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RIDING TO THE TOP

**BMX tricks
on show**



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From the Mayor's chair

'WE NEED TO DO THINGS DIFFERENTLY AND BETTER'

Can you believe we're already well into the second half of the year?

Your Councillors and I have all been very busy over the last few months working to make our city great, not just for right now, but for the long term.

Our first step has already begun: we are changing Logan's reputation.

Everywhere I go, I am flying the flag for your city. I tell everyone I meet about Logan's huge potential, our amazing community and encourage them to bring their investment and jobs here.

We are a city that's only two thirds built, with the youngest and most diverse community in Queensland, so the opportunities here are worth celebrating and promoting.

If we're going to reach the full potential that Logan has, we need to do things differently and better.

We want your great ideas. They won't all get taken up – but if you've got them, I want to hear about them.

Community consultation is so important to me. In August I began doing a regular community listening tour of local shopping centres, starting with the Logan Hyperdome.

Keep an eye out for when 'Meet the Mayor' is next in your area and come along to have a chat with me. I invite you to share your feedback for ways to make our city's future even brighter.

Since the election, we've already achieved great things for Logan.

Through the budget, with the support of Councillors, I delivered on my commitment to provide the funding

for 24 new mobile and covert cameras to address hooning hotspots or other anti-social behaviour in our parks and public places.

The budget also included \$1.8 million over 2 years for a new rapid-response road pavement repair team with a primary focus on potholes, as well as Council's first step to make rates fairer – with early payment discounts being rolled out to owner occupiers (in the Residential 1 category).

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It means a vast majority of owner-occupiers get a bigger discount now than they did last year!

Ratepayers around our city will benefit from the big infrastructure projects on the way too.

Logan is getting its second Olympic-sized swimming pool, with construction on the Beenleigh Aquatic Centre upgrade already happening.

Work on Teviot Road is starting soon, there's the new Waterford West District Park on the way and, of course, the Loganlea Road upgrade.

As part of our 2032 City of Logan Legacy Roadmap, we progressed plans for a multi-purpose

community venue that will support a wide range of community activities including sports training and official competitions, conferences, exhibitions and corporate events.

It also sets us in good stead as our region continues to plan for the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

At the same time, Logan City Council has continued to invest in the programs and services our city needs and our community expects.

We have first-rate facilities including some of the best parks in South East Queensland, incredible sports grounds, well-loved libraries and community centres that connect people from all walks of life.

Community spirit is what Logan is known for, which is why your Councillors and I are so grateful to serve as your representatives every day.

– Mayor Jon Raven



Wraparound cover photo

Pictured front: Kayla McCormick
Location: Beenleigh Skate Park,
at Doug Larsen Park, Beenleigh
Photographer: Travis Cottrell,
of Fullframe Photographics

Logan City Council acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land, pays respect to Elders past, present and emerging and extends that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the City of Logan. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are advised that images of people who may now be deceased may appear in this magazine.

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Pedal to the medal

With an impressive 3 BMX freestyle national titles already under her belt, Kayla McCormick, 15, is gearing up for the ultimate milestone – the Brisbane 2032 Summer Olympics.

She's more motivated than ever to compete for her country after seeing her role models – Logan's own Tokyo 2020 gold medallist Logan Martin and Gold Coaster Natalya Diehm – perform some amazing tricks at the recent Paris 2024 Olympics.

Seeing Natalya win bronze in Paris meant a lot to Kayla. As the first Australian woman to win an Olympic medal in BMX freestyle, Natalya's message for young and female BMX riders was to follow their dreams.

'I'm so proud of Nat – seeing her get that podium place makes the Olympics so much more real to me and makes me want to achieve it even more,' Kayla says.

At age 5, Kayla enjoyed bike racing with her brother and by age 8, was already showing potential for becoming an elite athlete.

Now she has been identified as an Olympic prospect for BMX freestyle

by the You For 2032 program, designed by the Queensland Academy of Sport.

By 2032 for the Brisbane Games, Kayla will be age 23 – marking 18 years of BMX riding.

The youth sport program matches young talents with the sport they have the most potential to succeed in at an elite level.

Kayla's mother Wendy says her daughter will be 'the perfect age' to achieve peak performance by 2032.

'She will have had enough time to build resilience and gain experience,' Wendy says.

Kayla's track record is already leading the way, winning the AusCycling BMX Freestyle National Championships twice – first as the Under 15 champion in 2023, then as the 2024 Australian Amateur Women's champion.

She also scooped the Amateur Women's champion title at the Oceania BMX Freestyle Championships this year in March.

Kayla's coach and City of Logan local Nathan 'Lanky' Phillips says the sky is the limit for her.

'Her ability to focus when necessary and not muck around during important moments is what has carried her as far as she's come,' Nathan says.

'I'm seeing similarities in her riding to Natalya Diehm when she was Kayla's age, so I certainly expect big things of her.'

Kayla is already under the spotlight as part of the *Progression Playground* exhibition at the Living Museum of Logan in Kingston. The exhibition celebrates the local BMX freestyle scene and today's new generation of riders, and will run until June 2025.

Kayla says she feels 'honoured' to be among the local riders being featured.

'It's so good to see females being recognised and celebrated,' Kayla says. 'It is kind of surreal to see myself up on the screen with my riding gear and one of my national medals.'

'The process of being included has been so much fun and Ross Lavender, the BMX historian, has been so supportive and encourages me so much to keep shredding.'

As a person of colour and one of only a handful of girls at such a high level



Kayla McCormick at the exhibition.
Photographer: Josh Woning

The *Progression Playground* exhibition depicts the evolution of Logan's BMX freestyle scene and shines a spotlight on the sport and generations of riders.

Curated by BMX freestyle historian and rider Ross D Lavender, the free exhibition runs until June 2025, at the Living Museum of Logan within the Kingston Butter Factory Cultural Precinct.

MORE INFO

- lccqld.com/bmx-exhibition
- Living Museum Of Logan, 270 Jacaranda Avenue, Kingston

in the sport, Kayla says it took courage to start riding with the boys at local skate parks.

She felt like an outsider at first, but quickly realised how inclusive and supportive the BMX community is.

Although her mum Wendy initially balked at the idea of her daughter participating in such an extreme sport, it's turning out to be a wild and rewarding ride.

'Kayla is South African, Afro-Caribbean and Irish and she's often the only person of colour at BMX freestyle events,' Wendy says.

'Sometimes those boys can look incredibly fierce, but they really just love everyone who's willing to turn up and have a go.

'Kayla's a good little shredder and that's how she got their respect.'

Kayla says she is proud of how far she's come in the sport and the new connections she's made.

She hopes her success so far, and the many achievements that she hopes lay ahead of her, will inspire other girls to join the sport and reach the Olympic podium one day.

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Kayla McCormick is full of tricks on her BMX at Beenleigh Skate Park.
Photographer: Travis Cottrell

BREWING a new narrative

A Loganholme business is brewing change by celebrating the connection between Country, community and coffee.

Dhuwa Coffee, which means 'to feel alive' in the Bidjara language, is the first Indigenous-owned coffee brand sold in major supermarkets around Australia.

'We view our coffee as reconciliation in a cup,' Adam Williams, a proud Wiradjuri man, says in his role as co-founder of Dhuwa Coffee.

'We're doing it our way – we control the entire supply chain and go hard with our artwork that this brand is owned and produced by Indigenous creators.

'People see our product on the shelves at Woolies or wherever, and it sparks that conversation.'

Although Adam's goal is to produce the best-tasting brews in the country, it's about more than just coffee.

