



Division 11 News

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Parks, parks, parks!

The last few months have seen the completion of some major upgrades to parks in Division 11, with plenty more yet to come.

Improving a local park is one of the best ways to lift an area. Providing interesting play equipment and sporting facilities for children and teenagers to keep them active, and providing facilities like shelters and barbecues, helps create a nice social environment in our suburbs for all to enjoy.

There is much more to do to create the right balance for community needs and I have heard some great ideas during conversations at my mobile offices, while door knocking and when people see me out and about.

Some recently completed park upgrades include:

- > Ison Park – pump track installed and new shelter, with a new car park coming next
- > Crystal Brook Park – new playground installed
- > Wearing Park – playground equipment upgrade
- > Spring Mountain Reserve - car park upgrade

- > Leaf Park – new barbecue and bikeway improvements
- > Logan West Parklands – Disc Golf with final plans and funding secured ready to start, hopefully before Christmas
- > Colville Park – playground upgrade scheduled in 2024.

All the projects above have been in addition to upgrades at:

- > Richard Wilson Park – toilet install
- > Settlers Park – new playground equipment
- > Lavelle Lagoon Park – major playground embellishment
- > Homestead Park – toilet install
- > Punter Park – new playground equipment
- > Teviot Park – addition of digger.

As your Councillor, I am committed to creating a community space that truly meets the needs and desires of residents. If you spot me out and about or at any of my mobile offices, be sure to share your ideas and suggestions.

Together, we can continue to make Division 11's parks a source of joy, adventure, and togetherness for all to enjoy.



Cr Willcocks at Wearing Park.

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Flagstone, Flinders Lakes, Greenbank, Kagaru, Lyons, Monarch Glen, New Beith, Silverbark Ridge, Undullah and part of Munruben, North Maclean, Park Ridge South and South Maclean.

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Footpaths connect us

Whether you're walking, running, visiting friends or heading to the shops or school, safe footpaths in our suburbs are the connection we all need.

Building footpaths on major roads that connect suburb to suburb, and people to parks and shops, has been my motivation over the last few years. Recently, I have been able to add more footpaths to the network. Some major footpath works finished

or about to commence since my last newsletter are:

- > Crest Road – recently completed
- > Bushman Drive – recently completed
- > Harvest Rise West Service Road – construction has begun
- > Pub Lane – Equestrian Drive to Dungaree will begin shortly.

When future major road upgrades are planned, I am advocating for footpaths and active transport lanes to be included, where possible.



Cr Willcocks checking out the upgrade works at the footpath outside Harvest Rise Estate.

Road upgrades coming!

The year 2024 will mark a significant turning point for Division 11, with major road upgrades planned. With the population increasing in Division 11, we are investing in our road network to make sure it remains fit for purpose.

We are planning road upgrades in Greenbank to improve connectivity with surrounding areas.

Initial widening works on Teviot Road will be carried out at the Leanne Court intersection in 2024.

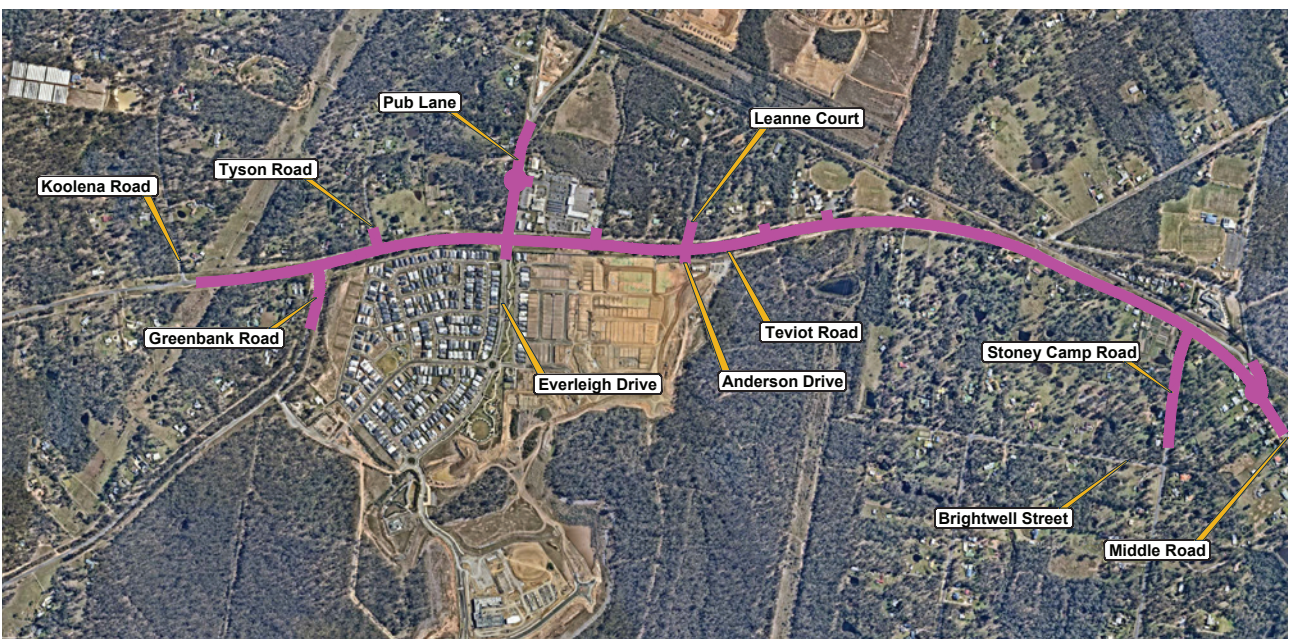
The exact position of the road alignment of Goodna Road and New Beith Road, that will bypass the Greenbank State School to reduce congestion and create a safer road for motorists, is expected to be known by late 2023 or in early 2024.

