

## **Division 12 News**

## Cr Karen Murphy



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## Thank you to the community

A massive thank you to all those who supported me in my re-election bid to represent the people of Division 12.

'4207 Heaven' is a community I have lived, worked, volunteered and raised my family in, and I'm incredibly honoured to have the opportunity to represent you in Council for another 4 years.

Congratulations to my fellow Councillors on being re-elected or newly appointed, and best wishes to our new Mayor Jon Raven. We will work hard for our residents and fight for the best outcomes for our city.

I have stepped up to take on the role of chairing the Governance and Special Budget Committee and will be working closely with the organisation over the next weeks to deliver the 2024 budget for the city. Congratulations to our new Deputy Mayor Scott Bannan, Councillor Miriam Stemp as the new chair of the City Planning, Economic Development and Environment Committee, and Councillor Tony Hall who returns as the chair of the Lifestyle Committee.

There will be heaps of projects happening in Division 12 and across the City of Logan. Please follow my social media for updates along the way.

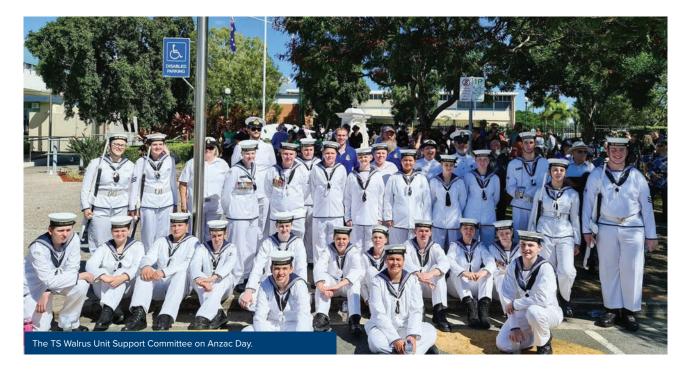
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## **TS Walrus preserving tradition**

We express our heartfelt appreciation for the TS Walrus Unit Support Committee and their presence at both the Beenleigh and Eagleby services, where they honoured the tradition of the catafalque party on Anzac Day.

Their commitment to preserving this solemn occasion is commendable.

TS Walrus, situated right here in Eagleby, serves as a beacon for our youth. It provides a nurturing environment where they can learn essential life skills, build discipline and cultivate self-confidence.

The organisation encourages young people to step out of their comfort zones, fostering personal growth and resilience.

Moreover, the camaraderie formed within its walls allows for the creation of lasting friendships.

In this vibrant hub, our youth not only acquire knowledge, but also

experience the joy of learning. TS Walrus embodies the spirit of community, instilling values that will shape futures.

We celebrate their dedication to our young generation, as they continue to make a positive impact in our local community!

For more information about TS Walrus, please contact the committee at walrususc@hotmail.com or visit the unit at 1-13 Ramu Street, Eagleby.

### **Meet your Councillor**

#### A little about yourself:

Growing up on a cattle farm in the north west of Gympie, I learned the value of hard work. Assisting my parents and extended family on the farm before and after school was tough but rewarding. My teenage years were filled with sports and hours at the local netball and Little Athletics clubs. These experiences taught me the importance of fundraising, volunteering, coaching and community involvement. After high school, I moved to Brisbane where I initially worked in childcare. Later, I transitioned to banking and continued working and living in Logan, where I learned about finance. These were the life skills that I used to start a construction and real estate company, and I continue to use these skills in my role as a Councillor.

#### What are you passionate about?

I'm passionate about our youth, because they are the future leaders of our community. We need to make sure that we are handing over a better world for them and future generations – I want to be part of this movement.

### What do you love about the City of Logan?

This community is where Cameron and I chose to call home. We have lived, worked, and raised our family here ever since, and I'm very proud to call '4207 Heaven' home.

#### What are your priorities for Division 12?

To continue with planned projects, see them through to completion, and plan for the future. Planned projects include:

- > Beenleigh pool redevelopment
- > Chris Green Park Clubhouse
- > Doug Larsen Park playground upgrade
- > Upgrades to divisional community assets and much more

These projects will provide community members with awesome parks and facilities to use. I aim to support our city's growth through business and solid infrastructure and development, to ensure a stable financial position for Council and our residents.

# Celebrating history and community

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Rotary Club of Beenleigh for their unwavering dedication in making the Beenleigh Cane Parade & Gala Ball 2024 a reality!

Their efforts have brought our community together for a day filled with joy, celebration and cherished memories, while also showcasing our community's rich history.

This year, it was proudly announced that Scripture Union Chappies of Beenleigh was the official charity partner for the event. Our chappies work tirelessly within our local schools, uplifting and supporting our community's



youth and families through their commitment to education and care.

We sincerely thank the Rotary Club for believing in our vision and for their dedication to reviving this historic event.

Together we are weaving something truly extraordinary, and it wouldn't be possible without their invaluable contributions to our community.

## **Getting the job done**

The Beenleigh Aquatic Centre services an area with more than 50,000 residents and I'm pleased to announce work has started to construct a new 50-metre pool and other upgrades!

The Beenleigh Aquatic Centre upgrade will deliver:

- A new 50-metre 8-lane heated outdoor swimming pool
- > Expanded water play area
- Modern and accessible changerooms
- Bookable multipurpose rooms, perfect for parties and celebrations
- > Shaded outdoor seating
- > Kiosk

The current pool had served the local community well for almost 60 years, but it is time for a new era at the facility.

I'm looking forward to seeing that connection continue at this spacious new facility, which will cater to everyone from competitive lap swimmers and school swim carnival participants, to our smallest children just looking for a fun splash around.

As the Beenleigh Brass Band shelter in Centenary Park will be demolished as part of the project, the band will be using the Crete Street Theatre during construction. When the aquatic centre is complete, the band will have access to a dedicated storeroom, as well as a multipurpose room and stage. A squad room will also be constructed for the local swimming club.

We expect the project to be completed in late 2025. Please visit lccqld.com/beenleigh-aquatic if you would like to follow progress.



# Mayor's message



Firstly, I'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who voted in the recent local government elections.

I feel incredibly humbled to be chosen as Mayor of the youngest, most diverse and fastest-growing city in Queensland. If you ask me, it's also the greatest city, and I know I'm not the only one who feels that way.

Our community spirit is what sets us apart, and it is why people who live in Logan love it. Businesses are seeing our potential and more people want to make Logan their home.

My pledge to you is that I will talk up our success stories and promote our amazing community. I want to change our reputation from what it's always been, to what we know it can be. To make that happen, I will fight for our city to get the investment it needs.

Recently Council announced we're trialling a new method of encouraging grass growth at one of our parks, using recycled textiles. Supporting local businesses to explore new ideas is a priority for Council, especially when those ideas help reduce waste heading to landfill or create new revenue streams.

We're also building a second Olympic-sized pool for the city due to open next year. Logan residents have told me loud and clear they want to stay active and spend time with their families – and I'm proud we are delivering that. These are just a couple of ways we are transforming Logan to better serve our growing communities.

To find out more about upcoming projects, please stay in touch with your local Councillor and me on our social media accounts, and on the Logan City Council website.

I'm looking forward to an amazing 4 years as your Mayor.

**Mayor Jon Raven**City of Logan



