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from around
the globe**



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From the Mayor's chair

LOGAN CHOSEN FOR UNITED NATIONS INITIATIVE

I am writing this column having just returned from Cairo, Egypt, where I was representing our great city at 2 important global conferences.

First, I spoke at the Quality of Life conference which was hosted by UN-Habitat, a United Nations organisation.

This led into a global conference called the World Urban Forum, where over 30,000 people attended in person and digitally.

But what does this have to do with City of Logan?

Logan is a pilot city as part of the UN Quality of Life initiative.

This project seeks to measure and understand quality of life in different cities around the world.

As the only Australian city taking part in this project, it's a great opportunity to put Logan on the map.

Everyone wants to have a better life. The first step in improving the lives of people in Logan going forward is to measure where we are at now.

The project uses data and feedback from locals to understand how we compare globally, but the part I like most is the local metrics which matter to us.

These local metrics include feelings of safety in our homes and moving around the city at night, availability of public transport, access to parks and natural spaces, and affordability and quality of housing.

Understanding what people love about living in Logan, and

understanding which areas still need work, lets Council make better long-term and strategic decisions.

Information about our city is measured and benchmarked against cities around the world, and in a room with some of the brightest minds, we shared ideas about improving life for our residents.

I met and collaborated with representatives from places such as

innovative young city, and the data backs this up.

When it comes to quality of life, we are a world leader in many ways, punching above our weight in areas like green space, air quality and safety.

In the coming months, I'll be engaging with residents about what matters to them most and how we can work together to create a brighter future for our city.

By listening to our community, we can make decisions that are about the next 50 years instead of just the next 4 years.

With long-term goals in mind, I believe we can achieve great things and improve the quality of life for people in Logan.

– Mayor Jon Raven

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Vancouver (Canada), Riyadh (Saudi Arabi), Agadir (Morocco), Barcelona (Spain), Seoul (South Korea), Puna'auia (French Polynesia), Udon Thani (Thailand), and Cairo (Egypt).

What amazed me is that despite the massive distance between us and the other pilot cities, we are facing similar challenges around the world with infrastructure, housing availability and cost, and people movement.

Without the global perspective, it can be easy to take for granted how great life is in Logan.

We are an ambitious and




Wraparound cover photo

Pictured front: Nom Kebngoen
Location: Global Food Markets,
in Croydon Rd, Logan Central
Photographer: Josh Woning,
of J & A Photography

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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Nom Kebngo, a Global Food Markets stallholder with fruits, vegetables and an incredible story to tell. Photo: Josh Woning.

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Homegrown global feasts

A spectacular array of exotic fruits in all shapes and sizes, the heady aroma of fragrant spices and the busy clatter of woks in action – the Global Food Markets experience in the City of Logan is difficult to find elsewhere.

There's no doubt diversity is the key ingredient to the market's success, which has made its long-awaited return to Logan Central's upgraded Croydon Road precinct.

Every Sunday from 6 am until noon, the area transforms into a bustling open-air market filled with culture, history and culinary delights.

The Global Food Markets is home to a range of fresh produce stalls and street food vendors serving up dishes such as patongo, airy Thai doughnuts to dip in condensed milk, and perfectly poached Hainanese chicken served over a bed of fluffy and gingery broth-infused rice.

This vibrant destination has become a weekend must-do for locals and visitors, who descend upon Logan Central with empty stomachs and plenty of shopping bags.

Among the 100 or so stallholders is Kingston resident Nom Kebngoen, who often catches the eye of curious shoppers with her selection of

unusual-looking fruit and veg – for instance, scaly eggfruits that resemble dragon eggs.

While there's a growing audience for unique produce, marketgoers also keep returning for Nom's wealth of knowledge.

Those in the know head straight to her stall for time-tested recipes that incorporate lesser-known herbal ingredients, including bitter melon, holy basil and turmeric.

'I help those who come to the markets with the benefits of my produce, as my father used to be a herbal doctor back in Cambodia,' Nom says.

'These are the fruits and vegetables I like to eat myself, so I always try my best to engage and explain the health benefits of what they're buying and how to cook with them.'

Nom's sunny disposition belies the steely resilience of a survivor, having escaped the Khmer Rouge regime that ruled Cambodia from 1975 to 1979.

After paying smugglers with jewellery to cross the border, she lived in a Thailand refugee camp for 9 years.

'In 1988, I was fortunate to receive sponsorship to move to Australia where I began a new chapter of my life,' Nom says.

She initially began growing a variety of organic produce in her backyard to help with some health problems.

'I used to trade with cousins and friends as we all grew different types, and now I sell for 7 different families under my stall each Sunday,' she says.

'It's great to see people discover new flavours and traditions, and it brings everyone together.'

Her current bestsellers include jackfruits – a ginormous tropical tree fruit that resembles a rectangular melon – and sugar bananas, which have a thinner skin and are sweeter than many other banana varieties.

Now in her fifth year as a stallholder, Nom says the markets has become much more than just a place to sell produce.

'It's fulfilling to know that I'm contributing to healthier lifestyles and supporting local food culture,' Nom says.

'It's amazing to see such a wide variety of international foods and products that reflect the rich cultures of the people in our community.'

'Many of us were once refugees and now we feel incredibly blessed to have a better life here in Logan.'

Markets offer many world flavours

Meet Tic and Cecilia, from Global Food Markets

You'll find Hillcrest's Tic Choomwantha cooking up scrumptious Thai cuisine such as fresh and tangy papaya salads, perfectly smoky pad thai noodles and beef noodle soup, which are all fan favourites. She moved from Thailand about 5 years ago and describes the markets as 'one big family party'.

Chambers Flat resident Cecilia Ossa has more than just fresh produce at her stall.

Besides pumpkin leaves, amaranthus and bean leaves on offer, Cecilia has plenty of stories to tell as a Sudanese refugee. Not too long ago, she was constantly on the move and hid in forests to avoid armed rebel forces.

The Global Food Markets is open every Sunday from 6 am until noon, located in Croydon Road, Logan Central, next to Woodridge train station.



From left: Cecilia and Tic



Rochedale Springwood Lions volunteers Peta Duffy and Maree Ramsay, 2nd Vice President, enjoy sorting Santa letters for local children. Photo: Josh Woning.

Festive Lion hearts help out

For decades in December, families have loved sharing the famously tasty Lions Christmas Cake at their festive table, but there is so much more cheer being spread by local Lions clubs.

Volunteer club members throughout City of Logan are busy organising a host of fundraisers and giving their time to community activities to make people's lives a little bit brighter.

Rochedale Springwood Lions Club members have been excitedly preparing for the festive season, with club secretary Chris Richardson explaining how rewarding it is for he and his fellow members to be 'putting something back into the community'.

A member for 22 years, Chris says his local club's 19 members all find 'a lot of satisfaction in working to help people' and are always happy for new members to join them.

'We all like to contribute, and there's around 23,000 of us in Australia and 1.4 million members around the world with Lions International,' Chris says.

'We are always particularly busy leading up to Christmas, with selling our famous Christmas cakes of course, which are made in Melbourne with 50 percent fruit, and playing Santa's helpers by sorting through

letters from local kids at 6 schools around the area.

'The Year 1 children write a letter to Santa and we all gather around the table at our club president's home and help send on Santa's reply with glitter in the envelope and their names.

'Some of the teachers put the envelopes in the freezer so the children know it's come from the North Pole,' he laughs.

As well as put a spark in Christmas for the very young, the club also sends merry wishes to the elderly through packing individual gift boxes with a personal serving of Lions Christmas Cake and chocolates for recipients of Meals on Wheels in the local area.

