

# **Division 4 News**

**Deputy Mayor Laurie Koranski** 



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## Logan Village celebrates 160 years

Logan Village commemorated its 160th anniversary with a country heritage festival on the Green.

Following the resounding success of the 150-year celebrations in 2013, the hardworking organising committee, led by local community leaders, pulled out all the stops to make this year's celebrations memorable.

The free and inclusive event, opened by Deputy Mayor Laurie Koranski, included a traditional smoking ceremony, local singers and school performances, delectable food stalls and an array of historical exhibits for families to discover.

'Logan Village's 160th birthday celebration was more than just a historical milestone,' Cr Koranski says.

'It was a testament to the enduring spirit of our community.

'The festival brought people together from near and far, to create wonderful new memories.'

For the young ones, there was a free animal farm and face painting, along with a chance to explore vintage cars and model trains.

The Craft Cottage served delightful Devonshire tea, adding a charming touch of nostalgia to the festivities.







Community spirit was high at the recent Logan Village 160th anniversary celebrations

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### Windaroo set for exciting upgrades

The current upgrades at KJ Asling Park are underway, including the addition of a new picnic shelter, playground equipment that promises hours of enjoyment, and a convenient water fountain to keep you refreshed.

A new pathway has been constructed, connecting Carl Heck Boulevard and Schonwerder Drive, making it even easier to explore this beautiful area.

'It's important to give the space as much care and attention as our larger parks, to ensure they are still meeting the needs of local families,'

Cr Koranski says.

But that's not all!

Windaroo has more in store, with streetscaping underway. Multiple locations across the suburb will be enhanced with planting and beautification efforts. Tree cages have been removed, and concrete seating has received a vibrant makeover.

The Windaroo Peace Memorial Park has a new sandstone block memorial wall. We collaborated with Soroptimist International of Beenleigh to install a special purple bench along Carl Heck Boulevard. This bench will serve as a tribute to victims of domestic and family violence and raise awareness of the challenges faced by many women and children every day.

These projects are made possible through the Division 4 Local Infrastructure Program, ensuring that our community continues to thrive. Windaroo is all set to shine brighter than ever, with these exciting upgrades that promise to make the community's outdoor experiences even more enjoyable and meaningful.



Windaroo resident Vicki Bailey and her grandchildren Bella, Esther (11) and Elijah (3) Parsons, enjoying the new playground at KJ Asling Park

### 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

### **Notorious traffic black** spots set for safety upgrade

Logan City's road safety is getting a major boost as Council gears up to improve 7 notorious accident-prone black spots. This transformational initiative, funded through the Australian Government's 2023-24 Black Spot Program, is set to make local roads safer for everyone.

The selected sites for upgrades include Plunkett Road and Veivers Road as well as other locations across the city. These improvements will introduce quardrails to shield motorists from leaving the roadway and reduce serious crashes, enhanced intersection lighting, and wider road shoulders at various locations.

The investment aligns with Logan City Council's commitment to getting residents home safely. Recent efforts, like night works to reduce daytime disruptions, demonstrate dedication to the cause.

Logan's roads are set to become safer, more reliable, and more convenient

### Message from your area Councillor



I am constantly inspired by the incredible members of our community who make Logan a great place to live. The new 'purple bench' on Carl Heck Boulevard stands as a tribute to the remarkable women of the Beenleigh Soroptimists and a solemn reminder of the domestic violence issues faced daily by some women and children in our community.

As Deputy Mayor for the City of Logan, I take pride in our efforts to enhance our local parks. In Division 4, we're gearing up for upgrades to KJ Asling Reserve and I'm excited to kick off the design work for the new Belivah park, ensuring long-lasting recreational opportunities for families.

I'm delighted to share that our persistent advocacy, alongside the community, has secured black spot funding for Veivers and Plunkett Roads. This has been a priority for our community, and this outcome is a testament to the power of collective action.

Logan is more than an emerging city; it's a thriving community where we collaborate for positive change. With these projects, I'm reminded daily of our city's incredible spirit and the work ahead. Together, I look forward to continuing to build a safer, more vibrant, and inclusive Logan for all residents.

Should you have any great ideas on how to make our corner of the world an even greater place to live, I'd love to hear from you.

Please email me at lauriekoranski@logan.qld.gov.au

### **Belivah Park** transformation: Community being heard!

Belivah is on the verge of a makeover, as Council continues to consult with the community for the enhancement of an untouched park area.

Local residents have been sharing their thoughts about the Belivah Park development, either in person or through emails and online feedback, creating a buzz of excitement.

The proposed design promises something for everyone, blending sports and recreation. Picture this: multi-use courts for tennis, basketball, and netball, a futsal court for soccer fans, skate and pump tracks, open spaces for kickabouts, play areas for the kids, and even scenic walking paths.

'I'm looking forward to continuing to plan this exciting new infrastructure for our growing local community,' Cr Laurie Koranski says.

As planning continues, Belivah Park will be set to become another jewel in the crown of local parks across the city!

#### Belivah Sports Park concept plan Option 1 – recreation park



Open kick-about area

Lighting

Pump track

1 Sealed car parking (74 spaces)

3 Basketball (multi-use) courts

6 Amenities building

Walk/cycle path network (with outdoor fitness equi B Play and picnic area







