-week school break at Easter by gathering the majority of the student-free days throughout the school year to create the second week break for Easter. The amended school calendar appears below and the fact-sheet is available on my website: www.geoffwilsonmp.com.

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■ School holidays
■ Public holidays (including new Queen's birthday holiday on 1 October and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on 11 June for 2012 only)
■ Student free days ■ Flexible student free days

Gardening for good health - free workshops

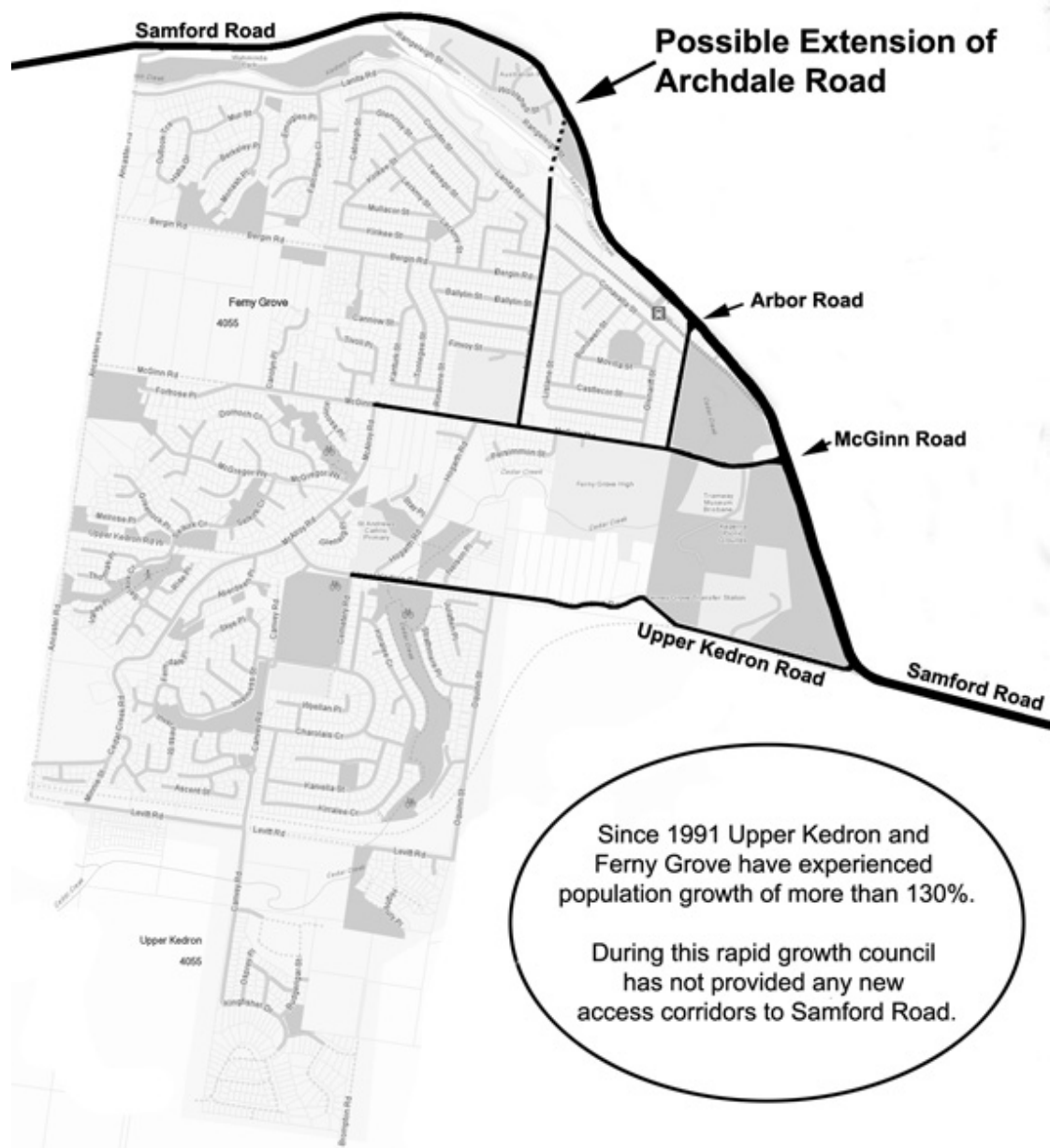
It's time to get your hands dirty at a free workshop on growing healthy food. Growing your own is a great way to make sure you get your '2 and 5' fruit and veg each day. The first of four free workshops on Brisbane's north side is being held on **Saturday December 3** at the Hills District Community Centre. The workshops will be delivered by Edible Landscapes gardening guru, Bruce Molloy, and will have something for everyone.

For more information on the workshops please phone Claire Harrison on 3492 1839 or to register for one of the workshops, phone Jenn Clarke on 3049 1313.

Archdale Road Feasibility Study

An extension to a local road in Ferny Grove is being investigated by the State Government as a way of tackling traffic congestion in Ferny Grove and Upper Kedron. A feasibility study will be conducted by Main Roads on the possibility of extending Archdale Road to Samford Road across Kedron Brook.

It is important to find an extra connection to Samford Road for the 8,882 residents in Ferny Grove and Upper Kedron. The major works underway at the Wardell Street and Samford Road intersection at Enoggera will cut the time commuters spend travelling but the growth of Ferny Grove and Upper Kedron over the past 20 years means that there are bottlenecks locally.



The idea of connecting Archdale Road to Samford Road has been raised by a number of residents concerned about increasing traffic congestion on local roads, including Conavalla Street, Arbor Street and McGinn Road. Safety is also a major concern with large numbers of high school students walking between the Railway Station and the Ferny Grove High School every school day.

Premier drops in to Ferny Grove for a chat with locals

Queensland Premier Anna Bligh dropped in to the Blended Café at the Ferny Grove Shopping Village on Friday to have a chat with local community representatives.



"One of the ways I try to make contact with people is at morning teas like this," said Mrs Bligh.

Around 20 representatives of local business and community groups were in attendance to drink some of the excellent coffee and munch on the tasty cakes and slices while discussing a range of views with the Premier.

During the morning tea, local Habitat Learning Centre owners Murray and Toni Thornton were presented by the Premier with a certificate of approval to deliver an approved kindergarten program.



Future Issues

If you belong to any of the schools, churches, sporting or community groups that call the Ferny Grove Electorate home please email me at ferny.grove@parliament.qld.gov.au or call my office on 3851-1570 so that I can include your upcoming events in this newsletter.