In late October 2023, construction works commenced on Teviot Road, from Bushman Drive to Homestead Drive in Flagstone, including intersection upgrades.

These upgrades will deliver improved road safety, more reliable travel times and reduce congestion.

Future planned road upgrades also include New Beith Road, Teviot Road and Cusack Lane intersection, Scott Lane and Teviot Road intersection.

These upgrades promise to transform Division 11 into a more accessible and well-connected community.



Planned road upgrades will ease congestion and increase safety on our roads.

Middle Green gets an upgrade

A recent report to Council proposed an upgrade to the toilets, including appropriate disabled toilet access and entry points, at Middle Green. I know this is long overdue and, after much discussion, my fellow Councillors supported the upgrade to proceed. This will make a world of difference to residents and their families who visit and enjoy Middle Green.

For those new to the area, Middle Green is at 720–768 Middle Road, Greenbank. It is home to the Greenbank Raiders Rugby League Club and many more community groups.



Excited Middle Green committee members receiving the news of the upgrade.

Function and beauty for our community



Fairy lights at Homestead Drive.

The fairy lights at Homestead Drive, Flagstone, are part of a beautification project that has been a long time coming. The fig trees are an iconic entry way to Flagstone and over the years I have had plenty of requests to light them up. Since the installation, I have had so many positive comments, and I know that it puts a smile on my face when I drive through at night and see it all lit up. With Christmas just around the corner, the trees will also have Christmas decorations placed on the roundabout, which I'm sure will look spectacular.

Mayor's message



The City of Logan is growing faster than ever before.

As a Council, we have a vision for our city to be a well-planned, connected, and beautiful place to live. We want to make sure there are good things for everyone – like a great lifestyle, opportunities to invest, and jobs for all.

We welcome growth; however, we also need to be responsible with our finances. In a time when cost of living is high and there is a housing shortage, finding the right balance is important. We face challenges in building important things like bridges and roads because there are limits on how much we can charge people.

As a Council, we are also working to attract new businesses and industries to the region, which will create more job opportunities and stimulate economic growth.

We also need help from the Queensland Government to make sure our city has all the things it needs. We've worked hard with other local governments to ensure the Queensland Government's South East Queensland Regional Plan addresses the concerns we have for our city.

This plan says that more than 600,000 people will live in Logan by 2046. We have consistently met all housing targets set by the Queensland Government. However, we have a responsibility to current residents and ratepayers to not overcommit our limited financial resources towards unnecessary spending, so growth must be well planned.

It is important that local and state governments can work together to achieve the best outcomes for our growing region, in a way that respects both state interests and the needs and ambitions of local communities and governments.

I have no doubt the young families who value Logan's affordability and quality lifestyles will benefit.

Mayor Darren Power
City of Logan

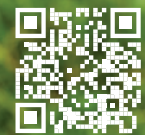
Tully Memorial Park, North Maclean, is home to our flood markers display. Each marker represents the height the flood water reached for each of the significant flood events, starting in 1887. Council has been on the look-out for new ways to continue the of markers after the current line-up became full. Early next year, new flood markers to mark the 2022 flood event will be installed. So, keep an eye for that when driving past. They will display the flood level using lights. Keep an eye on the park as construction starts early October.

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Not my best friend

75% of dog attacks on koalas are fatal*

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Scan the QR code or visit leaveit.com.au for free dog training resources to help keep your dog and wildlife safe.



*Source: Queensland Government Department of Environment and Science



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