Christmas shoppers out and about in Logan can also catch the club selling tickets for its annual Christmas trailer raffle – the \$6,000 prize is a huge array of toys, household goods and presents for all the family inside a new box trailer.

'We sold 10,000 tickets last year at \$2 each and raised \$20,000, so this year we should be busy at a number of locations we'll be taking the trailer.'

These are Underwood Marketplace from 3 to 7 December, Bunnings Underwood from 10 to 14 December,

and Springwood Mall from 17 to 22 December, when the raffle is drawn.

Club volunteers will also be gift wrapping at Springwood Mall for a coin donation going to local charities.

'Every year our local club tries to donate \$40,000 we have raised from our events,' Chris says.

The club's list of charities reveals the huge hearts of these local Lions.

They include the Australian Lions Medical Research Foundation, the Australian Lions Foundation for Disaster Relief, school bursaries for local high school students, gift vouchers for local children to help with school books, Story Dogs for children learning to read at St Peter's Catholic Primary School Rochedale, the Australian Lions Children's Cancer Research Foundation, and paying for accommodation and meals for at-risk children attending a youth program at Camp Duckadang west of the Sunshine Coast.

MORE INFO

 [RochedaleSpringwoodLionsClub](https://www.facebook.com/RochedaleSpringwoodLionsClub)

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Ferrari fuels teen's dreams

Lincoln Evans is on the fast track to motorsport success after being chosen for the prestigious Scuderia Ferrari Driver Academy (FDA) selection program in Malaysia.

The talented Cornubia teen, who grew up watching races with his father, spent countless hours on the track in preparation for the September event.

He was one of 13 young prospects from countries such as India, Japan and Azerbaijan, vying for admission into the FDA – which famously catapulted the career of 8-time Formula 1 (F1) race winner Charles Leclerc of Monaco.

'Being selected as one of the top 13 drivers in the Asia Pacific and Oceania region was such a great feeling,' Lincoln says.

'I loved everything about it – meeting other drivers from different locations and learning new techniques to help my driving in lots of aspects was super cool.'

During the 4-day talent-pipeline program, Lincoln and his peers also received dedicated track time and training across several specialisations including media, nutrition and fitness.

It was a test of mettle for Lincoln, who impressed the Ferrari team even though he was the least experienced driver in the cohort.

'I wouldn't have made it to this point in my racing career without my family,' Lincoln says.

'They see all the things behind the scenes, and they support me no matter what position I'm in.'

After having the opportunity to drive a Formula 4 car on an ex-F1 circuit as part of the academy program, Lincoln is more motivated than ever before to pursue a career in motorsport and make his mark.



Cornubia teenager Lincoln Evans ready to race on an ex-F1 circuit as part of his Ferrari driver training in Malaysia. Photo: Jules Ingall.

'I was the only Queenslander in the top 13, so it felt great to represent the area,' he says.

Now back on home soil, it's full throttle ahead for Lincoln who has his sights set on becoming a professional race car driver.

Although this year's race season is winding down, he's already in the thick of race prep for 2025.

This involves a minimum of 6 hours in the racing simulator weekly, daily cardio and weight training, and on top of that, his schoolwork when he begins Year 12 in January.

'The high of racing is a feeling you can't get from anything else and to see all the hard work pay off with results is a reward,' Lincoln says.

'I enjoy the routine, being precise, consistent – plus it's fun to go fast.'



Lincoln Evans stands fourth from the left at the Ferrari driver academy. Photo: Motorsport Australia.

The best of **LOGAN**

Bloodline dancers wow the world

Logan's hip hop dancers from the Bloodline Dance Company are on top of the world after competing in the US against more than 4,000 dancers from 55 countries.

Three Bloodline teams, comprising 60 elite dancers aged between 10 and 27, worked tirelessly all year to fundraise for the trip. They held their heads high on the international stage to represent their city at the World Hip Hop Dance Championships in Phoenix, Arizona.

The Junior team, known as Hardknockz, placed 10th in the world, the Junior Varsity team, called Bloodline JV, placed 16th and the Mega Crew team, known as Bloodline Mega, placed 9th.

Kisa Matautia says the event is the largest hip hop competition in the world and the teams' results are 'amazing'.

'They are now ranked with these placements in the world, which is huge – Bloodline Dance Company is also Queensland defending champion for the Junior and Mega crew divisions,' Kisa says.

She says the family-owned and operated dance company teaches dance to all levels, from beginners to elite, for all ages and diverse cultures, which includes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, Pacific Nations, and Australian peoples.



The junior Hardknockz team of dancers from Logan in their element, on tour in Arizona.

Husband and wife team Shlomi and Einat Kuba are the 'torque' of the town after their business K&G Automotive won the Best Automotive and Transport category at the 2024 Logan Business Distinction Awards.

Celebrating 16 years of operation in 2024, the Underwood business prides itself on servicing and repairing European brands such as Mercedes, BMW, Audi, VW, Mini, and Skoda.

This award marks a significant achievement for the family-run business, which also won the Best Business in Logan Award in 2018.

Shlomi is an internationally-recognised mechanical engineer with more than 25 years of automotive experience, who leads the business with a focus on delivering high-quality service and repair standards.

'Our culture is built on respect, transparency, professionalism and teamwork,' Shlomi says. 'We are proud to lead by example and strive for excellence in everything we do.'

He personally supervises all the mechanics to guarantee they deliver servicing excellence, and has led the business to have an emphasis on

Logan Reserve business-mum Sinead Brace is climbing more rungs of the ladder with a double celebration recently.

The owner and founder of her self-titled company Sinead Brace, formerly Corkscrew Creative – which she began to support entrepreneurs, particularly in the wellness space – has recently returned from Melbourne with third place at the AusMumpreneur Awards in the Virtual Assistant category.

Also packed in her suitcase was the new book *Purpose & Passion* she has contributed a chapter to, in collaboration with other women authors wanting to inspire women to take leadership roles.

Sinead, who is offering business coaching from 2025 for women wanting to start their own virtual support business, was also a guest speaker on the author panel at the AusMumpreneur Awards.

'With a background in major corporations, I have always been passionate about helping others achieve their business goals,' Sinead says, adding that she hopes her story resonates with the local community to highlight the balance between family and career, and the importance of following dreams.

