

Division 6 NewsCr Tony Hall



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Arty anniversary plans to paint the town red

The Logan Artists Association is preparing to write – or perhaps paint – a new chapter in its colourful history.

The association will turn 20 in 2025, and I look forward to seeing what this talented bunch of artists and creatives can achieve over the next 20 years.

The Logan Artists Association came from humble beginnings. Their original one-year lease of the Logan Progress Hall, dated 18 August 2005, was for the princely sum of just \$5.

The headquarters consisted of 2 demountable buildings that had been moved from Woodridge State School.

The Association's steady growth over 20 years has been fantastic to see. It is now one of the biggest community-based groups in the City of Logan, with 430 members on its books – up from 100 in 2008 and 200 in 2014.

The Progress Hall, on Coral Street at Loganlea, is a hive of activity most days, with art classes and pottery, community groups and even a children's program.

Next door, the Able gallery (named after former mayor Graham Able) displays and sells members' works.

I'm proud to have continued the

support of my Logan City Council predecessors in helping this great group of artists on their journey. Council has contributed significant funds over the history of the association.

I hope Division 6 locals can join me in celebrating this valuable organisation's birthday next year.

It is set down for Saturday 23 August 2025. The details of the event are yet to be decided but keep an eye on my social media pages and future newsletters for more information. (See the QR code on Page 3 for quick access)



Cr Tony Hall practises his painting with Logan Artists Association President Di Flack (left) and treasurer Kristy Flynn, ahead of the association's 20th birthday celebrations.

Local contacts

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

What's on? ourlogan.com.au



Logan Artists Association member Noel Rogers hard at work at the Coral Street headquarters.

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Bahrs Scrub, Edens Landing, Holmview, Loganlea, Meadowbrook, and part of Bethaniak

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New signs keep koalas front of mind

Koala breeding season is in full swing, and our furry friends are in search of love as they move across Division 6.

It's important that we play our part to keep safe the local population of this iconic animal.

Thankfully, new wildlife awareness signs have been installed in koala hot spots to keep the animals and their movements in drivers' minds.

The latest is on Wuraga Road at Bahrs Scrub, near the intersection with Prangley Road. The sign warns drivers to take care to avoid collisions with koalas and to report injuries by calling 1300 ANIMAL (264 625).

We might not see them regularly, but we know that koalas live near us.

Did you know that 46 per cent of City of Logan properties are located within a kilometre of a reported koala sighting?

Bahrs Scrub residents reported the highest number of koala sightings in the city last year, with 49 reported to Council.

Council is playing an important role in protecting koalas across the City of Logan. Our work includes:

- > acquiring properties at Bahrs Hill Park at Bahrs Scrub to help protect and increase koala habitat.
- > supporting koala carers though the EnviroGrants program.
- > increasing residents' knowledge of koalas by hosting environmental events such as tree plantings, educational talks and conservation walks.
- > working with landowners to keep or plant more koala-friendly vegetation.



Cr Tony Hall with a new sign reminding drivers koalas are on the move



More information on our quest to protect and preserve koalas is on our website.

Go to logan.qld.gov.au and search for 'koala'.

Mayor's message



I've got some exciting news for our city. We've just announced an amazing new project in Logan – and the Expressions of Interest for a company to build it are officially open.

If you haven't already heard about the Logan Indoor Sports Centre, it's a multi-purpose indoor sports facility that our growing city needs, which is being built to an Olympic standard so that it can be used if needed when the Games arrive in 2032.

It's exactly what our fast-growing city needs, because facilities like this inspire young people to reach for the stars. This venue can host a range of sports, para sports and large-scale events, and host 7,000 people inside.

Three levels of government have come together to make this happen. At a cost of \$142 million dollars, it's being jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland governments, with Council providing the land.

The facility will be owned and operated by Logan City Council and is sure to become a beacon for state, national and international sports and events. It's going to be built where the old PCYC is - close to the Logan Entertainment Centre as a great addition to our fantastic events hub.

I'm grateful to local state MPs Linus Power and Cameron Dick, as well as Federal Treasurer Jim Chalmers and Minister for Infrastructure Catherine King, for coming along to the announcement in Logan Central. Hats off to them for recognising the limitless potential of Logan.

Investment like this is exactly what we need to create a brighter future for our kids. With 9 indoor courts across 2 halls, this will leave a legacy from the 2032 Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games to benefit our community for decades to come.

Mayor Jon Raven

City of Logan



Prepare now for coming storm and bushfire season

The 'Team Summer' crew will be over the moon that the warmer weather is again upon us, but the hotter days bring with them an increased risk of severe storms, blackouts and bushfires.

It's never nice when a bad storm hits, as some unfortunate residents in our city discovered last Christmas. But here are some steps you can take to help protect your property:

- > Trim trees and branches and mow regularly.
- > Remove all rubbish, leaf litter, firewood and fuel containers near your house.
- > Check and maintain your roof and clear gutters and drain pipes.
- > Secure any loose items in your yard or put them in a sheltered place
- Identify where and how to turn off your water, electricity and gas supply.

There is a wealth of information about storm and bushfire preparedness on Logan City Council's website. Just go to **logan.qld.gov.au** and search for 'disaster and emergency'.

You can also check out the real-time 'Disaster Dashboard' to monitor conditions in your area. And be prepared by downloading the Logan Early Warning app for your phone.

Unique park upgrades for local kids

Residents who keep up with this newsletter and my socials will know that I am on a mission to offer something unique in each park within Division 6.

That mission will continue with upgrades to Evergreen Park and Lyrebird Park (both in Loganlea), with a number of exciting features to entertain young visitors.

Youngsters will soon be able to 'build a better world' at Evergreen Park as a construction theme takes shape.

Nearby Lyrebird Park is also getting some love, with a train theme to keep the little ones 'chugging along'.

Watch this space for more on these works.

These upgrades follow improvements to Meadowbrook's Riverdale Park, which had a Jurassic makeover last year.

Loganlea State High School's Year 9 Signature Class designed the new features when they were 'Councillors for a day'.

Their imaginations took hold, and the result is a dinosaur wonderland.

There are dinosaur-shaped structures, statues of baby dinosaurs and eggs, a mini dinosaur rocker and a fossil digging area.

The upgrade works also include a large fitness hub, park furniture, 2 barbecues, new shelters and a water bubbler. Shade sails were also installed, along with extensive landscaping and new gardens.

We always love to hear your feedback about our Division 6 parks. Email suggestions at any time to Division6@logan.qld.gov.au

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