

Division 1 News

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Safety upgrades to busy traffic lights

It has been extremely pleasing to hear that 2 major Springwood intersections are headed for upgrades in early 2024.

Council will be upgrading the intersections on Dennis Road, Cinderella Drive and Barbarella Drive. The upgrade will improve road safety and traffic flow, in addition to providing quicker, more reliable travel times, which will provide welcome relief.

The intersection upgrade works will include the installation of new traffic signals, an exclusive right turn lane into Dennis Road and new pram ramps, kerb and channel and concrete footpaths. These will all contribute to improved safety for pedestrians using the intersection.

There will also be a new right-turn arrow signal at the intersection of Springwood Road into Dalton Court.

The change will remove the filter right-turn from Springwood Road onto Dalton Court and Springwood State High School. This means right turning vehicles are only allowed to turn in a right turn phase with a green arrow, and a red arrow will be displayed on Springwood Road to stop motorists filtering through opposing traffic on Springwood Road.

As part of this enhancement, Council will also separate traffic movements between Dalton Court and Springwood State High School to enhance pedestrian safety. This includes reprogramming the traffic signal to accommodate the new signal phasing sequence as well as modifying line markings and installing additional traffic signal lanterns.



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The Dennis Road, Cinderella Drive and Barbarella Drive intersections.

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Cycleway coming to Cinderella Drive

In early 2024, works will commence to construct a shared cyclist and pedestrian pathway along Cinderella Drive from Dennis Road to Springwood Road in Springwood.

This will provide a new link in our shared pathway network at Springwood, delivering greater connectivity to existing active travel infrastructure, public transport, and local shopping. If you live locally, it will be easier to walk your children, grandchildren, and furry friends to Springwood Park and the dog off-leash area.

Improving our off-road connections is so important to building a healthier and greener city.

The project is proudly supported by the Queensland Government's Cycle Network Local Government Grants Program.

Works are anticipated to be completed by mid–2024, subject to weather and site conditions.



Councillor Bradley at the Springwood dog park

Springwood Park masterplan update

The transformation of Springwood Park is now well underway. I am so pleased to see what new vibrance this will bring to a beloved green space in Springwood.

I want to thank everyone who gave their feedback on the Springwood Park playground consultation that ran on Council's Have Your Say page earlier this year. We received some great responses and have been able to make adjustments to the play features for younger children.

Council has been working hard to finalise plans. These include all-new playground equipment, shade sails and natural elements to complement the native features of the park like natural boulders and mulch soft fall.

My favourite part would have to be the inclusion of native stingless beehives, which will dot the park's creek lines. One of our most popular locations will now be able to support and sustain critical native wildlife while informing kids of their importance in local ecosystems!

The widening of the ring road is now nearing completion, with the addition of a new footpath, the planting of replacement trees and entrance bollards so we can close off the park for events.

The increasingly popular dog off-leash area will be well complemented by the Cinderella Drive shared pathway for pedestrians and cyclists. Construction is expected to begin in 2024.

We expect the playground and surrounds upgrades will start early next year, and while we are still in the construction phase, I encourage all park patrons to park in the allocated spaces on Briggs Road or Murrajong Road.



Game night lights on for Tallowood Park

There has been some exciting news for the East Springwood Rugby League Club Inc. The group will receive a lighting upgrade for its field in Tallowood Park in the first half of 2024.

Council will switch from halogen globes to more cost-effective and energy-efficient LED lighting.

The most impressive feature will be e-switch functionality, which will allow multiple club members to securely operate field lights from their smartphones. This also helps to save energy and in turn, lowers the electricity output and cost for the club, so more funds can be redirected into developing our future football stars.

A big congratulations to the under 14s that also made it to their semi-finals this year. Congratulations to all players, coaches and volunteers on another successful season.



Protecting native fish in Underwood Park lagoon

Council is working with a consultant to investigate the best approach to a pest fish management program at Underwood Park lagoon to remove the invasive Tilapia fish species that have exploded in population.

The freshwater Tilapia were first introduced to Australia in the 1970s and have since been deemed a restricted noxious fish under the *Queensland Biosecurity Act 2014*.

It is likely the Tilapia was introduced to Underwood Park lagoon as a bait fish or unfortunately dumped into the local waterway. These invaders are a serious threat to our native species as they compete for food sources and outnumber the local aquatic communities.

Tilapia can grow to more than 30 centimetres in length. They are often more resilient to conditions, allowing them to breed more rapidly than natives. They can also disturb aquatic plant beds, further impacting delicate ecosystems.

Every year, Council helps to eradicate the Tilapia as well as carp, Koi and other invasive fish species in our local waterways. As Underwood Park is rich in plants, fish, crustaceans, and bird life, we have decided that removing this pesky species is best left to professional contractors. This will ensure our lagoon is protected and that the Tilapia will be removed in line with best practice policies.

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