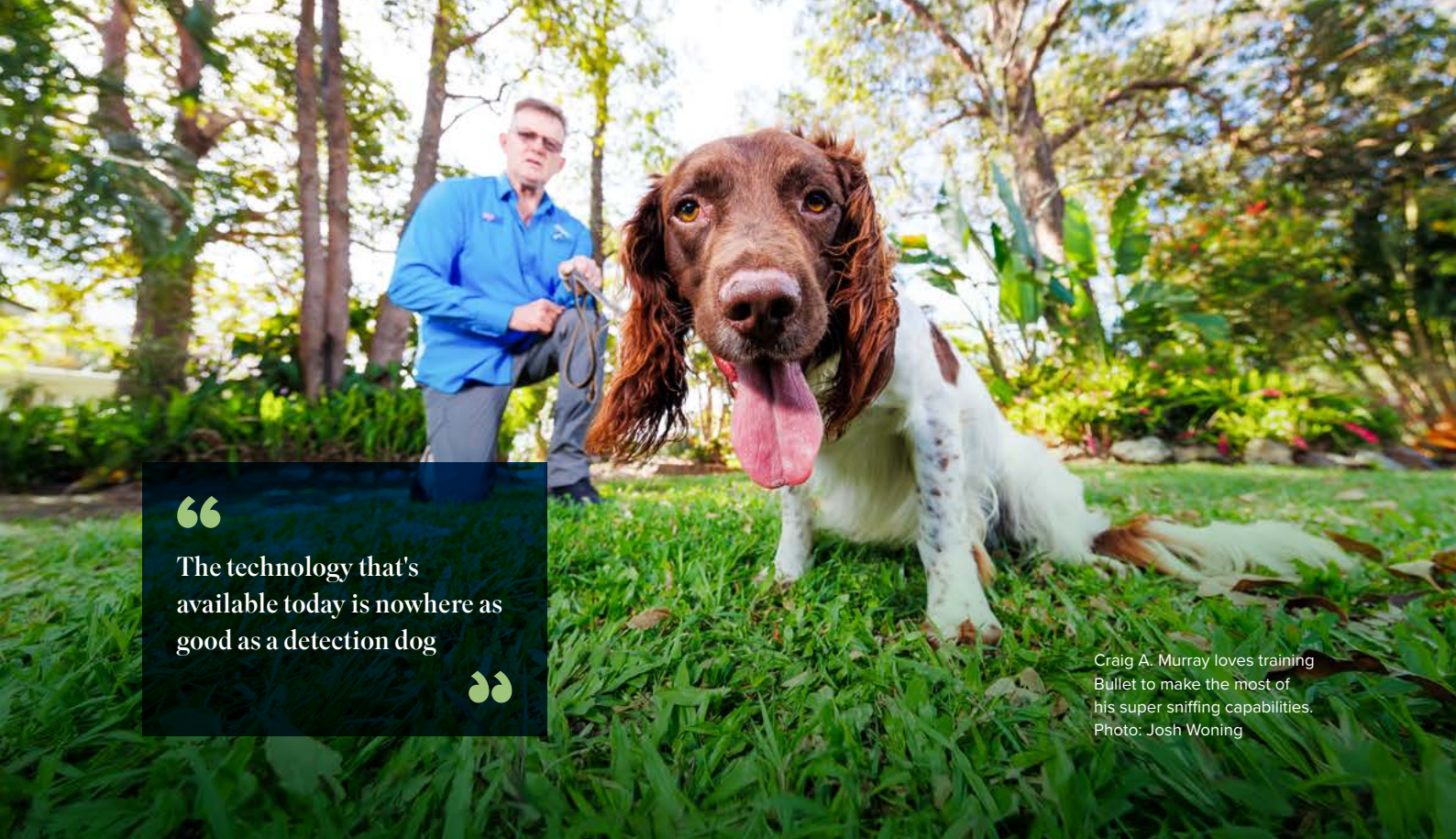


Award winner Sinead Brace

inclusivity with a culturally diverse team and a commitment to gender diversity.

Accomplished couple Einat and Shlomi Kuba





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The technology that's available today is nowhere as good as a detection dog

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Craig A. Murray loves training Bullet to make the most of his super sniffing capabilities. Photo: Josh Woning

Pawfessionals at work

Around the world, dozens of Logan-born residents have been saving lives, protecting native wildlife and investigating crime for the past 20 years – and all they ask for in return is a good belly rub.

These talented pooches are all esteemed graduates of a specialist training program in Loganholme run by Craig A. Murray, where only the most exceptional of litters can join the workforce.

Craig's expertise has produced a line of remarkable pups. For example, Rusty is one of the world's first fire ant detection dogs, while Norm helped the Australian government identify and remediate a once-common carcinogenic pesticide in 1996.

Fast forward to today and there is also Freddie, who headed to Hawaii to detect little fire ants with the Maui Invasive Species Committee, and Edna, who now uses her super sniffer to find cane toads for the Anindilyakwa Land and Sea Rangers in Grootte.

'The dog is a biological masterpiece. The technology that's available today is nowhere as good as a detection dog,' Craig says.

'We know for a fact that our dogs can go down to parts per trillion – what they're doing at this moment is only the tip of the iceberg.'

One of his current star students is Bullet, a cheerful 2-year-old springer spaniel with a natural talent for detection work.

As part of a top-secret state research project, Bullet spends most mornings sniffing around a scent wheel that dangles 12 different samples, or searching through hundreds of objects for one with a specific odour.

For Bullet, whose breed is known for its affability and love of work, his 6-day training schedule is a walk in the park.

'If we didn't enforce a mandatory rest day, he'd be happy to work every day,' Craig says with a chuckle.

'Even when it's rest time, he still wants

to hunt and search around for things.

'He's a happy little dog that just loves everything he gets to do.'

Craig says thanks to Bullet's hard work and keen sense of smell, scientists have made leaps in their research and will be publishing their findings in the near future.

To this day, Craig still considers his career a dream after recently clocking up 44 years in the industry.

'I'm a 60-plus-year-old man who gets to play with dogs all day, be an idiot for fun and I get paid for it,' he says.

'It's never easy saying goodbye to the dogs who relocate for work, but when you see them doing what they're supposed to do – saving millions or even billions of dollars for taxpayers – you feel good.

'You know the dogs love what they're doing and that they're getting the best care possible.'

Yoga is the GOAT for kids

The lovely connection children often find with baby farm animals at petting zoos is now being explored through a combination of exercise and mental wellbeing, known as goat yoga.

In recent years the intrigue of goat yoga has meant everyone from health influencers to famous actors are enjoying goat yoga sessions for the cameras, but it always come back to one simple message: combining a love of animals with a healthy lifestyle.

Now children throughout the City of Logan can experience the benefits of this low-impact activity during the summer school holidays with goat yoga sessions scheduled as part of the KRANK School Holiday program, run by Logan City Council.

Even the goats along for the session will be Logan locals – little Princess, Daisy and Lucky are 3 ‘kids’ from a hobby farm at South MacLean.

The baby goats were one month old when they attended their first goat yoga sessions in the September school holidays at Berrinba Wetlands, brought along by their owner Simona Tanasie – a psychologist who decided to move her 3 children to a rural setting and begin a hobby farm with goats, quails, ducks and cows.

‘The goats are naturally gentle and great with children,’ Simona says.

‘Goat yoga and animal therapy in general can really benefit children by promoting mindfulness. It’s especially helpful for kids dealing with anxiety, allowing them to regulate their emotions and take a break from their worries.’

Program Facilitator Leila Varga, with the ASE Group, says children in the September sessions, aged 5 to 17, really enjoyed learning traditional yoga poses and stretches with a



Clockwise from top left: Instructor Leila Varga at Berrinba Wetlands with participants Adam Ali, 10, of Daisy Hill, Meilah Wright, 7, of Eagleby, and Hunter Ashford, 10, of Eagleby. Photo: James McGuire.

trained instructor, as the baby goats mingled and played around them.

‘Some of the children were nervous to try it but they loved it, and some of the parents have found a lot of value in it for their children to be around the animals and learn about mindfulness,’ Leila says.

Having studied psychology and practised yoga for 5 years, Leila says even if the children are not physically active, they can still benefit from just learning simple breathing techniques and interacting with the animals.

‘The kids we had were really respectful of the animals and were very calm – they all did really well with the box breathing technique, which is something even Navy SEALs use for mindfulness.’

Tayla Wright, of Eagleby, says her nephew and her 2 children found the goat yoga session to be lots of fun.

‘It’s also really good for a child’s emotional regulation so we thought we’d come along and see and it was great,’ Tayla says.