The business serves a greater purpose, with each cup of Dhuwa Coffee building on the legacy of coffee farming, while providing employment to Indigenous communities in Australia and beyond.

'We run this business like the communities we were brought up in – it's people first, with no closed doors and where everyone is asked for their opinion,' Adam says.

'Over time, we stopped going out to community groups to search for Indigenous employees because people know that we've created a culturally safe workplace for Aboriginal candidates.'

Farther from home, Adam spends time throughout the year working with traditional landowners in countries such as Papua New Guinea and Sri Lanka, helping farmers with road

building projects and sustainable farming practices.

To meet growing demand from international markets including the United States and India, Dhuwa Coffee currently has the capacity to roast 10 tonnes of beans weekly.

These beans also contribute to a number of charities such as Dreaming Futures, which supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care to improve education and employment outcomes.

Adam, whose vision is to create a more equitable society, says conversation is key to finding pathways towards reconciliation.

'We have 65,000 years of history that we can all embrace – really just have a listen and make up your own opinion,' he says.

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People see our product on the shelves ... and it sparks that conversation

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Dhuwa Coffee
co-founder
Adam Williams.

Photographer:
Josh Woning.



Behind the scenes in Kingston during the filming of short film *Erzi* by local filmmaker Kailani D'Amour, who is an entrant in the new Logan film festival.

From NYC to local underdog

After winning film awards in America, Hong Kong, Japan and Australia, Kailani D'Amour hopes to continue her winning streak as an 'underdog' of Logan culture.

The Rochedale South filmmaker is ready to make her mark at the City of Logan's inaugural Underdog Film Fest this September.

At 18, she scooped up her first international win at the 2018 Los Angeles Film Awards, followed by other events such as the New York Film Awards. Now, aged 24, Kailani is pitching her talents in a new film festival on home turf.

With co-director Tin Huyen Pham, Kailani has submitted a drama short titled *Erzi* – which means 'son' in Chinese – a story about immigrant family dynamics, dreams and healing.

'I'm glad something's finally happening in Logan. A lot of artists live here now and I hope it encourages filmmakers to continue their craft,' Kailani says.

In the short, *Erzi* clashes with his mother over his decision to become a professional musician.

This leads the mother to contemplate her own relationship with her parents and their experiences of hardship.

She then has to decide whether she will support *Erzi* with his life journey.

While tackling the complexities of intergenerational conflict, the simple story holds a deeper universality that can be felt by anyone who has ever doubted their dreams.

'After screening at St Kilda and the Gold Coast Film Festival this year, a lot of people came up to say even though they weren't the exact demographic, they could relate to *Erzi*'s story,' Kailani says.

'We are often persuaded to forget the significance of art to instead focus on productivity and stability, so we hope *Erzi* inspires people,' Kailani explains, revealing that the central message of the film is something she and Tin have experienced first-hand as Asian Australians.

While Kailani earned teaching qualifications as a 'back-up' career

before pursuing film, Tin faced his parents' initial disapproval after quitting his law degree to pursue a career in filmmaking.

'Representation in art is essential and I'm thrilled there are finally more Asian stories coming to screen,' Kailani says.

She says Logan's diverse landscapes were the perfect backdrop for the short film, which includes scenes filmed in Kingston and Bethania.

One of *Erzi*'s most poignant moments is set in the tranquil parklands of Bethania's Jeta Gardens retirement village, complete with a shimmering lake and ornate Chinese bridge.

'Working with the cast, Tracie Filmer and Logan So, and our local crew was an absolute dream – they brought the story to life,' Kailani says.

'I feel very fortunate to live in Logan where there are so many filmmaking opportunities close by.

'It'll be exciting to meet other local artists during the Underdog Film Fest.'

Underdog Film Fest finalists will have their entries screened and celebrated on 21 September at Kingston Butter Factory Cultural Precinct.



From left: Tin Huyen Pham, Tracie Filmer, Logan So and Kailani D'Amour on the film set.

TICKETS

lccqld.com/film-fest

Rum icon's 140th year

It's time locals throughout the City of Logan rediscover a tasty experience in their own backyard at Beenleigh Artisan Distillery, which is preparing to celebrate its 140th anniversary in style.

That's the message Ross Adams is sharing with the community as new venue manager for the historic site, overseeing a new tour, tasting experience and the new Distillery Restaurant that opened this year.

'So many locals may not know what is so exciting about visiting the property now, and we'd love to see them come back in because there are a lot of reasons to return,' Ross says.

'We'd love them to visit and not only try the rum-inspired menu, but immerse themselves in the spirit of the distillery and the story behind it.'

Speaking of the past, the distillery is preparing for its 140th year with a public celebration on 19 October, including tastings and the release of a new bottle for the occasion.

Ross explains that many people driving past the striking red distillery shed for the past 10 years or so, may still be in the dark about how the distillery's operations have evolved.



Beenleigh Artisan Distillery's new venue manager Ross Adams explains the new restaurant menu.

This includes a new Visitor Centre and Artisan Rum Bar.

'When Bickfords Group purchased the business back in 2012, our mission and goal was to bring back the heritage, and bring back the liquid as well,' Ross says.

'So now we have an amazing kitchen, a distillery tour and tasting of not just rum products, but our wider portfolio from our South Australian partners too. There is also a fun tasting for children of different cordials.

'People can spend the day here on site – with dining and drinks, and experience the distillery itself with a walk around the famous red shed.'

Ross recommends must-try menu items of the wagyu burger or beef ribs covered in a signature rum barbecue sauce that has a growing fan base.

As for refreshments, these include the rum and cola that just won gold at the Australian Spirits Awards, and the New York International Spirits winning rum of the year.



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Pride and joy taking centre stage

The inaugural pride festival for the City of Logan will celebrate joy and belonging on 12 October at the Kingston Butter Factory Cultural Precinct.

Coinciding with International Coming Out Day on 11 October, the Loud & Proud Logan festival embraces the identities and shared experiences of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning, intersex and asexual/agender (LGBTQIA+) community.

The multi-arts festival will spotlight the work of the LGBTQIA+ community with art exhibitions, live performances, film screenings and more.

Event organiser Ali Strachan hopes Loud & Proud Logan is just the beginning of a greater cultural shift in the city.

'An event like this allows us to increase visibility, start meaningful

conversations and dispel stigmas around what it means to be LGBTQIA+ with positive stories and role models from within the community,' she says.

The festival's lineup includes more than 110 LGBTQIA+ artists and performers who embody pride, including award-winning drag queens Lulu LeMans and Scarlett Fever, who will be performing in one of Logan's most iconic arts and entertainment venues, the Butterbox Theatre.

Also performing will be Brisbane Pride Choir, with choir president and Daisy Hill resident Kelly Houston excited to be a part of the inaugural event.

'When I was growing up, there wasn't a huge amount of visibility – we were very much in the closet,' Kelly says.

'This event will show our young people that it's totally safe in our community to be who you are, your true authentic self.'

A nod to other pride events from around the world, Loud & Proud Logan is both a community celebration and a reaffirmation of allyship with the LGBTQIA+ community.

'Our city is full of incredible people working hard for our community, yet all the support for the LGBTQIA+ community happens behind closed doors – but with visibility comes awareness,' Ali says.

'Kingston Butter Factory has been hugely supportive, and we know Logan has a huge heart.'

Loud & Proud Logan is supported by Logan City Council and the Queensland Government via the Investing in Queensland Women Fund and Creative Australia through the Australian Cultural Fund. It's also supported by Bulk Nutrients and Pride Foundation Australia.



