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## Idiotic bravado endangers lives

MANY young drivers think they are six feet tall and bullet proof. Some of these, mainly male, think burnouts and doughnuts are cool. They are not cool, they are dangerous (report page one). Residents of Britains Road, Bellbird Park, know this all too well. They have had cars crash through their fences, impaled on posts, flipped over and even on fire.

Others lay oil on the road to create more smoke, causing awful burnt rubber smells.

The residents' peaceful lifestyle has been shattered as these hoons seek to live out their car fantasies out of sight of authorities.

They fear not only for their own safety but the fate of the young drivers, who seem to know no better. Some have even borrowed their parents' car to perform these dangerous stunts.

I applaud the resident who sent us the photo which appears on page three.

These "black spots" should be brought to public attention. Let's hope one of these stunts doesn't prove fatal.

Thumbs up: To the Harrod family who will walk in The Developing Foundation's Riverwalk on September 14 (report page 10).

Lochlain Harrod, 7, was diagnosed with cerebral palsy when he was seven months old.

The 6km walk from West End, Brisbane, is designed to help families with a brain-injured person raise funds for specialised therapies and equipment.

To sponsor the Harrods' Riverwalk visit www.developingfoundation.org.au/family/harrod.

Natalie Gauld  
Editor

### MEET THE TEAM

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## STREET TALK: What books are you hunting for at the Ipswich Book Affair?



I'M INTERESTED in history and religion.  
 - **BILL MINNIS**  
Raceview SE0508HA



CHILDREN'S books for my business.  
 - **ASHLEIGH MORRISS**  
Marburg SE0508HC



I'M LOOKING for cook books.  
 - **CAROLYN MINNIS**  
Raceview SE0508HE



I'M LOOKING for autobiographies and children's books.  
 - **ANITA CASALANGIDA**  
Brassall SE0508HB



I'M JUST looking in general. I like pulp fiction.  
 - **JIM TOPPING**  
Raceview SE0508HD



I'M LOOKING for a mixture of books. It's my second day here.  
 - **BEVERLEY KELLY**  
Brassall SE0508HF

## IPSWICH WEATHER TODAY

### FOR LATEST WARNINGS:

www.bom.gov.au/weather  
 Tropical Cyclone 1300 659 212  
 Land Weather and Flood 1300 659 219  
 Coastal Marine 1300 360 427

### IPSWICH AREA:

Fine. Moderate to fresh and gusty W to SW winds, easing by the evening.

Yesterday: Min: 14 Max: 24 Rain: 2mm

### BRISBANE:

Fine. Moderate to fresh and gusty W to SW winds, easing in the evening.

Yesterday: Min: 15 Max: 23 Rain: 2mm

### SOUTHEAST COAST DISTRICT:

Fine. Moderate to fresh and gusty W to SW winds, easing in the evening.

### Sunday:

Fine.



Saturday, Fine, windy.  
Max 24

Sunday, Fine, Max 24

Monday, Fine, Max 23

### COASTAL

**FRASER ISLAND TO COOLANGUBRA:** W to SW winds 15 to 20 knots, increasing to 20 to 25 knots during the early morning. Winds easing to 15 to 20 knots inshore by early evening. Seas 1.7 to 2.2 metres. A 2.5 to 3 metre SE to E swell gradually decreasing.  
**MOORETON BAY:** W to SW winds 15 to 20 knots, increasing to 20 to 25 knots during the morning before easing to 15 to 20 knots by early evening. Seas 1 to 1.3 metres.  
**INSHORE:** SW to S winds 15 to 20 knots, shifting S to SE at 10 to 15 knots in the afternoon and SE to E inshore.

### THE TIDES

Location	Time	Height
Noosa Head	5:18 am	0.5m
Mooloolaba	5:24 am	0.4m
Brisbane Bar	12:39 am	1.6m
Gold Coast	5:28 am	0.3m
	12:12 pm	1.5m
	12:21 pm	1.4m
	6:55 am	0.5m
	12:34 pm	1.2m
	6:30 pm	0.8m
	6:46 pm	0.7m
	1:36 pm	1.9m
	7:00 pm	0.5m
	11:50 pm	1.2m
	11:53 pm	1.1m
	7:59 pm	0.9m

Tides times provided by courtesy of QLD Transport and NTF



UV ALERT Max UV Index 7 (high)  
8:50am - 2:40pm

**SUN, MOON & PLANETS for Brisbane**

Day	Rise	Set
Sun	5:55 am	5:38 pm
Moon	9:22 am	11:42 pm
Mercury	7:05 am	7:36 pm
Venus	7:09 am	7:25 pm
Mars	7:17 am	7:41 pm
Jupiter	12:47 pm	2:38 am
Saturn	5:58 am	5:29 pm

First 1/4 Full Last 1/4 New  
 Sep 8 Sep 15 Sep 22 Sep 29

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## FIRST PERSON



### BRETT MCGRATH Ipswich Brothers A-grade front rower

Suburb/Township? Ripley, Holden or Ford? Holden.  
 Favourite holiday destination? The Whitesundays. I'm going there for my honeymoon in three weeks; hopefully I won't get injured before that.  
 Who is your sporting hero? Bradley Clyde.  
 The first thing you'd do if you won the lotto is? Pay off my house.  
 Favourite band/singer? Pearl Jam.

Best piece of advice you have received? No success without effort.  
 Last "big" purchase? My house.  
 First car? Holden Commodore.  
 Republic or monarchy? Monarchy.

Dream job? Property developer.  
 Boardies or speedos? Boardies.  
 What's your middle name? Richard.

Tea or coffee and how do you have it? I drink both: tea: white with one, coffee: cappuccino.  
 Three people you'd love to have dinner with? Wally Lewis, Liz Hurley and Donald Trump.  
 What scares you the most? Snakes.  
 Your biggest win (races, keno, scratch-its)? \$170 from a football game.  
 The best day of your life? It's coming up, my wedding day.

### THIS DAY LAST YEAR

QT  
 THE OFFICE RETURNS TO TV SCREENS  
 SPIN DOGS  
 THE CHINESE TAKE THE LEAD  
 THE CAPES BUZZARD  
 THE CHINESE TAKE THE LEAD

### THE QT front page for September 6, 2007.

### QT QUIZ

1. What mineral is mined at Kambalda in Western Australia?
2. Which TV series centres on London policeman John Ho?
3. What Australian State Premier once said: "It was always Labor policy to win the America's Cup"?
4. What country is Bletescu at war with in Gulliver's Travels?
5. What African animals are known as The Big Five?

Answers: 1. Nickel, 2. The Chinese Take the Lead, 3. Queensland, 4. The Cape Buzzard, 5. The African elephants, rhinos, lions, giraffes and buffaloes.