Her daughter Meilah, 7, says her favourite pose was the ‘airplane’ and having the ‘nice and soft’ baby goats alongside her made it ‘twice as good’.

Goat yoga will be delivered as part of the KRANK School Holiday program in January 2025 and bookings are essential.

MORE INFO

Goat yoga classes:

- 📅 16 and 17 January
- 💰 \$5 per person
- 🕒 Bookings open 9 am on 9 December at logan.qld.gov.au/krank

More school holiday fun in Logan:

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Historic house museum

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📍 20 Mawarra Street, Kingston

📅 Open Thursday to Saturday
Closed 22 December to
1 January 2025

🕒 10:30 am to 4 pm

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Stevie O'Chin revisits her school art room at Carinity Education Southside.

Artist celebrates human connection

A Logan-based First Nations artist is using her talent to connect staff and students from her former school with Indigenous Australian culture.

As a 2016 graduate of Carinity Education Southside at Sunnybank, Stevie O'Chin was pleased to design a new shirt for employees of Queensland not-for-profit Carinity.

Not only are the employees embracing the new Indigenous-themed polo shirt as part of their work uniform, its popularity has led to a second round of orders.

Stevie has exhibited at Birrunga Gallery in Brisbane, which specialises in art by Indigenous Australian creatives, and sold artwork to collectors around Australia and overseas.

Stevie says her shirt design incorporates themes such as community, human connection, and God's love.

'Circles and lines represent the many services that interconnect through Carinity's core values of creating communities where people are loved, accepted, and supported to reach their full potential,' Stevie says.

'The yellow dots and connecting lines depict the attributes of God's love that characterise God's compassion, patience, protectiveness, sacrificing, kindness, understanding, forgiveness, and gentleness. The lines between the interconnected services represent Carinity staff bridging the divide through their respect, care and support.'

Stevie's Indigenous polo shirt design is a hit.

Carinity's Marketing and Communications Manager, Brett Maunder, says the polo shirts were devised with the support and input of First Nations people who work for Carinity.

'As well as numerous staff members, many service users and students who attend Carinity Education schools are from Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander backgrounds,' Brett says.



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3 pm – 8:30 pm

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City of Logan Christmas Carols

📅 7 Dec, 3 pm

📍 Kingston Butter Factory

Celebrate the magic of the season at the city's biggest Christmas event.

Active and Healthy: Yoga

📅 12 Dec, 6 pm

📍 Logan Central Community Centre

De-stress for the holiday season at this low-cost yoga session.

Colour my world

📅 13 Dec, 10 am

📍 Logan Art Gallery

For babies to age 5: Join in for story time and creative play.

Silver Series: Merry & Bright with Jonathon Welch AM

📅 13 Dec, 11 am

📍 Logan Entertainment Centre

Award-winning Jonathon Welch AM performs a morning of classic carols and festive holiday favourites.

Free festive outdoor movie

📅 14 Dec, 6 pm

📍 Village Green, Logan Village

Enjoy a free screening under the stars of *Elliot: The Littlest Reindeer*.

Be connected for older Australians

📅 18 Dec, 9:30 am

📍 Logan North Library

Learn how to use technology to pursue hobbies, manage money and keep in touch with loved ones.

Moving and grooving at KBF

📅 20 Dec, 10 am

📍 Kingston Butter Factory Cultural Precinct

For babies to age 5: Dance and more at this interactive story time session.

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KRANK cooking workshop

📅 7 Jan, 10 am

📍 121 Barbaralla Drive, Springwood

Mini chefs will learn tasty recipes and basic cooking skills in this hands-on workshop. Book online.

KRANK camping skills

📅 14 Jan, 9 am

📍 Marsden Scout Den, Marsden

Kids can learn fun camping tips and tricks during this school holiday session. Book online.

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Underdog's galactic success

Award-winning filmmaker Kai Smythe has seen it all, from the glitz and glamour of Los Angeles to the podium in Logan at the inaugural Underdog Film Fest, where he took home the Best Animation prize in September.

His submission, *First-ish Contact*, is a 'silly space epic' about a lowly government employee who makes first contact with an alien species.

A nod to the science fiction genre, the film explores themes of loneliness and isolation with a touch of self-awareness, delightfully offbeat humour and 1970s rock music.

Kai's signature animation style, which can be described as hyper-stylised, hand-drawn and fantastical, also shines through.

'It felt amazing to be recognised at the Underdog Film Fest because, although a lot of my films are quite heavy on the animation, I've never had an accolade for animation,' Kai says.

'I worked so hard on the animation and I've been building this style for so long, so it's lovely to feel like it wasn't all in vain.'

Besides working behind the scenes as an animator, Kai also starred and filmed the short, with help from friends.

It took around 18 months to complete *First-ish Contact*, which was shot at his mother's Mount Tamborine home during the COVID-19 pandemic.

'I was developing a television series and features with my manager in America until the pandemic pulled the rug,' Kai says.

'I moved back to Australia and was up in the mountains, wondering what I should do with my life.'

'What inspired the script was me being stuck and feeling isolated, which turned into a script about a government worker who's in the middle of space all by himself.'

Once the script was complete, Kai built the entire film set in the garage

using leftover wood from a feature film set he had previously worked on.

These world-building details have always been important to Kai, who grew up watching fantasy films such as *The Adventures of Baron Munchausen* and *The Dark Crystal*.

Kai says his film's win was a surprise. 'At the start, I had a bunch of rejections from film festivals and then all of a sudden, people were saying how much they loved it,' he says.

'I want to thank everyone at the Underdog Film Fest. It's been such an amazing first year and it's only a sign of things to come.'

Kai is already working with his US producer to develop *First-ish Contact* into a feature film ... all from his family's Buccan home, where he has a new workshop to build his future sets.

'Logan is so lovely as a creative, there's a beautiful and diverse melting pot of cultures here. It's where I'm going to live forever.'

Underdog Film Fest winner Kai Smythe as the main character in *First-ish Contact*.

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Logan is so lovely as a creative, there's a beautiful ... melting pot of cultures

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Blind volunteer lights the way

When Cedar Creek's Tim Pouncey began to go blind, his world grew darker – but he learned to see the light in a different way.

Six years later, Tim is paving a road map for people with disability.

Tim was diagnosed with retinitis pigmentosa and macular degeneration – eye disorders which cause vision loss over time.

He is unable to drive, has difficulty with everyday tasks such as cooking and cleaning, and often runs into doorways if he isn't using his cane.

The diagnosis was a 'big shock' for Tim, 21, who was looking forward to becoming a nurse or paramedic. Although certain dreams were put to rest, Tim transformed his way of living and is now a role model for others.

With the help of Carers Queensland and the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), Tim is pursuing more passions than ever, such as motorbike

riding, kayaking and community service.

'The diagnosis really changed how I view things and puts life into perspective – if you only have so long to do certain things, you better give everything a shot,' Tim says.

'It feels quite good to be able to get out and contribute – I'm normally very limited in what I can do. The NDIS has given me the chance to do things I enjoy as part of the community.'

Since age 15, Tim has also been a volunteer with the State Emergency Service (SES). He now teaches cadets as a youth leader with the Logan SES unit and worked on repair operations after the December 2023 storms.

'The most rewarding part is seeing teenagers helping the community and getting involved in real world situations, like with sandbagging during the last storm season,' he says.

Tim also spends time running the soundboard at Eagleby's Brigalow



Blind volunteer SES youth leader Tim Pouncey.

Country Community Club, teaches vision-impaired seniors to use technology, and hosts his YouTube channel *Visually Impaired Adventures with Tim*. The channel shows how creativity and fun are accessible to those with disability, with videos on topics such as blind golf.