The Brisbane Pride Choir putting their vocal talents to work during a performance. Photo: Annie Dove, Ethereal Images

The best of **LOGAN**

Half a century gap between studies

There's no time like the present when it comes to building your qualifications, if Dr Col McCowan OAM is anything to go by.

Now 79, Dr McCowan, of Waterford, has just earned a doctorate from the University of Southern Queensland (USQ) – half a century after gaining his first tertiary qualification.

When Dr McCowan graduated with a PhD on 25 June this year, it cemented his reputation as a living legend in the career development field.

Dr McCowan's international work throughout his career includes developing and implementing career guidance and employment systems in Bhutan, India, Mongolia, Oman, Thailand and Vietnam.

His industry peers refer to him as the 'grandfather of career development' for his pivotal role as a leader in career development policy discussions at state, national, and international levels.

He has also received the Medal of the Order of Australia in recognition of his extensive service to tertiary education.

USQ Head of School and Dean (Education) Associate Professor Peter Cook says Dr McCowan's work had profoundly impacted countless individuals and communities in Australia and internationally.

Peter says Dr McCowan's work has been instrumental, from vocational guidance and career education



Dr Col McCowan OAM

to career counselling and the development of standards and training for career development professionals.

'Dr McCowan's international contributions demonstrate his commitment to sharing his expertise and improving career development practices globally,' Peter says.

Dr McCowan's PhD research focused on the psychometric properties of career education and development scales designed for students across primary, secondary, and tertiary education in other countries.

'Emergency relief' is a term heard so often after storms, floods and fires ... but before anyone can benefit from the assistance, there are people behind the scenes organising it.

Jimboomba's Sarah Weir is one of those compassionate people, and was recently thanked by Logan City Council for her community service after the Christmas Day storms.

Sarah was awarded the Volunteer of the Year Frank Lenz Memorial Award at the 2024 City of Logan Volunteer Awards. Working with the Rotary Club of Jimboomba, Sarah co-ordinated emergency relief support services from the Jimboomba Community and District Hall – some residents had no power for up to 14 weeks.

The services provided meals, food donations, access to laundry services and a safe place for residents.

Sarah also gave regular online updates and worked with various organisations and groups during the storm clean-up.

The annual awards also saw the Davida Steele Memorial Award for Outstanding Community Organisation awarded to 4207 Helping Hands, run by founder Claire Allen from her Beenleigh home. She offers a barter system to swap donated items for groceries to go into hampers for the community.

Volunteer of the Year Sarah Weir



With a gruelling 6-day training schedule, Lin Zhu, 9, has the discipline of someone twice her age.

The reigning table tennis champion in Queensland's Under 11 Teams category also recently scooped a silver medal at the Queensland Open Women's Championships and a bronze medal in the national Under 11 event.

When asked what drives her to keep winning, Lin displays the candor of a 9-year-old. 'Because my mum keeps pushing me,' she says with a smile.

Giovanni Cnapich, South East Queensland Table Tennis Club manager, says Lin's achievements at such a young age are incredible.

'Most kids at her level seek international training to improve, while Lin is a true local player and has received all her training in Queensland,' Giovanni says.

'Her results are a testament to the power of determination and will.

'Table tennis is so difficult to master at a high level – this kid is so special and we are so proud of how she handles herself on and off court.'

This year and into the future, Lin hopes to win many more medals and make more new friends.

Table tennis champion Lin Zhu



Food farm for koalas

What began as a school project now feeds sick and injured koalas throughout the City of Logan, as well as teaching students they can truly make a difference.

A student project for a 'koala fodder farm' of eucalypt seedlings has now sprouted into reality on the grounds of Yarrabilba State Secondary College.

Chris Gauthier, the school's Ecology and Sustainability Academy teacher, says each koala feeds on 6 to 10 branches of leaves every day so there needs to be a constant supply.

Yarrabilba students have already helped plant hundreds of eucalypts, including 200 trees recently funded by a Logan City Council EnviroGrant to buy soil, fertiliser and seedlings.

'The first location started in 2021 now has about 300 trees, and is already



Yarrabilba State Secondary College teacher Chris Gauthier helps his student plant the fodder farm.

used by Wildcare Australia to harvest branches from there,' Chris says.

'We also have 150 trees at the back of the oval, and will have more areas.

'The important thing we are teaching students as well, is that they can step up and do something through their actions at school at the fodder farm.'

The farm idea has also been shared with Cedar Creek State School and Flagstone State Community College.

Also a Wildcare volunteer and wildlife rescuer with a degree in Zoology, Chris teaches the 3 main reasons

local koalas are under threat – from disease, vehicle strikes and dogs.

'It's now koala breeding season and the dispersal of last year's joeys that are on the move,' Chris says. 'So be mindful between dusk and dawn of koalas crossing roads, keep dogs in at night or contained outside, and have fences that give a way out of the yard.'

MORE INFO

Report sick/injured wildlife:
Wildcare Australia 5527 2444 or
RSPCA 1300 264 625

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Koalas are on the move for breeding season

Help them have a safe journey with these simple tips

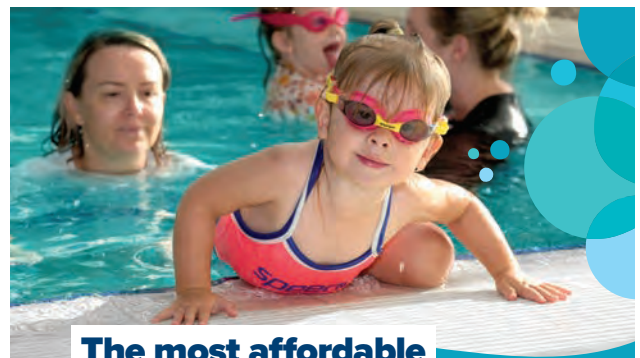
- Slow down on our roads if you see a koala road sign.
- Lean a pole against your fence to provide an escape from an enclosed yard.
- Install a thick rope with a float in your pool to provide an escape if they fall.
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Out and about in **LOGAN**

SEP



Nyeumba-Meta book club

📅 17 Sep, 11 am

📍 Beenleigh Library, Beenleigh

Discuss Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and histories.

Underdog Film Fest and VIP Afterparty

📅 21 Sep, 12:30 pm, 5:10 pm, 8:45 pm

📍 Kingston Butter Factory Cultural Precinct

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Toa Ole Afi-Pati Levasa Fire Knife Competition

📅 27 & 28 Sep, 5 pm

📍 Kingston Butter Factory Cultural Precinct

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OCT



Loud & Proud Logan

📅 12 Oct, 1 pm

📍 Kingston Butter Factory Cultural Precinct

Celebrate pride and the city's diverse LGBTQIA+ community at this family-friendly event with live entertainment, markets, street food and more.

Amplify Battle of the Bands finals

📅 12 Oct, 6:30 pm

📍 Logan Entertainment Centre

Support local musical talent and enjoy electrifying performances by the best youth bands during this final showcase.

Free outdoor movie night

📅 26 Oct, 6 pm

📍 San Damiano College, Yarrabilba

Bring chairs and a picnic blanket for *The Bad Guys* under the stars.

NOV



Troy Cassar-Daley: Between the Fires 2024

📅 9 Nov, 7:30 pm

📍 Kingston Butter Factory Cultural Precinct

Country music legend and 5-time ARIA winner Troy Cassar-Daley is making a triumphant return to the stage.

Active and Healthy: yoga

📅 11 Nov, 4:30 pm

📍 Flagstone Community Centre, Flagstone

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CITY OF LOGAN

New life within the library

Libraries have been at the centre of civilisations for centuries, with modern-day versions still changing lives for the better in their local communities – just like Jelena Mijailovic in the City of Logan.

