

Safety Audit Report

Location	South Brisbane and Kurilpa as defined by Map (Attachment 1)
Inspection Date	16 and 17 September 2009
Participants	Community Safety Officer, Brisbane City Council Local Asset Services Officer, Brisbane city Council Queensland Police Service, Metro South Cultural Centre Janine Watson, Business South Bank Zoe Du Bois, Queensland Theatre Company

BACKGROUND

- Business Southbank requested a safety audit of the area to address perceived safety concerns of their constituents.
- Audits were undertaken over two days, between 9am and 11am, following identified precincts as noted on the attached map.
- The area audited comprises light industrial including the Parmalat Dairy Factory, new multi-Residential Dwelling units, the TAFE Open Learning building and St Mary's Church compound. The area is also home to the Ozcare Men's Shelter and the Brisbane Homelessness Service Centre.

ISSUES

- In general, the area was considered to have no major issues. Little evidence was observed regarding illegal activity and only two men, who may have been homeless, were seen in the area.
- The State Government has commissioned a Risk Management Report for the large intersection of Melbourne and Greys Streets. Some issues were noted and will be fed into this process.
- Some of the footpaths that require attention will be refurbished as part of the Queensland Government Hale Street overpass and the new Green Bridge.
- The management of vehicles, cyclists, pedestrians and buses along the cultural Centre busway was considered inadequate and dangerous.

Lighting

- Lighting was considered generally adequate and lighting maintenance is being addressed by Council.
- Issue regarding the provisional of additional lighting have been documented at the following locations:
 - On the Boardwalk adjacent to the Cultural Centre and GOMA
 - Base of the new green bridge
 - Block between Hope and Merivale Streets on Montague Road
 - Corner of Grey and Peel Streets

Vegetation Management

- It was considered that all street lined trees require up-trimming to 2metres to allow for additional surveillance. Consideration should also be given to

trimming a number of trees to preventing a natural ladder effect onto the awnings of a number of buildings.

Signage

- Additional signage along the Cultural Centre Bus way may provide additional assistance to commuters and visitors and increase pedestrian safety.
- Signage on the boardwalk alerting people to the location of the Museum and GOMA should be considered by the appropriate agency.
- The development of Safe Brisbane: No Public Drinking signs may assist in the safety of the area.

Graffiti and Crime

- Small amounts of graffiti were observed on numerous buildings and have been reported to the Anti-Graffiti taskforce in Council for removal.
- The patrons who leave The Island, party boat, at the boardwalk adjacent to the Cultural Centre, are very drunk and there is often violence along the boardwalk. This docking process will be questioned in relation to Liquor Act requirements.
- Bus Stop Number 3 – Cordelia Street, located on Melbourne Street, between Hope and Cordelia Streets, presents poor visibility for commuters due to the uneven placing of trees along the footpath and to passers-by, who cannot see into the bus shelter due to a large non-transparent advertising sign.
- Large volumes of pedestrians alight from South Brisbane Train Station and spill into the Street and into adjoining areas. It is also a congregation point for young people. Issues regarding traffic management and pedestrian flow should be considered.

Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety

- Cyclist entry at the end of Montague Road, leading onto boardwalk requires refurbishing to remove lip
- Pedestrian/cycle path along west side of new green bridge requires amendment at the right hand turn to include a curved corner for cyclists.
- There is no controlled crossing on the small road along Grey Street at Stanley Street that leads to the cultural centre

Rubbish

- The area in general had minimal rubbish. A general clean up will be requested by Council along Melbourne Street. A request to remove abandoned goods stored under the boardwalk will also sort.
- The group considered the replacement of current rubbish bins with one-way rubbish bins may assist to solve the issue of glass and plastic bottles being strewn on the ground.

RECOMMENDATIONS

QPS to continue to patrol this area, particularly in identified hot spots.