'For me, nothing's off limits – you've just got to find a suitable way to do the things you want to do,' he says.

'Whatever you're going through may seem tough, but there's always a light at the end of the tunnel.'

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Cr Bradley and event organiser Stephen Parker prepare for Underwood Park parkrun's 8th birthday.

Festive fun for parkrun fans

There will be plenty to cheer about as the Underwood Park parkrun group celebrates its 8th birthday just days prior to Christmas.

A fun program is planned for the birthday celebration on Saturday, 21 December, from 6:30 am for a 6:55 am marshalling, then start.

New and existing parkrun participants are invited to attend and are encouraged to wear costumes or accessories with a Christmas theme, although regular running attire is also fine.

The first 5 km parkrun at Underwood Park was in 2016 on 17 December (after a 'test' event weeks earlier), and organised by Mark Morton, Darren Ryan and Stephen Parker, who are all still involved.

It drew 482 event finishers which, at the time, was an Australian record for a parkrun opener.

Division 1 Councillor Lisa Bradley,

who has been a strong supporter from day one and a regular participant, says parkrun is now an institution at Underwood Park.

'Not only is it a very social way to start the weekend, but parkrun is a great way to support and develop an active and healthy lifestyle,' Cr Bradley says.

Stephen, event co-director, does not expect this year's celebration to be as big as the first 2016 event, but there are high hopes the average weekly turnout of around 180 runners will be exceeded.

Participants are encouraged to bring some food and drink and stay for a post-race celebration.

'The post-race event will have a real community feel about it,' Stephen says.

For more information go to the Underwood Park parkrun Facebook page.

Heading off a stormwater surge

The next stage of the upgrade to the stormwater network in Rochedale South is underway.

The Woodlands Drive Master Drainage upgrade will boost community and road safety and improve the resilience of the local drainage network in severe weather.

Division 1 Councillor Lisa Bradley says the upgrade is part of a \$124.5 million capital works project.

'Larger pipes are being installed under roads to help get stormwater away quicker, which makes it safer for motorists during wet weather events and reduces run-off impacts for local residents,' Cr Bradley says.

This stage of the works will focus on: Glengala Dr (Tandara St to Jacana St), Lancelot St (Monica St to Underwood Rd), and Woodlands Dr (Lancelot St to Glengala Dr).

The majority of works will be done weekdays between 7 am and 6 pm. The upgrade is expected to be completed by March 2025, pending construction and weather conditions.



Cr Bradley with some of the giant stormwater pipes being laid in Rochedale South.

Boost for bus commuters

To help make access to public transport safer, 5 bus stops across Division 1 have been upgraded.

Cr Lisa Bradley thanks local residents for their patience.

'These upgraded bus stops will serve the community well for years ahead,' she says.

Locations of the works included (all in Springwood):

- > 4 Cinderella Dr
- > 14 Chatswood Rd
- > 225 Springwood Rd
- > Opposite 29 Barbaralla Dr
- > Opposite 84 Barbaralla Dr

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Super summer spruce up for popular pool

The summer holidays are looking good for patrons of Gould Adams Pool in Kingston.

Recent upgrade and maintenance work on the 3 pools has given them new life.

The indoor facility has a 25-metre pool, a learn-to-swim pool and a kids' play pool.

Works conducted by Logan City Council included:

- > Replacing the shell linings of all 3 indoor pools
- > New waterproofing, rendering and tiling
- > New starting blocks for the 25-metre pool



Cr Lane tries out some of the new facilities at the upgraded Gould Adams Park indoor aquatic centre.

- > A fresh coat of paint for the facility
- > New tiling in the changeroom showers
- > Other general maintenance and repairs

A new lift platform is also on the way to ensure the main pool is accessible for all abilities.

Division 2 Councillor Teresa Lane thanked the local community for its patience during the upgrade works.

'This facility is so important for our local residents, particularly early morning with the golden oldies who do rehab and mobility programs,' Cr Lane says.

'It's also a great place to hang out in the hot weather and the upgrade has brightened and improved the facility, and will make visiting the pool even more enjoyable over the coming holidays.'

Plenty of local fun this holiday season

The recent upgrade of the Croydon Road precinct in Logan Central is the first major move to rejuvenate the area ahead of the railway station upgrade and the 2032 Olympics and Paralympics.

Whether you are heading to the Croydon Rd precinct for business, visiting one of the many local wonderful businesses located there or heading to the Sunday market, residents can now enjoy:

- > A shared zone in Croydon Road with wide spaces, shade trees, seating and shelters (which offers opportunities for outdoor dining in the future)
- > Creation of a more welcoming space with new public toilets and vibrant public artwork

- > Improved safety through additional lighting and cameras

The works were funded by Logan City Council and the Queensland Government.

The area hosts the Global Food Markets every Sunday from 6 am to 12 pm. The markets feature fresh food, homegrown fruit and vegies along with tasty and exotic treats that reflect many of our city's 234 vibrant cultures.

Division 2 Councillor Teresa Lane says a visit to the Global Food Markets over the coming weeks is an ideal way to add something different and delicious to your family's Christmas or holiday table.

'I am at the Global Food Markets almost every weekend and host a

mobile office there on the last Sunday of the month from 7 am to 8:30 am for local residents to stop and have a chat'

Other events, free or low-cost, and places of interest across Division 2 that will help you get into the holiday spirit include:

- > **Logan City Council Christmas Carols** (Kingston Butter Factory, Saturday, 7 December, 3 pm)
- > **Milky Way Market** (Kingston Butter Factory Cultural Precinct, Friday, 20 December, 5 pm – 9 pm)
- > **Logan Art Gallery** (Jacaranda Ave, Tuesday to Saturday, 10 am – 5 pm, except public holidays. Admission is free)
- > **Logan Central Library** (Wilbur St, Monday to Saturday, opens at 9 am, except public holidays)

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Cr Russell (with ball) at Lowe Oval with Pumas AFL Masters enthusiasts (from left) Ross Free, Ricky Tantucz, Kirsty Tietjens, Daniel Newby and Michael Wardlaw.

Library fun to beat boredom

Logan North Library will host a range of activities these summer school holidays.

Division 3 Councillor Mindy Russell says the program is ideal for parents and carers looking to involve children in educational, creative and fun activities.

'There is something for all ages and the best thing is that all holiday activities at Logan North Library are free,' Cr Russell says.

Some activities to consider include:

- > **Curious Creature Creation drawing workshop (ages 7 to 13):** Award-winning author/illustrator Dr Cameron Stelzer teaches how to turn favourite animals into story characters, using outline, shading, colour, texture, imagination, creative problem-solving and exaggeration.
- > **Nature Journaling with Megan Forward (primary school ages):** Explore creativity through nature art journaling with author, artist and illustrator Megan Forward. Children can combine illustrations, painting and writing to create a journal.
- > **Lord of the Rings stencil art workshop (high school ages):** Participants will create a canvas or cork board as they experiment with *Lord of the Rings* inspired stencil art.
- > **Summer Reading Club:** Children can discover tales of adventure, animals and action. For more information go to loglib.org/src

For bookings or more information on holiday activities at all 9 Logan libraries, go to loglib.org/schoolhols



Cr Russell at Logan North Library.

New start for veteran footy stars at Pumas

Retired AFL players are being encouraged to dust the boots off and get involved again, thanks to a new initiative proposed by Springwood Pumas Australian Football Club.