Jelena's trips to Logan's libraries have changed her life ever since she began volunteering at Marsden Library about 7 years ago.

Now when she walks through the library doors, Jelena feels a sense of belonging that was previously difficult to find.

Her mum, Sue, says volunteering at the library has allowed Jelena to discover many new experiences, from fun books to read, through to new words, and ways of communicating and connecting with others. Jelena also visits Logan North Library.

'We're very happy with how inclusive Logan City Council Libraries are and how people with disability are valued,' Sue says.

'I have a photo of a beautiful sign I saw there once, which had the words "everyone belongs".

'That's the beauty of the library – everyone has the right to be there, whether you're little or from the older generation or with disability.'



Jelena Mijailovic has found a new world of purpose and inclusivity at Logan City Libraries.

The Disability Action Plan for City of Logan means local libraries offer resources, programs and events to improve outcomes in community life for people with disability – and Jelena is now a part of that action plan.

She features in the new Logan North Library sensory-friendly map and story about visiting the library. It is a visual and written guide for people of all ages and abilities to prepare for their library visit, and has information about the learning and development resources in the library's new Accessible Collection.

Sue says her daughter is now thriving in more ways than she could have ever hoped for and is no longer the timid girl she once was.

Thanks to the library inclusivity program, Jelena now feels confident enough to chat with library staff and visitors.

'She now has a sense of worth because she feels respected and has a purpose at the library,' Sue says.

'It's a reward in itself to be acknowledged as a person with disability.'

Sue says Jelena now feels like she belongs, and has gained confidence because she can do all her tasks.

'The best thing you can do for someone with disability is to let them be a part of this world,' Sue says.

'It's very lonely for a lot of children with disability who are often just sitting at home.'

Nowadays Jelena's calendar is filled with meaningful activities, learning and friendship, including visiting the library to meet with a friend, where they read and play games together.

In a fun twist, Jelena is now also featured in the Logan City Libraries' collections – in a cookbook published by nutritionist Suanne Lowery.

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NEW SENSORY-FRIENDLY MAP AND STORY

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🌐 loglib.org/hours
@ libraries@logan.qld.gov.au



The Perfectly Imperfect Cookbook has 12 easy and healthy recipes created to educate and inspire everyone to cook. The recipes were all personally tested by Jelena and helped her understand about eating healthily. Borrow the book at Logan City Libraries or purchase at lccqld.com/cookbook

New tech improves disability experience

A Logan couple has designed a new tech platform and released it nationally as a one-stop-shop for people with disability, helping them to make the most of their experience with the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

The brainchild of Tamborine husband-and-wife duo Chris and Cherryl Joseph, My Solas is an online platform that empowers independence and self-expression in NDIS participants via access to choice and community.

‘The product we’ve developed is desperately needed and it’s evident that people are screaming for more resources,’ Chris says.

‘It’s been so rewarding to be a part of something that will make a difference in peoples’ lives.’

The free platform, released nationally in July, is designed for participants to compare NDIS support providers, find accommodation, buy assistive technology, join social events and more.

The heart of the platform is the plan navigator, a 4-step tool that instantly matches participants with local providers and services – information usually held in complex spreadsheets, or is difficult to find across multiple web sources.

My Solas builds on Chris and Cherryl’s existing business in Beenleigh, Aspire Hub, which assists NDIS participants with supported accommodation.

‘Years ago, a support coordinator reached out to us looking for housing support on behalf of a Logan resident named Sandra,’ Cherryl says.



Chris and Cherryl Joseph, creators of My Solas.

‘We were able to help her transition out of hospital and into supported accommodation in Meadowbrook, where she’s been for 3 years now.’

‘With changes to the NDIS and a lot of stress on support coordinators, there are a lot of local participants like Sandra who don’t know how to access the support and services they need.’

‘It’s more important than ever before and this is why My Solas was created.’

The couple will continue to develop the new tech platform and are currently creating a forum for users to leave ‘likes’ and comments.



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Parks are calming heartbeat of communities

Local parks are a vital contribution to the relaxed outdoor lifestyle enjoyed by many residents in Division 1.

Division 1 Councillor Lisa Bradley says Council will spend \$23 million citywide this financial year on park upgrades and asset replacement. Parks will also benefit from Division 1 Local Infrastructure Program funding.

‘Where possible, we try to ensure our upgrades and improvements cater for different age groups and skill levels,’ Cr Bradley says.

A number of upgrade projects in local parks are currently underway, nearing completion or are planned to start soon. These include:

Springwood Park

– Cinderella Dr, Springwood

Work is now completed on the upgrade to the playground. Stage 1 includes a 7.5-metre-tall climbing tower with dual slides, log steppers, a toddler play structure, a triple-swing unit, rocker and community library.

The upgrade also includes a small water play area and native beehives. Shade sails and a rubber softfall coating on the ground also allow for fun play all year round.

The 2 large gum trees adjacent to the playground were fenced off during construction to ensure they continue to thrive for future generations.



Cr Bradley with Miliyana Kava, of Shailer Park, who participated in a free KRANK school holiday program in Underwood Park for weaving and making flower crowns.

Carrick Park

– Carrick St, Rochedale South

The playground will get new equipment including a slide, monkey bars, a climbing wall and a bridge. New swings are designed for all ages with standard, toddler and basket seats. Nearby is a group seesaw.

The works include the installation of rubber softfall on the ground for added safety, a new rubbish bin, additional seating and a path connecting the playground to the Carrick Street footpath.

FUnderwood Hollow, Underwood Park



– Underwood Rd, Priestdale

Recent maintenance on this renowned themed playground included the replacement of the bridge between the towers, and weather-damaged timber panels and slats, to ensure the structure remains safe for play.

The Underwood Park Hub (the cafe site), backing on to FUNderwood Hollow, is now available to hire.

With 40 chairs, 8 folding cafe tables, a fridge/freezer and microwave, it is an ideal venue for birthday parties and other celebrations.

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Safe travels in Springwood

Getting around Springwood is now a lot safer thanks to the Cinderella Drive shared path and Dennis Road intersections upgrade projects.

A 2.5-metre-wide concrete pathway has been constructed for pedestrians and cyclists that runs along the western side and sections of the eastern side of Cinderella Drive, from Dennis Road to Springwood Road.

Asphalt resurfacing, new concrete medians and additional line marking

provide better traffic flow and increase road safety at the intersections of Dennis Road with Cinderella Drive, Barbaralla Drive and Onak Crescent.





Division 1 Councillor Lisa Bradley says the upgrades will be welcomed by the local community.

‘There is so much development going on in and around Springwood at the moment and this will ensure residents and visitors can still access the area easily and safely,’ Cr Bradley says.



Cr Bradley inspects the new path construction.

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Cr Lane at the new Wilbur Street Youth Centre with Woodridge State High School students, from left, Michael Ngaihto, Dunia Al Trachi, Halima Ibrahim Mohamed, Noella Zahabu, Alenta Ravarua, Japhet Musabwa, Diego Peran, Robel Yikalo Asagedom and Bennet Bekit Yacob.

Logan Central youth venue is a special space

An external operator is being sought to run the Wilbur Street Youth Centre, located next to the Logan Central Library.

Division 2 Councillor Teresa Lane says councillors voted to go out to tender to reduce costs on Council's budget for the running of the exciting new facility.

'This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the successful tender to implement programs that engage local youth in a premium facility during after-school and holiday times,' Cr Lane says.

'The Youth Centre will provide the services that local kids told us would inspire them to attend the facility and activities they would participate in.

