

Division 3 NewsCr Mindy Russell



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Welcome to Division 3

Welcome to the fourth edition of the Division 3 newsletter.

I'm delighted to provide the latest updates from our corner of Logan, which encompasses Daisy Hill, Slacks Creek, and parts of Shailer Park and Underwood.

This marks the second biannual edition for 2023, where I'll be sharing some updates on just a few of the many exciting projects in the works.

These projects are designed to improve living in, what I consider, the best part of our city.

As a lifelong resident in the area, I continue to proudly represent our most precious asset – the community. I feel grateful to serve as the Councillor for Division 3 because of people like you.

As we head towards the end of the year, there will be more and more incredible community events to attend. Most will be free and all will be fantastic, so please keep an eye out for them over the coming months.

While I am out and about, I love having the opportunity to meet and talk with families.

I want to know about your hopes for the city's future, your valuable feedback, and your excellent ideas. You are welcome to get in touch via email, phone, or Facebook.

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Councillor Russell with pickleball players at Shailer Pioneer Park

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Pickleball at Shailer Pioneer Park



Newly added line markings at Shailer Pioneer Park's tennis courts mean the facility is now ready for another popular sport: pickleball.

Across Logan, pickleball is becoming more popular than ever. It's an inclusive community activity, bringing people of all ages and fitness levels together to connect, exercise and have fun.

When I recently gave it a go, I described it as 'playing ping pong, but standing on a giant table'.

With a modest investment from Division 3's Local Infrastructure Program funding, Shailer Park can now join the craze.

If you are an enthusiast looking for a place to play in the area, Shailer Pioneer Park is available day and night. If you're looking to get into the sport with a club or to find out more, I encourage you to reach out to Pickleball Southside.

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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

Play coming to Park Road

Timothy Park is set for some great new additions for families to enjoy in Slacks Creek.

The large yellow flying fox play equipment on Park Road will soon be extended to include swings, a rocker, and a play structure for tots.

One of my top priorities is to ensure children have safe and exciting places to play and make new friends.

Play supports brain development for children long before they start going to school and it's great to have a park within walking distance from home for families with young kids.

There are also new play and fitness upgrades in the works for Mabel Park on Paradise Road and Parkway Park in Daisy Hill, both walking distance from primary schools.

I am grateful for the positive feedback provided by residents in the area, and I can't wait to roll out more improvements.



Early concept design for the upgrades at Timothy Park.

Lovely loo at Homestead Park

Thanks to requests from residents, the Trinette Street end of Homestead Park will soon be upgraded with a public toilet facility. Works are anticipated to be completed by early 2024.

The long-awaited toilet block will cater for park users from Daisy Hill, Shailer Park and surrounds in one of the community's hubs for outdoor activities.

Homestead Park has the area's only outdoor futsal court, exercise equipment, dog off-leash areas and a very popular playground.

The addition of a toilet block will extend visits for people using the park for family gatherings, birthday parties, fitness, or quality time with their 4-legged friends.

The facility will not only improve the usability of the park, but also add extra charm with lovely nature-themed images. After securing funding for the project, I was excited to gather community feedback for the exterior artwork.

I shared 2 potential options on Facebook and the green design was a resounding success. This project is a fantastic example of how we can make the city better by working together. Please always feel welcome to contact me with your ideas.



The Family Place's 10th birthday

approaching

If you have a child under 10 in Logan, you're most likely aware of The Family Place, a community centre for young children and their families.

I certainly am and that's because I worked there for almost a decade before becoming a Councillor.

The Family Place's venue was initially a disused C&K kindergarten with a lot of potential. It was renovated by The Salvation Army's Community for Children team, along with staff and volunteers from other local not-for-profit organisations.

The program, which focuses on prevention and early support, is run by qualified staff and aims to be universally accessible and always free. In practice, the space provides a drop-in space for families, parenting programs, playgroups and more. There are a range of additional services provided by several partners,



which evolve with the needs of the community.

This popular centre attracts more than 300 visitors weekly and is about to turn 10 years old! Whether you're a past visitor, a regular attendee, or someone who's only learned about it today, you are welcome to celebrate this milestone at a Carnivale-themed event early in 2024.

To learn more, you can contact The Family Place team via phone, email or Facebook.

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