The club, based at Lowe Oval in Sports Drive at Underwood, hopes to relaunch 2 men's Masters teams in the 2025 season and possibly a women's side further down the track if enough players can be recruited.

The Pumas' last Masters team disbanded in 2017, when player numbers dwindled and only a few volunteers were left to run the team and administration.

Club stalwart and Masters enthusiast Ross Free says it's time to get back on the field, particularly now that juniors through to Masters are united under the one committee at the Pumas.

'Playing footy is a great stress reliever, irrespective of what age you are, and it is great to engage with mates, new and old,' Ross says.

'We all feel better after playing a game, albeit a little sore these days.'

Division 3 Councillor Mindy Russell says Logan City Council encourages people of all ages to live active and healthy lifestyles and no one should think they are too old to get involved.

'Masters competition in any sport is a great way to keep playing, perhaps at a slower pace, while also enjoying the health and social benefits of being part of a team,' Cr Russell says.

'If the Pumas get a Masters team on the field next season, I will definitely be cheering for them.'

The Pumas are hoping to field teams in the 35 to 45 years division and the over 45s.

Games are not played for competition points in Masters AFL ... just bragging rights.

Masters' rules are modified to reduce rough play and tough tackling. Games are played fortnightly to allow better recovery. Training is one evening a week.

Anyone interested in playing Masters AFL should contact Ross Free on 0418 188 623.

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MY CONVERSATION WITH LICHEN AND THE STARS

STEPHAN DE WIT

Image: Stephan de Wit, *Close up of Lichen Spore Cups* (detail), 2022, digital print



CONVERSATION WITH NATURE

RONELLE REID

Image: Ronelle Reid, *#26 What can we do to preserve your existence?* (detail), 2024, oil on timber



TWO BIRDS

KRISTY ANN DUFFY AND TONI BIELBY

Image: Kristy-Ann Duffy, *I dropped Mine* (Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoos) (detail), 2024, acrylic on canvas

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Crowds flocked to a recent car show at the Logan Village Green.

Rumble reinforces value of Logan Village Green

The heartbeat of our community is green and pumping ... and it's great.

That was the overwhelming feedback from our massively successful free community event in September to celebrate the completion of upgrade works at the Logan Village Green.

So many people – many of them Division 4 residents, business owners and entertainers – played a part in bringing the event together and ensuring a bumper turnout on the day.

The car show was a huge hit with more than 100 vehicles from vintage to modern eras, which also highlighted the benefits of the open lawn space in the heart of the Green.

Local kids were buzzing at the skate clinic and demonstration from The Rumble skate team while everyone enjoyed live tunes from The Hat Racks, along with top-notch offerings from the food trucks and markets.

Many local service groups gave their support including Logan Village Rural Fire Brigade, Logan Village Lions and the Logan Village scout group.

We also had the backing of a number of businesses who supported the day, including Ray White Waterford and Faded Ink Tattoo & Barber Shop.

Division 4 Councillor Nathan St Ledger says the event highlighted that the community really enjoyed getting out and connecting with each other.

'The Logan Village Green provides the perfect space to do that with the facilities on offer catering for all ages,' Cr St Ledger says.

'I look forward to hosting other community events at this fabulous local outdoor space.'

The upgrade delivered on feedback from the community at the Logan Village Forum in 2018.

Staged works included:

- > Returning the northern end of the Green to turf and seating areas to create a larger events space adjacent to the RSL cenotaph.
- > Upgraded heritage courtyard and precinct along with improving the Wharf Street frontage.
- > Increasing shade by planting dozens of native trees and shrubs.

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Outdoors to find a love of learning

Arural facility at Tamborine is providing a second chance for students who have struggled to fit into the traditional education model.

Woodstock Farm in Plunkett Road is run by the charity Youth Enterprise Trust (YET), which aims to improve the lives of young people through engagement with the environment, education and entrepreneurship.

YET has launched a groundbreaking Education Queensland (EQ) program that takes a more flexible approach to secondary school learning.

Participants engage in more outdoor, physical and environmental activities to learn elements within the EQ literacy and numeracy curriculum.

YET chief executive officer Ian Frame says 15 students from years 7 to 9 have entered the program. They are from schools in Flagstone, Park Ridge, Yarrabilba and Beaudesert.

'We see students who previously had very high rates of truancy now logging 100 per cent attendance,' Ian says.

Division 4 Councillor Nathan St Ledger says YET and the students deserve praise for their efforts.

'I visited Woodstock and saw the fantastic work being put in,' he says.

'Not only are these kids getting a second chance to develop their education, but they are also learning skills that will help them later in life.'

MORE INFO

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Cr St Ledger (left) inspects Woodstock Farm in Tamborine with YET CEO Ian Frame.

Bollards boost illegal dumping crackdown

Works have been completed to block off an illegal dumping hotspot in Berrinba.

Division 5 Councillor Paul Jackson reacted quickly to complaints from residents about rubbish and other materials being dumped in a patch of bushland off Anderson Road, not far from the Logan Motorway on and off ramps.

The works included the installation of bollards with a lockable slip rail to access the road reserve for maintenance purposes.

Reflectors on the bollards and rail enhance road safety.

'Illegal dumping is a scourge and there is no place for it in our local community,' Cr Jackson says.

'I urge anyone who witnesses illegal

dumping activity to report it to my office at division5@logan.qld.gov.au or to Council on 3412 3412, or via lccqld.com/report-it.'

Logan City Council has zero tolerance for illegal dumping and the blatant discarding of objects such as household waste, shopping trolleys, used tyres and burnt-out vehicles.

It has formed an Illegal Dumping Taskforce and a Rapid Response team to remove the rubbish as quickly and safely as possible.

Nearly \$700,000 in fines are issued annually by Council for city amenities offences, which includes illegal dumping. That's a significant increase from 4 years ago.

'If you choose to illegally dump waste in Division 5, you will be caught and



Cr Paul Jackson inspects the new bollards installed to combat illegal dumping in Berrinba.

you will be fined,' Cr Jackson says.

Council operates 5 waste and recycling facilities at Beenleigh, Browns Plains, Carbrook, Greenbank and Logan Village as well as the Logan Recycling Market at Browns Plains.

Ratepayers with a residential bin service receive 4 waste vouchers each year which can be used to dispose of general, construction and demolition waste for free.

Sassy seniors lead the Christmas cheers

With the countdown to the holidays now in full swing, a group of active seniors in Waterford is ready to lead local celebrations.

Residents from the River Glen Haven over-50s lifestyle and retirement village have a special Christmas dinner and social celebration planned for Saturday, 7 December. Around 110 residents are expected, with a possible appearance by Santa and Mrs Claus.

The River Glen Haven group has previous good form in knowing how to party. Six lucky residents were guests of Division 5 Councillor Paul Jackson at Logan City Council's Seniors Big Day Out Concert at the Logan Entertainment Centre in October.



Cr Jackson presents a hamper to River Glen Haven resident Maureen Bradburn as a lucky door prize for their Christmas party.

'I learned from my regular Q&A sessions at River Glen Haven that many residents had missed out on attending this much-loved local event in previous years,' Cr Jackson says.

'So I got a table together and we had a wonderful time. I am sure their Christmas party will be another fun event and I am delighted to have donated a special lucky door prize.'

Maureen Bradburn says the Seniors Big Day Out was one of the highlights of the year for those River Glen Haven residents who sat on Cr Jackson's table for the concert.

'The music was our vintage and we loved it,' Maureen says.

Christmas is one of a number of special holidays that will be celebrated across Division 5. Others include Bodhi Day (Buddhism – 8 Dec) and Hanukkah (Judaism – 25 Dec to 2 Jan).