'Once the tender is announced, our

local kids will finally have a safe place they can call their own, where they can hang out and socialise with others their age.'

The Wilbur Street Youth Centre will host a wide selection of enjoyable activities designed to keep our kids engaged.

These will range from dance classes and art mentoring to a variety of indoor sports.

Features at the centre include a full commercial kitchen, a rehearsal studio, arts and craft maker space, a technology room, and an indoor multi-purpose court. There is also a quiet room and a First Nations space for connection with Elders.

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1100 reasons not to post illegal signs

The signs are not looking good for illegal advertisers and their roadside visual pollution.

Division 2 Councillor Teresa Lane says a blitz by Council's Rapid Response Taskforce saw more than 1100 illegally placed business advertising signs confiscated from power and light poles, traffic lights, street signs, road safety fences and other infrastructure.

'The worst business offenders are roof restoration companies whose signs make our neighbourhoods look messy,' Cr Lane says.

'They have little to no investment in keeping our areas tidy and splatter these signs everywhere, creating visual pollution and safety risks for pedestrians.'

The Taskforce is not targeting the odd garage sale or school fete sign, but residents are urged to remove these once the event has concluded.

'Our Rapid Response Taskforce is doing a great job in removing unwanted and unnecessary signs and taking action to stop those placing signs that create hazards for our community. Fines apply to those who repeatedly flout the law,' Cr Lane says.

'You can't just throw up a sign wherever you want – Council will remove illegal signs without notice.'

The Taskforce also removes burnt-out or dangerous vehicles and abandoned shopping trolleys. It operates across the city with 80 percent of jobs being proactive.

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Some of the illegal signs removed since January.



Cr Russell helped organise the surprise treat for 11-year-old garbage truck fan Ethan Nilsen.

Granddad was ‘watching’ over Ethan’s special day

Daisy Hill resident Ethan Nilsen might well be the best-known 11-year-old in the City of Logan.

The youngster has been fascinated with garbage trucks since he was a small boy and has his own YouTube channel called *Queensland Garbo*, which features more than 600 homemade videos that have been viewed more than 210,000 times.

Ethan made national news earlier this year when he was given a surprise ride to school in a garbage truck.

The treat was organised to help Ethan process his grief in losing his grandfather and primary carer Sveinung ‘Simon’ Nilsen, a well-known local of Daisy Hill.

The pair would often sit together at a local bus stop on bin day to watch the garbage trucks at work.

Ethan’s aunt Rachel Nilsen says the

media coverage of the ride to school made Ethan ‘a bit of a celebrity’, but it also had much more important benefits.

‘It helped lift his spirits after we lost Dad, and it built his self-esteem among school friends,’ Rachel says.

‘It was an experience he can look back on and talk about for years to come.’

Division 3 Councillor Mindy Russell says it was one of the best days in her time at Council.

‘To see the joy in Ethan’s face when he realised he was getting a ride to school in a garbage truck was amazing to see,’ Cr Russell says.

Ethan says he remains determined to do his granddad proud and become a truck driver.

‘It would have been nice if he had been there to see me in the truck, but I know he was watching me,’ Ethan says.

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Working together for our waterways

Community feedback will be used to finalise the design of a nature-based project in Mabel Park.

A tributary of Slacks Creek that flows across the park will be restored as a natural urban ecosystem.

The revegetation project aims to improve habitat quality as well as establishing community connection with the waterway.

Two community engagement sessions were held to explain the project and to seek input on possible features that could be included in the transformation of the tributary from a concrete channel into a natural waterway. Consultation was also done at the Logan Eco Action Festival.

Division 3 Councillor Mindy Russell says the strong interest from residents at the events shows how important the environment is to the local community.

‘It was heartening to see how many people are committed to improving and protecting this special natural waterway,’ Cr Russell says.

Daisy Hill resident Reneye Henley and her daughter Ava, 4, says the session was a fun and educational day out.

‘We got information on how to look after the environment and Ava got to learn about picking up rubbish so it doesn’t get into the creek,’ Reneye says.

The \$1.375 million project is co-funded by Logan City Council, the Australian Government and the Environment Levy Slacks Creek Recovery program.



Cr Russell and Ava Henley, 4, at the waterway event.

WHAT'S ON

ARTWAVES 2024

13 SEPTEMBER – 19 OCTOBER



LOGAN AND ADJACENT AREAS SECONDARY SCHOOLS ART EXHIBITION

Artwaves is an annual art exhibition of work sourced from the creative and talented high school students in the Logan region. *Artwaves* aims to show the wealth of imagination and creativity present in the City of Logan and adjacent areas.

Yolanda (Yuelin) Wang, Calamvale Community College, year 12,
Indulge (detail) 2023, acrylic on canvas



MYALL CREEK AND BEYOND

25 OCTOBER – 30 NOVEMBER



THE NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL ART MUSEUM TOURING EXHIBITION

Myall Creek and Beyond is a major touring exhibition curated by Indigenous curator and artist Bianca Beetson. The project commissioned Aboriginal artists including Judy Watson, Fiona Foley, Robert Andrew and others to produce new work responsive to the history and site of Myall Creek, that would deepen the conversation around the issues surrounding the 1838 Myall Creek Massacre.

Carol McGregor, *Myall Creek Gathering Cloak* 2018, natural ochre, thread on possum skins

The exhibition Myall Creek and Beyond is a partnership between the New England Regional Art Museum and the Friends of Myall Creek Memorial. It is supported by Regional Arts NSW through the Regional Arts Fund, the New South Wales Government through Create NSW and the Australian Government Department of Communications and the Arts Indigenous Language and Arts Program. Exhibition Sponsor the JNC Group.

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Cr Nathan St Ledger with some of the children who regularly attend the Yarrabilba Community Backyard free play space.

Swift action helps teen kick goals

Logan Village 13-year-old Ryder Burnham figured he had nothing to lose by writing to his local councillor to ask for a simple upgrade in his local park.

And Division 4 Councillor Nathan St Ledger was quick to respond, to the delight of the footy-mad teenager.

Ryder and his friends, Riley and Jimbo, regularly kick a rugby league ball around in Towns Avenue Park.

'I reached out to Cr St Ledger because we talked about how good it would be if we had lines painted down there to help us practise our conversion kicks at more accurate distances,' Ryder says. 'When we got his reply several hours later, I was stoked.'

Cr St Ledger, also a keen football fan, was happy to help out by getting several lines painted in Towns Avenue Park. He also gave Ryder a special mention at a recent Council meeting.

'Staying active by playing in your local park is far healthier than sitting at home on a device,' Cr St Ledger says.

'Ryder says he would love to play for the Broncos one day and I hope these footy lines help support that dream and make him an even better kicker for his local club.'

Ryder says the new lines have 'helped out heaps'. And even if his footy dream doesn't work out, he has a backup plan. 'I'd like to join the Defence Force and pursue a career in mechanics,' he says.



Cr St Ledger and Ryder Burnham in Towns Avenue Park at Logan Village.

Child's play a free-for-all

A special community space in Yarrabilba is turning the clock back on the way children play.

Building a 'fort', climbing a homemade tower or just playing in mud is all part of the fun at the Yarrabilba Community Backyard, developed by not-for-profit organisation Australian Institute of Play.

'It's about letting kids shape the space and letting them play however their creativity and curiosity guides them,' the organisation's CEO Hyahno Moser says.

'Because of a range of reasons, many children can't play how they might like in the places where they live.'

'The Community Backyard provides opportunities for kids to get back to the type of play that always has been an important part of childhood.'

The play space is located on the Yarrabilba State Secondary College grounds. Opening day in June attracted 187 children along with their parents and carers.

