



October 2024

Funding locks in a frightfully good event

The Underwood Park Spooktacular is back!

The Brisbane Halloween Club will bring its famously frightening 'The Morgue at Rochedale' back to the Rochedale Tigers Rugby League Football Club over 2 big weekends in October.

This event has proven to be a real success story with our community at heart.

And following the success of last year, our 'Halloween Queen' Mel Hone and her 60-strong volunteers plan to make the popular Family Fright Fest bigger than ever.

There will be 3 separate mazes for all fright appetites, food trucks and markets, a bouncing castle and roving entertainment across the Underwood Park rugby league clubhouse and its adjacent football fields.

The Brisbane Halloween Club recently received \$18,606 through Logan City Council's Events Sponsorship Funding program.

Mel says more than 1,500 people attended the event each night last year.

'With this additional funding we have been able to expand to host 2 all-day events and 3 nights for 5 huge nights of Halloween,' Mel says.

"We're hoping the community loves the huge new attractions we have in store this year."

I can advise that through their

sponsorships, the Brisbane Halloween Club has been able to keep entry prices low for our residents and all profits support mental health initiatives.

Entry is a gold coin donation with additional 'fast passes' available via a donation to the Black Dog Institute charity.

The dates for this year's Spooktacular are:

- > Saturday 26 October (5 9 pm)
- > Sunday 27 October (2 9 pm)
- > Thursday 31 October (5-9 pm)
- > Friday 1 November (5 9 pm)
- > Saturday 2 November (2 9 pm)

For more information go to facebook.com/themorgueatrochedale



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Cr Lisa Bradley (left) and 'The Morgue at Rochedale' organiser Mel Hone ahead of this year's Spooktacular at Underwood Park.

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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 multipurpose 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

Improved oval access has Seth smiling

When Rochedale Rovers dad Seth Hargreaves reached out to me outlining the difficulty he had accessing the Underwood Park cricket oval to watch his son's football (soccer) games, I knew something had to be done.

Seth is in a wheelchair and found the current accessibility pathway challenging to use and even more hazardous when it became muddy after rain.

'There is no smooth access and a big drop-off at the end,' Seth says.

After an onsite meeting with a representative from the Rochedale South Cricket Club which leases the oval, and Council officers, it was determined that a new accessible footpath and entry point ramp could be installed to improve access to the oval. Further upgrades to the disability parking bay are also planned.

In August, Council approved \$25,000 from the Division 1 Local Infrastructure Program to fund the project.

That means the area will be accessible to a greater number of people which is important because between cricket and soccer matches, the oval is frequently used by local residents to exercise and enjoy other outdoor activities.

Seth expects his son to be playing on the oval for another 2 years and says the upgrade will make a huge difference.

'We're here 2 times a week for matches and training and this will make it even more enjoyable,' Seth says.



Cr Lisa Bradley and Seth Hargreaves at the Underwood Park cricket oval, which is also used by Rochedale Rovers football juniors.

Improvements **boost our Guides**

Rochedale Guides recently received \$100,000 in funding to upgrade their outdoor area at Underwood Park.

The funding is through the Division 1 Local Infrastructure Program and was approved at the August Ordinary Council meeting.

The upgrade includes a new amphitheatre-style retaining wall to help create a more versatile outdoor meeting and learning space.

The current space is used for general skill building, flag-raising ceremonies and contains the group's beloved fire pit. After talking with the Guides and their leaders, I'm confident the enhanced space can still be used for these purposes and will feel the same but, importantly, will now be able to fit in more people and will be more user-friendly.

Long-time Guides leader Alicia Burchill says the upgrade is welcome news.





Club stalwart Christine Bennett.

Fresh new look for **Tigers' clubhouse**

A makeover is on the way for the Rochedale Tigers Rugby League Football Club's clubhouse at Underwood Park.

The club has received \$100,000 from the Division 1 Local Infrastructure Program to go towards rendering and painting the clubhouse.

The building was originally built in the mid-1970s. The dark exposed brick is set for a sleek rejuvenation which could provide suitable surfaces that might be used for murals to honour the club's history and legacy.

Club stalwart Christine Bennett is 'super excited' about the project.

'The clubhouse has been here 45 years. It'll be great to give it a facelift and the new rendering and painting will make it glow,' Christine says.

With assistance from Council, other recent upgrades to the club have included a new outdoor concrete grandstand and awning, new field lighting and a much-needed new scoreboard.

Key focus on 2 local hot spots

I am so pleased to announce that the Underwood Road bus turnaround near Underwood Park and the Fo Guang Shan Chung Tian Temple, at the end of Underwood Road, is finally coming to fruition.

I have been at this popular precinct on big game and event days and experienced the traffic congestion. The project includes a new cul-de-sac and bus passenger set down area, while a new Translink bus route is anticipated to be expanded to take in the turnaround.

This project – years in the making – included lobbying among candidates in the previous 2 state elections and co-funding support in 2022 from Federal Member for Rankin, Jim Chalmers.

I also kept watch on potential changes to parking around Centre Place and Beverley Avenue in Rochedale South.

The new Rochedale bus station, and local redevelopment under the 2015 Planning Scheme's guidelines for urban renewal, has seen increased

business activity in Centre Place, with its thriving metropolitan social scene.

At the first Council meeting after the local government election this year, I asked that Council investigate further parking options as the area evolves.

A more detailed traffic management plan will be developed after recent

consultation with local businesses and residents.

For bus turnaround details, scan code.





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