



# Division 3 News

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# A little change could have a big impact on local families' budgets

As I visit residents across Division 3, regardless of whether it is in Daisy Hill, Underwood, Shailer Park, or Slacks Creek, it's clear that we are all feeling the pinch financially.

The ever-increasing cost of living is challenging us to find creative ways to save our dollars. The one bill that we all need to keep paying to survive is our groceries, and we can't do anything to reduce it ... or can we?

Places like the Impact Care Services Food Outlet are proving to be a great alternative to the mainstream grocery

stores, with high quality products and at a much more affordable price.

The Food Outlet was formed by Impact Church and is run by trainees and local volunteers. They are open to the community Monday to Friday 9:30 am to 1:30 pm.

A widespread misconception is that services like this are only intended for those who can't otherwise afford groceries. However, Impact welcomes all members of the community. In fact, proceeds fund community-based support programs, so you won't be

taking away from people in need when you shop here. Instead, you'll be supporting locals who need it most – so what are you waiting for?

I encourage you to also investigate the following additional fantastic discount food services, local to us in Division 3: Loaves and Fishes Street Meet Care Services, Tribe of Judah Care Services, Hope Centre Logan, Agape Community Pantry, and Lighthouse Care. You can find these details on my Facebook page.

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(From right) Cr Russell with Estashe Kegabo, Jaylan Martens, Tony Thai, Maykayla Barry, Letesha Long-Gentle and Heath Henwood.

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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

# A huge thank you!

Welcome to the first edition of the Division 3 newsletter for the 2024 to 2028 term.

This publication, which will share some of our area's most exciting projects, will land in your letterbox twice a year.

Thank you to the 11,291 of you from Daisy Hill, Slacks Creek, and parts of Shailer Park and Underwood, for entrusting and supporting me to return as your Councillor.

I have jumped straight back into the role with fresh eyes, searching for big and little things that could be fixed or improved for everyone to enjoy. One of my projects has been assessing every toilet block

in our public parks. I've been reporting issues to ensure they are clean, stocked, and ready for families to enjoy our parks for long and wonderful visits outdoors.

To keep our city beautiful and safe, I invite you to report any issues that you notice. Examples include graffiti, damaged play equipment, overflowing public bins, overhanging trees on footpaths, missing or damaged signs, dumped rubbish, roaming animals, or abandoned vehicles. These can be reported through the channels below.

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@ [council@logan.qld.gov.au](mailto:council@logan.qld.gov.au)

# All welcome at Logan North Aquatic Centre

The ongoing improvements continue at the Logan North Aquatic Centre in Underwood.

I'm really pleased to share with you the latest completed project, which is a fresh new changerooms and amenities block.

The next time you go for a dip, a day out, or a dunk under the splash pad bucket, you'll discover that you now have a state-of-the-art new facility to get changed in. It includes 5 unisex toilet cubicles (including 2 ambulant compliant cubicles), 5 change cubicles with showers, and external wash basins.

Whole-of-community inclusivity and safety have been the design priorities.

An impressive addition is a fully compliant Changing Places facility

for both adults and children.

Changing Places provides suitable facilities for people who are not accommodated by standard accessible toilets. Therefore, this allows residents with high support needs to enjoy the centre for longer visits, without the concerns of accessing an appropriate toilet.

The newly installed facility will include features like a height-adjustable adult-sized change table, a constant-charging ceiling track hoist system, an automatic door with a clear opening of 950 millimetres at minimum, a centrally-located peninsula toilet, and more circulation space than standard accessible toilets.

As a community, we can be proud to ensure that these new amenities allow for all residents to enjoy our public facilities.

# Help co-design our Mabel Park waterway to bring it back to nature!

Council is investing in an innovative naturalisation project for the waterway that runs through Mabel Park.

This exciting project aims to improve habitat for our aquatic and land wildlife while establishing community connection with the waterway.

Around 600 metres of Council-owned land, including a 200-metre concrete-lined channel, will be restored with native plants and nature play spaces.

This \$1.375 million project is co-funded by Logan City Council and the Australian Government.

I would love to hear your ideas on how to co-design this waterway.

Come along to our Mabel Park Pop-Up events:

- > Sunday, 16 June from 10 am to noon
- > Wednesday, 26 June from 9 am to 11 am

We'll also reach out to our awesome local school students, have a 'Have Your Say' online engagement survey and we'll be at the Logan Eco Action Festival on Sunday, 2 June, at Griffith University in Meadowbrook.

Please follow my Facebook page, @MindyRussellDivision3, for updates on upcoming events and projects. Looking forward to all your great ideas and how we can make our community spaces even better.



(From left) Cr Russell with former Logan Mayor Darren Power, Tanya Pilbersek MP and Mabel Park State High School students.



Cr Russell enjoying the new pathway with local residents.

## The road to Gunungai

Something I'm passionate about as a Councillor is connecting up Division 3 to help everyone get around safely and easily. A huge benefit we have in our part of the city is that we can often get places without a car.

Greater connectivity sometimes requires a big infrastructure project like the Gunungai Bridge, which connected Reserve Park to the service road last year and will eventually join the future dedicated V1 Veloway.

In other instances, small changes – like the new pathway between the disability parking bays to Reserve Park and the Gunungai Bridge – can make all the difference.

Residents Mel and Shane have commented that they see dozens of pedestrians using the new pathway every day to get around the parkland. One of the pedestrians is their grandson Harry, 3, who loves scooting up and down on his trike.

Please feel welcome to contact me if you know of a missing link in the footpath network, which could improve your experience travelling around Division 3. You can reach me at [mindyrussell@logan.qld.gov.au](mailto:mindyrussell@logan.qld.gov.au) or 3412 5503.

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