Division 4 Councillor Nathan St Ledger says the Yarrabilba Community Backyard is one of only 6 in Australia and mirrors an award-winning similar play space in Eagleby South.

'This is a terrific way to let young children get back to the basics by using their imagination and creativity to shape how they play,' Cr St Ledger says.

'There's a need for this in Yarrabilba as some properties have only limited backyard space. And to help offset cost-of-living pressures, it's an after-school activity that's free.'

Children attending are supervised by qualified 'Play Workers', which include local mums Crystal Marsh and Jamilla Bowden.

The play space is at Yarrabilba State Secondary College (entry via Slate Street gate). Free sessions are Monday and Tuesday (2:45 pm to 5 pm during school terms and 2 pm to 4 pm in school holidays).

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All aboard fun flotilla

Several times each week, Tygum Lagoon in Waterford West resembles a mini Sydney Harbour.

Tugs, trawlers, ferries, Navy destroyers, yachts, speed boats and jet skis criss-cross the water as eager observers follow every nautical movement from the shore.

Welcome to the exciting and special world enjoyed by Logan City Marine Modellers.

The club has been operating for more than 30 years and is based in a Council-provided clubhouse in Tygum Park.

There are around 60 members, from Logan and other parts of South East Queensland, whose passion is creating detailed radio-controlled scale models of all kinds of watercraft.

Division 5 Councillor Paul Jackson says the attention to detail by some model makers is astounding.



Cr Jackson (centre) with Logan City Marine Modellers members, from left, Noel Routledge, Dennis Andrews, Bill King, Ralph Tinsley, Murray Connell, Neale Broom, Tim Smith and Wayne Macpherson.

‘Many models look exactly like the real thing and the skilful way they are controlled by their operators, it is as if they are a captain on the helm,’ Cr Jackson says.

‘While the Marine Modellers are very passionate and committed to their hobby, it’s also a lot of free fun for families to watch.’

The club’s Vice-Commodore, Tim Smith, says potential new members don’t need a model boat to get involved.

‘We encourage anyone interested to come along and have a go with a borrowed boat if they don’t have one,’ Tim says.

‘You can have up to 3 free tries before you need to take out a club membership (\$60 per year).’

Logan City Marine Modellers meet each Wednesday and Sunday from 7 am to noon (speed boats are generally the last 2 hours). Sailing regattas are every second Saturday from noon until 4 pm.

Signs are good for welcoming Berrinba

Let there be no doubt anymore ... new signage finally indicates you are now entering Berrinba.

Suburban name signs were installed across the city many years ago.

However, the one for Berrinba in the heart of Division 5 was removed during road construction and somehow was never replaced.

Division 5 Councillor Paul Jackson has rectified that twice over. Two Berrinba signs have now been installed.

Their locations are near the intersection of Anderson Street and

Freshwater Drive, and at Fifth Avenue and Browns Plains Road.

‘The signs are entry statements to a suburb that is an important part of our division and city,’ Cr Jackson says.

‘I hope the signs also instil a sense of pride among Berrinba residents while helping visitors know where they are, particularly with the popularity of the Berrinba Wetlands as a destination for sightseeing and recreation purposes.’

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Cr Jackson and one of the new Berrinba entry statement signs.

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Bees in their bonnets for good reason

Loganlea State High School students are leading the way again in protecting and enhancing our natural local environments.

Following on from the huge success of their Mini Farm project, which grows and shares sustainable homegrown produce, students have now launched a program to boost local native bee numbers.

Division 6 Councillor Tony Hall says the program is proudly supported by a \$2,000 EnviroGrant from Logan City Council.

Two native beehives have been placed on campus and native trees and shrubs, which are favoured by the stingless insects, have been planted around the schoolgrounds.

‘This is a wonderful way for the students to learn about the impacts on our local environment while, at the same time, helping to support and grow our important native bee population,’ Cr Hall says.



Cr Hall (centre) presents an EnviroGrant award to Loganlea State High School Head of Science and Maths Andrew Steele and science technician Eva Glenn, for the native bee project.

Loganlea State High School Head of Science and Maths Andrew Steele says the native bee program would not have been possible without the school receiving Council's EnviroGrant support.

Studying the bees will be incorporated into lessons for around 450 students in Years 7, 8 and 9.

‘They will learn about identifying this significant native species as well as better understanding the role native bees play in the plant reproduction cycle,’ Andrew says.

‘The bees will also help pollenate produce in our important Mini Farm project to ensure its long-term sustainability.’

Scoreboard showcases Demons’ stunning new den

A flash new electronic scoreboard is the latest addition to Waterford Demons Rugby League Club’s home ground at Meadowbrook.



From left: Demons president Glenn Bochow, Cr Hall and vice-president Scott Beckett in front of the new scoreboard at Noffke Farm Park.

The high-quality LED screen is heat resistant and waterproof, and allows the club to share video and images to spectators, as well as match scores.

The scoreboard, 3.5 metres wide and 2.5 metres high, complements the new \$1.85 million clubhouse, which opened last year.

Division 6 Councillor Tony Hall says recent upgrades at Noffke Farm Park also include new lighting, goalposts, field fencing and a car park.

‘The Demons now have a home ground they can be very proud of. Now I’m hoping that on the field they

can turn it into a fortress that other teams fear to visit,’ Cr Hall says.

Waterford Demons President Glenn Bochow says the new scoreboard is the icing on the cake for the club.

‘These new and upgraded facilities are rewards, not only for our players, but for all our members and volunteers who work tirelessly to keep the club running,’ Glenn says.

The works were jointly funded by the Division 6 Local Infrastructure Program and Logan City Council, along with support from the Australian and Queensland governments.

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Nature-inspired fun among the gum trees

A spectacular makeover has added even more sparkle to a hidden gem in Boronia Heights.

The playground at the picnic area inside Boronia Bushland Reserve, off Conlan Street, has become a must-do destination thanks to a \$1.2 million upgrade.

The works, funded from Council’s Major Parks Program and the Division 7 Local Infrastructure Program, include:

- > Custom-designed play tower covered by shade sails
- > Nature play area with balance beam and kangaroo statue
- > New combination swing with flat and basket seats
- > 2 sand diggers and 2 rockers

Three new picnic shelters have also been constructed and the 2 existing shelters have been refurbished.

A drinking fountain with a dog bowl has been installed, along with decorative nature-based art on various surfaces throughout the park. Additional signage has been added.



Cr Frazer at the upgraded playground at Boronia Bushland Reserve.

Division 7 Councillor Tim Frazer says cyclists have been catered for with a new pathway and bicycle rack, while the car entry from Conlan Street has been upgraded with 3 traffic calming devices installed to improve pedestrian safety.

‘This is a beautiful park and playground

nestled in natural bushland surrounds,’ Cr Frazer says.

‘Many residents have told me how much they enjoy visiting the Reserve and this upgrade will make the day out even more enjoyable and fun for families, while also providing improved access for bushwalkers.’

Grand benefits from growing pathway network

Access to the bustling Grand Plaza shopping precinct has been improved thanks to a \$3.53 million upgrade to the area’s shared pathway network.

Pedestrians and cyclists will now benefit from new 2.5-metre-wide concrete pathways that stretch from the Mount Lindesay Highway service road along Grand Plaza Drive to Browns Plains Road, and along both sides of Eastern Road through to Waller Park.

The total length of the project is 907 metres of new pathways.

The works, jointly funded by Logan City Council and the Queensland government, include raised pedestrian priority crossings at road intersections, upgraded kerb ramps and dedicated bicycle lanes.