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Top marks for student safety upgrade

Soar to Success is the motto at Edens Landing State School and recent upgrades in surrounding streets have assured that road safety is also top of mind.

To help deliver a safer and more orderly school drop-off and pick up, Council has widened and upgraded the footpath along Jamie Nicolson Avenue outside the school.

Ten bench seats were also installed for students who wait for transport, rather than have them line up on the kerbside.

A new pedestrian crossing has been painted on Jamie Nicolson Avenue, and school crossing signage installed, adjacent to the entrance to the school's access road.

Similarly, lines have been painted at the crossing point on Castille Crescent about midway between the roundabout outside the school and Clayton Drive.

A third pedestrian crossing has been created outside Edens Landing Shopping Centre. This one features a 'wombat' raised platform that encourages drivers to slow down even when the crossing is not in use.

And in a further safety enhancement to busy Castille Crescent, the yellow no-stopping line has been extended at the southern end approaching the intersection with Logan River Road. This allows drivers to pass more safely any vehicles waiting to turn into the service station.

The works have been funded, in part, by the Division 6 Local Infrastructure Program. Division 6 Councillor Tony Hall says any money spent on improving road safety is an excellent investment.

'The roads around Edens Landing State School are



Cr Hall tries the new seating with Edens Landing State School students Summer McLatchie and Annabelle Saunders.

extremely busy before and after school,' Cr Hall says.

'Parents raised their concerns with me and I was happy to support these works for a safer environment for students.'

Edens Landing State School Principal Megan Hill says the school has 770 pupils.

'These upgrades by Council have definitely created a safer space for students waiting for buses, or to be collected by their parents and carers, while the new road crossings are important for those who walk to school,' Megan says.

'Like any school, our drop-and-go areas are congested at times and I urge all drivers in the vicinity of our school to be patient and observe the speed limits.'

Audio now added to messages of hope

Meadowbrook's inspiring Hope Stairs now offer another level of support for those in the community who may be doing it tough.

The first stage of the Hope Stairs was opened to the community in 2023



Cr Hall (right) activates the Hope Stairs audio project with (from left) Julian and Miria Poppe, who provided a message of support, and Solitude Project founder Destani Davies.

outside Logan Hospital, which features 8 messages on the stairs.

Each message aims to bring a sense of hope and support, reminding those going through a difficult time that they are not alone.

Stage 2 of the Hope Stairs, launched in October, provides an interactive lightbox and recorded messages of hope.

There are 5 different messages – 4 in English and one in Samoan – provided by the loved ones of people lost to suicide.

Enhanced lighting has also been added to the stairs.

The project was funded by the Division 6 Local Infrastructure Program.

Division 6 Councillor Tony Hall says the Hope Stairs are an important connection with those who may be feeling vulnerable.

'We are a caring community in the City of Logan and we are always ready to help and support those in need,' Cr Hall says.

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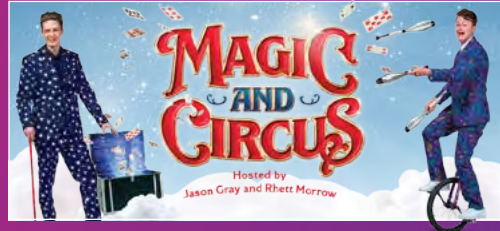
GET ON UP HIP-HOP WORKSHOPS

Tue 8 Apr 2025, 10:30 am, noon & 2 pm

Get On Up is an exciting dance and sports education program created for schools, dance studios and community. Students will learn the foundations of Breaking and also develop key life skills such as teamwork, discipline, coordination, and self-expression. Suitable for children aged 12-18.



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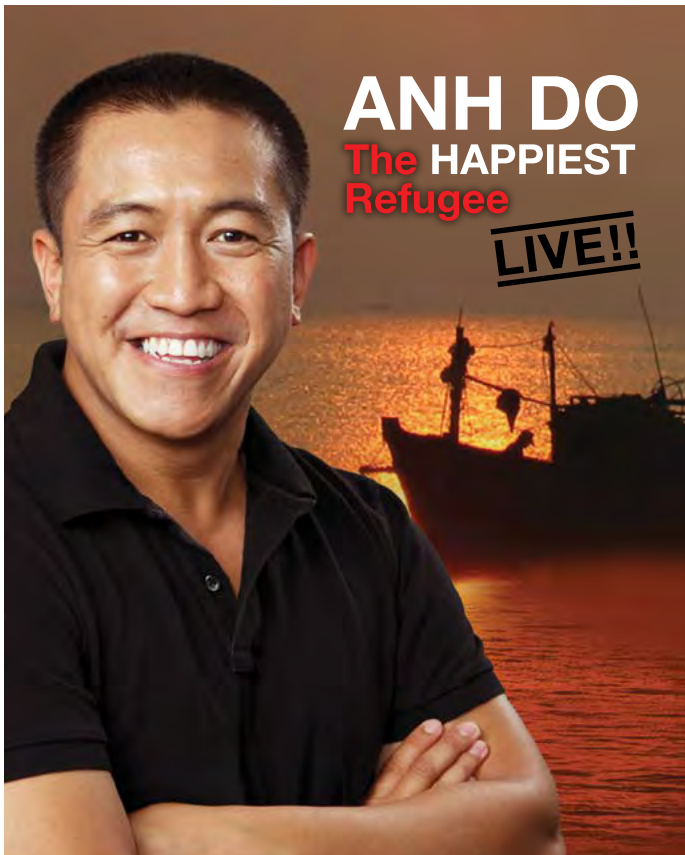
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Cr Frazer with Southern Stars pitcher Storm Law at Regency Park.

Popular park gets even better

Forestglen Park in Browns Plains is one of the most popular parks in the City of Logan.

The park features a modern accessible playground with soft-fall matting and shade sails, picnic tables and seating, along with a shaded barbecue area.

It also has a large gazebo at the end of a long, wide concrete path which makes the bookable venue popular for weddings and other celebrations.

Those visiting Forestglen Park will also notice a colourful new amenities block has now been constructed.

The unisex toilet block is fully accessible and has an undercover outdoor sink. The external walls have been painted with bright leaf-like murals.

Division 7 Councillor Tim Frazer says facility upgrades in local parks is always money well spent.

'Anyone planning a party or get together over the coming holidays should consider Forestglen Park as a venue option. It has something for everyone,' Cr Frazer says.

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The new amenities block in Forestglen Park at Browns Plains.

New lights a home-run hit

The Southern Stars Baseball Club is shining brighter this season thanks to a lighting upgrade at its home ground, which is located in Regents Park.

A new light tower has been erected while additional light fittings have been added to existing poles.

The upgrade at Regency Park was made possible through Logan City Council's Sports Facility Program and funding from the Division 7 Local Infrastructure Program.

Division 7 Councillor Tim Frazer says the new lights allow club members to utilise more of their home ground for games and training.

'The upgraded lighting has illuminated the entire outfield and has also removed the need to erect temporary homerun fences closer in



The outfield is illuminated thanks to new lights at Regency Park.

during night games,' Cr Frazer says.

Southern Stars Baseball Club fields teams in men's, women's, juniors and masters competitions. Membership has increased this year to 120 players.

Club officials say the extra lighting is another improvement that helps justify their belief that Southern Stars is the 'best little baseball club in the region'.

'The support that we constantly receive from Council is much appreciated and certainly helps our major goal of providing the local community with a safe and enjoyable sport for all ages,' Rick Waterworth says, in his role as club treasurer and life member.