LAS to;

- continue to maintain the lighting in the West End area
- consider the provision of additional lighting in the following areas;
 - along the Boardwalk adjacent to the Cultural Centre and GOMA
 - at the base of the new green bridge
 - at the block between Hope and Merivale streets on Montague Road
 - at the corner of Grey and Peel Streets
- up lift all trees lining the streets in accordance with CPTED principles
- trim and uplift trees near the new green bridge to discourage the use of natural ladders
- uplift three trees near 59 Melbourne St (RT Health) as these trees are currently providing a natural ladder onto the building
- conduct a general clean up of rubbish along Melbourne St
- remove the plant between the fences near the lighthouse at Kurilpa Pt
- clean the large green sign along Melbourne St, signifying Wooloongabba and busway as it is currently covered with stickers
- attend to trip hazard outside 75 Hope St, West End
- remove weeds at base of trees lining Hope St

Graffiti Reduction Unit (GRU) to continue to remove graffiti in the area in particular;

- 65 Montague Road – Parmalat
- 77 Hope St – Resort Brokers Australia
- 75 Hope St on wall in QR vacant land
- 38 Hope St (Crn of Peel St)
- Hope St - on train bridge pylon going towards the river
- 12 Merivale St
- 18 Merivale St – MapInfo
- 02 Cordelia St
- 25 Cordelia St
- Cordelia St – outside walls of 3 buildings that border a vacant block of fenced private property
- Cordelia St – on wall outside of South Brisbane Raine & Horne building
- Cordelia St – on brick wall outside Ozcare Men’s shelter
- Cordelia St/Montague Rd – back wall of Parmalat
- 06 Boundary St on stairwell that borders Montague & Peel Sts
- 18 Boundary St – Surf Life Savers building
- Crn Boundary & Melbourne St – on Harry Poulos Architect sign

CS recommends that LAS;

- upgrade the footpath along Montague Road as it is very uneven (need capital funding)
- upgrade the footpath along Grey & Peel Street to Victoria Bridge (need capital funding)

- upgrade the footpath & pipe network across the road from Gambaros, South Brisbane (need capital funding)
- consider re-varnishing some of the wooden seats along Melbourne St
- change existing benches at Grey & Peel Sts so they are segmented, to deter homeless from sleeping on them.
- install rubbish bins at the intersection of Hope & Peel Sts
- review the level of lighting between Melbourne & Peel Sts as it is poorly lit

CS recommends that the following signage be considered;

- Signage along the Cultural Centre bus way to provide additional assistance to pedestrians and motorists to increase pedestrian safety
- Way finding and “You are Here” signage on the boardwalk advising people to the location/distance of the Museum and GOMA
- Signage in the parks; No Public Drinking
- Clear signage for pedestrian/cyclists on new green bridge

CS recommends that Active Transport review;

- the cyclist entrance at the end of Montague Road to upgraded/refurbished
- the bikeway along west side of the new green bridge as it needs an amendment to the right hand turn to include a curved corner for cyclists

CS recommends that Transport and Traffic;

- review the conditions of Bus Stop 3 – Cordelia St located on Melbourne St. The advertisement panel is obstructing sightlines of people approaching the bus stop.
- reduce the current speed limit to 40km/h around the South Brisbane train station.
- consider installing a controlled crossing at Grey & Stanley Streets on the small area that joins with the Museum footpath
- consider installing more fencing/barricades in high use areas in West End

Council to liaise with QR in regards to;

- moving on large groups of youth who regularly congregate out the front of the South Brisbane train station.
- cleaning up the rubbish located on its vacant land in Hope St
- murals being painted on the blank walls under the train lines

Council to liaise with Liquor Licensing in regards to the docking process of ‘The Island’ party boat in accordance with the Liquor Act

Council to liaise with State Government in regards to;

- redesigning the vegetation under the Cultural Centre Bridge
- repainting the lines on the boardwalk
- removing abandoned belongings stored under the boardwalk