Division 7 Councillor Tim Frazer says the new pathways are a boost for local residents and businesses in the precinct.

‘These works are an important new link in the Browns Plains shared pathway network that ensures greater connectivity to the shopping precinct, public transport and local education facilities,’ Cr Frazer says.

‘It not only now provides a car-free option for shoppers and commuters, but also delivers a safer route for those who use Waller Park and the surrounding pathways for recreation purposes.’



Cr Frazer on the new pathway in the Grand Plaza precinct at Browns Plains.

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An artist's image of how the Park Ridge Road and Clarke Road intersection will look after upgrade works.

New traffic lights to make Park Ridge intersection safer

The intersection of Park Ridge Road and Clarke Road in Park Ridge will be upgraded with traffic lights.

Works are expected to begin by the end of 2024, dependent on work contracts being finalised and any weather impacts.

The intersection currently has stop signs with high volumes of traffic flow. This regularly results in delays and safety concerns.

The project includes the installation of a signalised pedestrian crossing, traffic lights and green-painted bicycle lanes on Park Ridge Road.

Division 8 Councillor Jacob Heremaia says the intersection upgrade will be delivered by Logan City Council with support from the Australian Government's Black Spot Program, which aims to reduce risk of crashes at locations where they have occurred, or are at risk of happening.

'I will keep pushing for this project to begin as soon as possible to make this busy intersection safer for motorists and pedestrians,' Cr Heremaia says.

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Meeting the challenges of our booming community

Logan Reserve, Chambers Flat and Park Ridge are 3 of the biggest growth suburbs in Queensland.

Division 8 Councillor Jacob Heremaia says it is important to invest in essential infrastructure to keep pace with this rapid growth.

'More houses are going up and more families are moving into our area than anywhere else across the City of Logan,' Cr Heremaia says.

'There will be a lot of work going on across Division 8 over the next 12 months to ensure we continue to manage any challenges this growth may create.'

Division 8 projects that have been allocated funding include:

- > \$2 million for Logan Reserve Metro Sports
- > \$1.5 million for Flindersia Riverside Park
- > \$200,000 from the City Beautification Fund to refresh cityscapes
- > Two new safety cameras (one mobile, one covert)
- > Exploring options to expand Hubner Park
- > Ongoing support for our 21 Habitat Connections and 18 Land for Wildlife members

Next community meeting

You are welcome to attend the next Division 8 Community Meeting to have your say and hear an update from your local government representatives.



Everything from large-scale economic trends to local issues are discussed in a productive forum.

No RSVPs are required and everyone is welcome. Complimentary light refreshments are available and parking is free.

📅 Wednesday, 16 April, 2025

🕒 6 pm to 7 pm

📍 Logan Metro Sports Centre, Level 2, at 357 Browns Plains Road, Crestmead

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From left: Jimboomba Park sports club presidents Deb Kuskopf (Netball) and Amy McKinnon (Thunder), Cr Bannan, and RSL vice-president Bill Malkin, are firing up for the Flame festival.

Footy juniors ready to rumble

Jimboomba's Thunderdome is sporting a new look. Construction of the junior rugby league club's new facility was completed last month.

The clubhouse features a new clubroom, canteen, first-aid and referee facilities, toilets for spectators, changerooms and storage.

Councillor Scott Bannan says the upgrade is a boost for Thunder's male and female players, as well as the club's legion of loyal supporters.

'I'm all about making sport more accessible for more people and this upgrade will do wonders for our mighty Jimboomba Thunder,' Cr Bannan says.

The Australian Government provided more than \$3.9 million towards the upgrade from its Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

Logan City Council also funded more than \$400,000 to the project.



Cr Bannan and Thunder players Indy Neal, 10, Kyle Boehm, 8, and Zane Boehm, 10, in front of the new clubhouse.

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Flame fires up new menu of foodie dreams

Things are certainly heating up at Jimboomba Park as Division 9 gets ready for a second serve of flame-grilled goodness.

The 14-acre venue will host thousands of meat and music lovers in September, when Logan City Council's Flame BBQ Street Festival returns.

More than 18,000 people attended Jimboomba's first Flame festival on Cusack Lane in 2022.

Deputy Mayor and Division 9 Councillor Scott Bannan says the large new location means this year's event will be even bigger, better and tastier than the inaugural festival.

'Flame set Cusack Lane on fire in 2022, with 3 times the crowd we expected turning up for a taste,' Cr Bannan says.

'Everyone wanted another bite, so that's what we're delivering this year – but with more fun, more flavour and more for the whole family to do. It's been a long time between drinks, but it will be worth the wait.'

Carnivores will be spoilt for choice with an array of smoked, grilled, roasted and slow-cooked cuts set to tempt tastebuds.

Roving entertainers and flame throwers will serve up some thrills, while a stellar line-up of rock and country music acts will keep festival-goers grooving.

Flame BBQ Street Festival kicks off at 3 pm Saturday, 21 September.

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📅 **Thursday 19 September**

🕒 **Slam workshop – 3:30 pm to 5 pm. Logan Heat – 6:30 pm to 9 pm**

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Creative writing for seniors

Have you always thought about trying your hand at creative writing? If you're looking to capture memories on the page or dabble in fiction, author Tess Rowley will show you how. Delivered in partnership with Queensland Writers Centre. **For adults. Bookings required.**

📍 **Logan North Library.**

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Gardening for the good life

Learn top tips for getting the most from your garden. Recipes will be shared for turning your homegrown produce into simple and delicious meals. Presented by horticulturist Claire Bickle.

📍 **Jimboomba Library. Bookings required.**

📅 **Saturday 19 October, 10:30 am to 12 noon**

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From left: Cr Stemp and Cornubia's Karen Massingham comfort some rescued possum joeys.

Helping boost DV awareness

Visitors to Alexander Clark Park in Loganholme can now reflect as well as relax among the park's upgraded facilities and natural environment.

A purple bench has been installed under the Moreton Bay fig trees to commemorate domestic and family violence victims and raise awareness of the issue.

The first purple bench was installed in 2015 in Nova Scotia, Canada, to mark the 25-year anniversary of the death of mother-of-five Barbara Ballie, killed by her husband.

Since then, colourful benches have appeared across North America and more recently in Australia, in hope of starting important conversations about domestic violence issues.

Division 10 Councillor Miriam Stemp says the new bench, installed in conjunction with Soroptimist International, provides an opportunity for people to sit and reflect in a safe public environment.

'I hope it also prompts those who may be aware of a domestic violence issue to begin having conversations with those who can help,' Cr Stemp says.

Soroptimist International is a global volunteer movement which works together to 'educate, empower and enable' opportunities for women and girls and transform their lives.

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Cr Stemp, centre, at the new purple bench with Soroptimist International members, from left, Cesarina Gigante, Lesley McGrath, Jan Stewart, Tania Gibson and Pam Dodd.

Kindness and caring for animals in need

A Cornubia mum with a passion for saving wildlife is one of the many latest recipients of a Logan City Council EnviroGrant.

Karen Massingham says she is committed every day to protecting injured and orphaned wildlife to ensure our native species are still around to be enjoyed by future generations.

Although her kindness and care extends to any injured animal, Karen focuses mostly on raising orphaned ringtail possum joeys, which have a more specialised diet and require close attention to keep alive.

Last year alone, in conjunction with Wildlife Rescue Queensland and other agencies, Karen saved more than 50 young ringtails and estimates she has saved 'hundreds' of animals since first becoming involved in wildlife rescue 26 years ago.

To continue her amazing work, Karen received a \$1,500 EnviroGrant, funded through the Environment Levy which is included in Council rates notices.

