



St Lucia Community Association Inc.

Newsletter: Autumn 2026

Our Neighbourhood

Development Applications

We keep an eye on DAs in St Lucia. See the recent plan & scroll down to see link to zoning maps.

[BCC Residential Plan](#)

Vegetation Protection

Protect a tree – anyone can submit an [application](#) to protect a tree or vegetation – it doesn't have to be on your own property.

Community Garden

The [Community Garden](#) is always looking for volunteers. They welcome your food scraps in their compost bins.

Street Libraries

These are community facilities – no one person is responsible. Please only leave books when there is shelf space for them and feel free to tidy. There are several street library locations.

Traffic

Reminder - speed limits – 40km/h in school zone and shopping strip.

Parking

Apply for a [residential parking permit](#)

Reporting problems

We suggest using the [Snap Send Solve App](#).

Pet registration

All dogs need to be registered with the [Brisbane City Council](#).

Noise concerns

Barking dogs, building noise, parties – the [Brisbane City Council](#) can help.

Community Survey

In 2025 SLCA ran a survey to learn how community members felt about local issues. Many thanks to those of you who took the time to complete it. Here is a brief summary of the results. For a more in-depth analysis please contact us.

There was an overwhelmingly positive response to maintaining and increasing the tree canopy and **urban greening** in St Lucia. Including investing in parks, green spaces and vegetated corridors. The protection of vegetation links to the strong support we received for maintaining **neighbourhood character** and for the development of a plan to guide future growth. The vast majority of respondents supported collaborative planning between the University of Queensland and residents to manage the impact of campus growth. Our **transport** infrastructure was a concern, with very strong support for safer bikeways, footpath upgrades and maintenance of roads, and for the enforcement of **parking** regulations to reduce congestion. Other areas that attracted strong support were the provision of more **community facilities**, e.g. meeting and recreation spaces. Also, for increased investment in climate resilience measures.

One issue that was not directly covered in the survey but was of concern was the **Hawken Drive precinct**. Namely, the lack of diversity of shops and the poor state of some of the restaurants and shops on the southern side.

Useful Information

School Term Dates 2026

Ironside State Primary School:
Term 1: Tuesday 27 January to Thursday 2 April.

Term 2: Monday 20 April to Friday 26 June

University Semesters 2026

Semester 1: 23 February '26 - 29 May

Semester break: 6 - 13 April

Exam Week: 6 - 20 June

Winter break: 22 June - 27 July

Public Transport

St Lucia is served by a bus and Citycat network - the Translink app is Queensland's public transport journey [planning app](#).

Emergency contacts

Police/Fire & Ambulance: 000
[SES](#) (Flood/Storm) Emergency: 132500

[Electricity:](#)

Fallen power lines: 131962

Power Outages: 136262

[Gas](#) Leaks & Emergencies: 1800427532

[Brisbane City Council Contact Centre:](#)

07 3403 8888

Welcome Katherine

Christ Church St Lucia has a new priest. Katherine Bowyer was most recently the Dean of Newcastle and Rector of Christ Church Cathedral. She is fully committed to her church being a safe, healthy, inclusive and vibrant place at the heart of community life; welcoming and nurturing all people. Katherine's ministry values diversity and is committed to the journey of Makarrata – Reconciliation.

She is nurtured by poetry, collects Ladybird books and is a cricket tragic. Her husband David, a retired high school science and maths teacher, is a creative artist working across media. He has had his knitting featured in exhibitions and publications. They are both very excited to be sharing ministry with the St Lucia Parish Community.

Events

The University of Queensland's Centre for Biodiversity and Conservation Science has launched [Friends of Biodiversity](#), a community program featuring events, citizen science, volunteering, and lifelong learning through talks, workshops and articles. Carissa Klein, the Centre's Director, would be delighted to welcome local residents to upcoming activities.

Christ Church Garage Sale
May – date TBA

UQAPS Grad Festival Carnival Friday 20 March 3pm- 10pm.

Uni Market - Wednesday 8-3 (during semester) Campbell Place, UQ

Community Dinner – Guyatt Park
Wednesdays 5pm
Bring a plate and/or turn up for a tasty meal and meet some locals.

If you know of an event in our community, please let us know and we can list it here, e.g. School Fete, Festival, Market, Music event, etc.

Tree Tales

Banyan Fig Tree – Baty Street

While on a family caravan holiday in 1963 a St Lucia resident was given a Banyan cutting which was planted soon after in Baty Street. Sixty years on it is a significant feature of Baty Street. Here is Fergus's story:



Origin:

Approximately 1.2 metre long by 50mm diameter a leafless aerial root cutting, with a small notch cut at one end indicating the way to be planted. The cutting was a couple of weeks old by the time it was planted in the ground. It took a few more weeks to develop a leaf sprout

Growth habit:

Banyan trees have a growth habit of supporting their limbs on aerial roots, they can spread over a vast area. Trained correctly, it could arch across the street, and put down aerial roots into the opposite footpath.

Tree's age:

I can date the planting of this Banyan Fig Tree quite definitely. It was 1963, my first year at UQ and the August vacation. I went on a memorable last family caravan holiday to Cairns with my parents. We spent a couple of days in Bowen, where I was given the 1.2 metre cutting. I tied it to our caravan's chassis - it travelled up to Cairns and back to Brisbane 2 weeks later. Soon after, I planted the Banyan close to an ugly old electricity pole I hoped to camouflage with tree foliage. The Banyan Fig has outlived the pole. Years later the electricity pole was relocated. However, the overhead wires unfortunately necessitate occasional hard pruning of upper branches, dictating the resultant leaf canopy shape.



Our contacts:

[SLCA webpage & stluciaweb@gmail.com](#)

Mapping St Lucia

Can you draw a map of St Lucia showing some of the features of our suburb, perhaps showing your favourite place, tree, walk, building, street library, etc.?

Please submit to:
stluciaweb@gmail.com

We would love to display some of your Artwork on our web site.

Do you recognise the places in these paintings? When and where do you think they were painted?

Kindly shared by local artist, Tom Hilston.

