



# Division 2 News

## Cr Teresa Lane



June 2024

## NAIDOC celebrations on 9 July

The City of Logan hosts one of the most popular NAIDOC celebrations in South East Queensland, with residents joining together to celebrate all things First Nations at the Kingston Butter Factory Cultural Precinct.

After attendees are met by local Elders, the day will open with a Welcome to Country from the traditional owners, followed by a smoking ceremony. The smoking ceremony is used to expel bad spirits and provide protection to people who are gathered there on the day.

The Logan District Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation for Elders has worked hard with partners to make almost every aspect of the day free for attendees, from free train tickets to amusement rides, craft and cooking activities, hot food, drinks and fruit.

If you are interested in celebrating NAIDOC Week, please head down to the Kingston Butter Factory on 9 July – gates open at 9 am.



Elders Aunty Marg Finlay and Uncle Terry Stedman with Cr Lane and Mayor Jon Raven.

## Upcoming works

A number of Council works are coming up in the next few months for Division 2, as parks, roads and water networks are upgraded.

With Council's budget planning underway, I am planning for a range of upgrades that cover Underwood, Logan Central, Woodridge and Kingston to address issues important to each suburb.

These planned projects include:

- › Basketball courts for local parks
- › New playground equipment as part of park upgrades
- › The opening of the new youth hub next to Logan Central Library

- › Upgrades to sporting clubs and community centres
- › Improvements to community-leased facilities
- › New trunk infrastructure for water and sewage
- › City beautification projects, large and small, as funds become available
- › Public art projects using existing hard infrastructure

As these plans progress, I will be hosting community consultations with each area to get your feedback.

### Local contacts:

Logan City Council and Logan Water (24 hrs): **3412 3412**  
Animal Ambulance: **1300 264 625**  
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# 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

## Staying active

Physical activity is vital to a healthy lifestyle and a healthy community.

Here in Division 2, we are fortunate to have so many wonderful local events, services, activities and opportunities to join in on.

Our not-for-profits and community centres are great hubs where people can go and join activities for free or at a low cost. The variety of activities ranges from belly dancing, indoor lawn bowls, learning a craft and garden clubs, to chair yoga, tai chi and fun experiences like weaving, sewing and making toys. Please take

the time to get in touch and see what regular and special activities are coming up.

Our recreational parks across the city are changing the way we play. There's nature play at Eridani Park, a ninja course for the super fit at Glindemann Park, and carousels in smaller local parks that allow children with physical challenges to play with their friends on swings.

I am proud of each and every upgrade in our community because it creates a real benefit for residents of all ages and abilities.

## Community feedback

Being out in the community is a great way to gauge community sentiment on a range of issues that are of concern to you.

One of the most common comments is the mowing of our public parks and spaces. Local residents have indicated they are concerned by the frequency of mowing and the appearance of the mown spaces.

Council has listened to those concerns in our area and is engaging additional contractors. We are also working out which parks need additional mowing during peak growing seasons.

I have asked officers to review and spot check parks, dog off-leash areas, playground edges, public verges and footpaths where householders are not mowing.

The second most frequently raised issue is the reporting of hooning activity in our local streets. For some, hooning activity can become a nightly occurrence that causes loss of sleep, anxiety and unsightly road surfaces. I meet regularly with the Queensland Police Service to raise residents' concerns. If you are experiencing hooning, please phone the dedicated hooning line on 134 666.

While police may not be able to attend immediately due to attending higher priority requests for service,

they do collate reports provided by the community to organise police operations, so please keep reporting.

The last issue in the top 3 concerns is illegal dumping of rubbish in suburban streets, public parks and road reserves.

While the majority of residents are wonderful and do the right thing, there is a growing number of residents who are illegally putting their discarded household items on the kerbside outside of annual kerbside collection dates. For their neighbours, this unsightly accumulation is frustrating and embarrassing for our proud Logan community. For Council, the cost of fixing this puts pressure on the annual budget which is reflected in our rates notices.

Council's Illegal Dumping Taskforce issued more than \$500,000 in fines to illegal dumpers over the past year.

Last year, public reporting helped the taskforce save ratepayers \$579,000 in clean up costs by having illegal dumping offenders remove 45 per cent of illegally dumped waste at their own expense.

Illegal dumping damages our environment, our residential streets and costs ratepayers significant amounts in clean up bills each year. If you see it, report it.





Cr Lane with local residents at Eridani Park.

## Road safety

Residents often raise concerns relating to speeding, parking or driver behaviour in our local streets, school carparks and on the connecting streets to major state-controlled roads.

Each time an issue is raised, I ask Council's roads planning branch to investigate and provide options that improve traffic safety. Some complaints are not deemed safety risks, while others proceed to design options and I then go out to consultation with impacted residents.

Some of the traffic improvements requested include yellow 'no parking' lines, marked parking bays, no parking, the removal of timed parking and road safety treatments including traffic islands, speed humps, chicanes, raised traffic markers and wombat crossings.

Requests for enforcement of speeding and other hooning offences can also be lodged with Queensland Police Service at 13 HOON (13 4666), in person at your nearest Police Beat or Police Station, or via their website.

If you have other concerns about traffic safety in the community, please get in touch with me to discuss this.

## Fun times for Division 2

Local volunteer groups make our community a better place to live in, and I was proud to join with the Woodridge LC5 Neighbourhood Watch Group and other sponsors to host an Easter celebration for Division 2 residents at Ewing Park.

With more than 1,000 people at the park on the day enjoying free activities and services, the event was a great success for everyone.

We are fortunate that sponsors Jim Chalmers MP, Cameron Dick MP, Mayor Jon Raven, Logan City Council and Woolworths all contributed funding to make the day completely free for everyone.

Residents enjoyed an animal farm, face painting, snow cones, fairy floss, sausage sizzle, free train rides with the Logan Model Train Engineering Society and games organised by the SES, Scouts and other volunteers.

The Easter egg hunt I sponsored was an absolute ripper.

Our Queensland Police Service partners and Queensland Fire and Emergency Services were also there on the day.

Volunteering is a great way to make a difference in the lives of other residents. If you are interested in volunteering, please get in touch with me.



Cr Lane making snow cones.

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