'The grant enables me to do this important work with animals without worrying about the financial side of things, like the rising cost of food and transport,' Karen says.

'This is a passion of mine and I feel like each time an animal is saved and returned to its proper habitat, I am giving something back to our environment and to those in our community who enjoy our natural surrounds so much.'

Division 10 Council Miriam Stemp says the work done by Karen and other local wildlife rescuers and carers is becoming increasingly important.

'Our city growth and expanding urban footprint is putting more pressure on natural habitats and the many different native species that live there,' Cr Stemp says.

'Whether on a roadside or in your backyard, I urge anyone who sees an injured or sick native animal or bird to act swiftly in contacting the experts to give the creatures the best possible chance of survival.'

Wildlife rescue numbers to keep handy include:

- > Wildlife Rescue Queensland Rescue Hotline 0478 901 801
- > RSPCA Logan Wildlife Ambulance on 1300 ANIMAL (1300 264 625)
- > Australian Wildlife Hospital emergency hotline 1300 369 652.
- > Wildcare on 5527 2444

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Help shape our parks for the future

As our community grows, so too does the need to upgrade and renew our infrastructure.

This includes roads, water and sewerage networks, community facilities and our parks.

Division 11 Councillor Natalie Willcocks has allocated funding from the Division 11 Local Infrastructure program for local park upgrades in coming months. This includes:

- › **Wearing Park, Munruben:** Construction of a modular skate park, and the existing basketball court will also be painted.
- › **Leaf Park, Greenbank:** Installation of solar-powered lights to existing picnic shelters.
- › **Ison Park, Greenbank:** A junior bike skills course will be built along with the installation of bike racks and a small nature play area, a picnic shelter and furniture, and new pathways.
- › **Teviot Downs Park, New Beith:** Installation of solar-powered lights to existing picnic shelters.
- › **Crystal Brook Park, New Beith:** Subject to Local Infrastructure Program funding approvals, Stage 2 play equipment is planned for installation.

There are 125 Council-managed parks and reserves in Division 11.



Cr Willcocks shows upgrade plans for Crystal Brook Park in New Beith to local resident Monique Wiegand and her son Henry.

Cr Willcocks says she is eager to receive feedback from members of the community on what they would like to see added to their local park.

'It is important our parks cater for all age groups and all abilities,' Cr Willcocks says.

'Modern park design features so many interesting and cool aspects that help enhance the experience and ensures a fun, free family day out.

'Park upgrades can include things such as water and nature play areas, playgrounds with towers or even

swings with different size seats and baskets to make them all-inclusive.

'While all park upgrades are dependant on available funding, I am keen to learn what Division 11 residents might like to see in their favourite park and we can start planning for the future.

'We have seen in the past that some of the best ideas for park upgrades come from local residents.'

SEND YOUR IDEAS

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Safety is the driver of key local roadworks

The impacts of natural disasters can often be long-lasting across an area as large as Division 11.

The 2022 floods damaged property, parks and many of the roads.

Upgrade works scheduled for Greenbank Road in North MacLean aim to increase flood resistance through delivering wider lanes, safer road shoulders and improved drainage.

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The proposed works cover about 1.4 km, south from Andalusian Drive to just north of Scott Lane.

This project is being delivered under Logan City Council's Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets program.

It is jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland governments' Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

Division 11 Councillor Natalie Willcocks urges drivers to be patient with the works scheduled to continue through to the end of the year.

'I drive on these roads too and understand roadworks can be frustrating at times, but please just remember the end result is a safer journey for everyone,' Cr Willcocks says.



Cr Murphy opens the doors for the first time at the new Logan Lightning FC clubhouse in Beenleigh.

Lightning scores striking new football clubhouse

A new \$4.8 million clubhouse at Chris Green Park in Beenleigh has provided a late-season boost for booming Logan Lightning Football Club.

Division 12 Councillor Karen Murphy says the upgrade project at Chris Green Park in Boundary Street was funded by Council in partnership with the Australian Government.

Facilities include new changerooms, players' amenities, referees' facilities, spectator amenities, a first-aid room, kitchen and kiosk, clubroom, external covered viewing area, office space, utility cleaners' room and storage.

'We worked with Lightning officials to ensure we got the new facilities they needed,' Cr Murphy says.

'Delivering this exciting project helps celebrate the club's wonderful achievements on the field this year, while it also sets them up for a flying start to next year's season and for years to come.'

The new clubhouse is among a raft of top-class sporting facilities throughout Division 12 that have been upgraded in recent times or are in the pipeline.

These include:

- > The Dauth Park Masterplan, which includes the new 50-metre heated pool as part of the Beenleigh Aquatic Centre upgrade
- > A planned upgrade of facilities for the Beenleigh Lions Junior Rugby League club at Hammel Park
- > The already delivered new lighting and ramps at the Doug Larsen BMX freestyle park in Beenleigh
- > A lighting upgrade for the Logan City Lions Touch Football Club at Noyer Park
- > A planned lighting upgrade for the junior rugby league club at Hammel Park
- > New clubhouse facilities for the Twin Rivers Community Mallet Sports Club at Bedford Park in Eagleby
- > A planned lighting upgrade for the Beenleigh AFC and Beenleigh Pirates Cricket Club at Dauth Park
- > Field rebuild and lighting upgrade for the Eagleby Giants Junior Rugby League Football Club at Bishop St Park

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Free books open new chapters

The importance of reading to children was a community-engaging theme at the recent Eagleby Little BIG Day Out hosted by Wesley Misson Queensland.

Division 12 Councillor Karen Murphy was among guests who read to some of the more than 450 children and their families at the annual event at the Eagleby Neighbourhood Centre.

Free books, provided by Logan City Council, were handed out.

The Eagleby Little BIG Day Out has its origins in early learning studies which showed many local children were under-prepared for school.

'There are many ways to get young children more engaged in their education and reading to them regularly is one of the best methods,' Cr Murphy says.

'It was wonderful to see so many young bright eyes and beaming smiles as we showed them that learning through reading can be fun and enjoyable.'

Organiser Pania Taramai says the free Little BIG Day Out allows local families to enjoy a fun day out without the stress of paying for food and show rides.

'Everybody has equal access to everything on offer while also receiving important messaging about the importance of our early learning years,' Pania says.



Cr Murphy and Pania Taramai with Edgar the Eagle at the Little BIG Day Out.



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A Farewell to Doris

Friday 20 September, 11 am

Melinda Schneider returns to the stage in 2024 to pay tribute to the legendary **Doris Day**. This nostalgic concert celebration will include many of Doris' timeless hits, classic songs from her movies, as well as a number of big band standards.



Australian Army Band Brisbane

Friday 8 November, 11 am

The band is based on a traditional big-band lineup of saxophones, trumpets, trombones and rhythm section, and is complemented by exciting vocalists.



Merry & Bright with Jonathon Welch AM

Friday 13 December, 11 am

The multi-award-winning founding director of *Choir of Hard Knocks*, singer and conductor – **Jonathon Welch AM** returns to help us sing in the Festive Season!

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Collection starts week commencing:

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11 November 2024	Hillcrest, Boronia Heights and Forestdale

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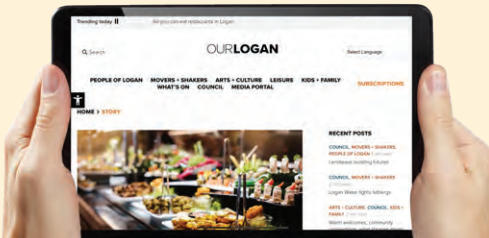
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