Pitcher Storm Law, who has been with the Stars for 16 years and lives nearby in Regents Park, says the new lighting has been welcomed by players at all levels and launched a new era for the club.

'It's way better. We can see the ball now when training at night,' Storm jokes.

Anyone interested in playing baseball with Southern Stars should contact Karen on 0421 773 768 or email the club on southernstarsbaseballclub@gmail.com

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Our parks perfect for summer fun

Many Division 8 residents embrace an active and healthy outdoor lifestyle, which makes our local parks ideal family-friendly destinations this summer.

Whether it's exercising, taking the kids to play, or just chilling out in the outdoors, our parks offer something for everyone.

Development in our area is bringing dozens of new residents into our suburbs each week. That's why new parks and upgrading existing facilities are so important.

Here's just a few Division 8 parks you might like to explore:

- > **Flindersia Riverside Park** (Logan Reserve): Relatively new, this offers a flying fox, large playgrounds, basketball half-court, picnic shelters, barbecues and toilets.
- > **Solandra Park** (Regents Park): A space theme features at this popular park in Aspera Street, including a 6.6-metre rocket ship play tower and slide, swing, moon buggy and refuelling 'space station'. Picnic shelters have been refurbished and there's a new accessible pathway.
- > **Sweetfern Park** (Logan Reserve): This expansive space, on Sweetfern Drive, includes a large kick-around space, a multipurpose court with basketball hoop, picnic shelters, play and exercise equipment, seating and rubbish bins.



Matthew Stimson and son Alexander enjoy visiting Flindersia Riverside Park.

- > **Isle of Ely Park** (Heritage Park): This hidden gem in Isle of Ely Drive is ideal to escape the hustle and bustle. The entry pathway features a painted floral mural and the play area includes a multi-level climbing tower and a group rocker under a shade sail.

Logan Reserve resident Matthew Stimson and his son Alexander, 5, try to visit Flindersia Riverside Park often. 'It has lots of open spaces and the range of different play equipment and facilities is great,' Matthew says.

FULL LIST OF PARKS AND THEIR FACILITIES

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Delivering safer travel

Improving and delivering a safer, sustainable and more reliable road network is a driving goal for Council.

Division 8 is home to a number of suburbs that are among the fastest-growing in Queensland. This rapid growth has resulted in increased traffic flows and a need to upgrade intersections and major thoroughfares.

Locations identified for upgrades include:

Clarke, Lindenthal and Park Ridge Roads intersection

- > New traffic signals, street lighting and line marking
- > New pedestrian path and raised signalised crossing
- > Bicycle lanes approaching the intersection on Park Ridge Rd
- > New footpaths, kerb and channel, and drainage upgrades

Chambers Flat Rd, Holloway Rd to Kenny Rd

- > New guardrails on the Chambers Creek underpass
- > Providing new street lighting
- > Resurfacing part of the Pleasant View Rd intersection
- > Improved signage, including flashing warning signs

Other roads projects planned or proposed include:

- > New footpath connecting to the existing footpath on Chambers Flat Rd and the pram ramp at the south-western corner of Chambers Flat Rd and Park Ridge Rd
- > New Green Rd footpath between Waller Rd, Isle of Ely Dr

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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Cr Bannan underneath new hoops installed at Jimboomba Basketball.

Festival ignites community spirit

Logan City Council's Flame BBQ Street Festival has struck a match with local food and music lovers.

More than 8,000 people turned up for a taste at Jimboomba Park on Saturday, 21 September – and they weren't disappointed.

The now-annual festival went down well among attendees and vendors who were stoked with its huge variety of food, live music and entertainment offerings.

Division 9 Councillor Scott Bannan says there are no plans to turn down the heat.

'We cranked things up this year with more food, more music and more entertainment including rides and activities for everyone,' Cr Bannan says.

'The local community got behind us, and people got together with friends, family and neighbours for a great night out.

'We know this event can only get better, which is why we're already making plans for Flame 2025.'

Council's Flame BBQ Street Festival will be held in September each year.

FLAME EVENT SURVEY

Give feedback and ideas at lccqld.com/FLAME2024survey



From left: Cr Scott Bannan with Cr Tony Hall and Mayor Jon Raven at Flame BBQ Street Festival.

Plenty of perks for locals

Division 9 residents have heaps to celebrate this summer season.

Works are now complete on a range of projects making it easier for families and visitors to use and enjoy local facilities, and travel through the community.

Local league players are celebrating the completion and opening of Jimboomba Thunder's new multi-million-dollar clubhouse, funded by Logan City Council and the Australian Government.

But there's also been plenty of other works happening behind the scenes.

Division 9 Councillor Scott Bannan says even 'minor' improvements made to local infrastructure is time well spent.

'Our hardworking residents, clubs and community organisations deserve all the support Council gives them, which is why I always have a list of local projects a mile long,' Cr Bannan says.

'We've got some great runs on the board lately and all of them have

been about making local people's lives that much easier.'

Recently completed upgrades include:

- > The installation of a new toilet block at Pioneer Park, Woodhill
- > A new footpath outside the Caddies Community Centre on South Street
- > New outdoor arena lighting at the Jimboomba Pony Club
- > A new safety camera and landscaping works at the Edelsten Road/ East Street roundabout
- > New shade cover for spectators and players at Jimboomba Tennis Club
- > Improved long jump and javelin run ups at Jimboomba Little Athletics
- > New hoops, backboards and poles for Jimboomba Basketball

Council has also recently completed Stage 2 of Jimboomba's Local Road Upgrades program.

The works included improvements to sections of Anders Street, Ann Street, Cross Street, Manning Street and Spring Street.

MORE INFORMATION ON AREA ROADWORKS

lccqld.com/jimboomba-upgrades

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Cr Miriam Stemp (far right) at the Rods Inc. 60th anniversary celebration with (from left) Brian Lewis, George Higgins, Peter Hemingway and Kerry Moreton.

Share your thoughts ahead of Christmas

Division 10 residents can share their Christmas wishes and aspirations for 2025 at 2 special community engagement opportunities to be hosted by Councillor Miriam Stemp on Tuesday, 24 December.

The Christmas-themed mobile offices will be held at the entrance to the Cornubia Shopping Centre (Beenleigh-Redland Bay Rd) from 9 pm to 12 pm, and in front of the IGA at Loganholme (Ascot Dr) from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm.

Cr Stemp says meeting regularly face-to-face with Division 10 residents is important and particularly so at a time when we reflect on the past year and look forward to the 12 months ahead.

'I hold mobile offices at the local shopping centres every 3 months and love interacting with my local community and hearing their feedback,' Cr Stemp says.

'A chat on Christmas Eve will provide an opportunity for residents to raise any issues they might have before taking a break or going on holidays to get ready for the New Year.'

Anyone who can't make the Christmas Eve mobile offices can contact Cr Stemp through the details at the bottom of this page.



Cr Stemp ready to chat at a previous Christmas Eve mobile office.

Diamond anniversary for hot rod enthusiasts

Under the slogan 'Making new friends since 1964', one of Division 10's most beloved and enduring enthusiast clubs has celebrated its 60th anniversary.

The Rods Inc. Brisbane club is a family-oriented, non-profit organisation that promotes the automotive hobby of hot rodding. It is based at Logan City Council's Burchill Park facility in Loganholme.

The club has nearly 150 members and associates drawn from across South East Queensland.

Their passion is pre-1949 Hot Rods and Classic and Custom cars up to 1978.

The Rods Inc. clubhouse is decked out like a 1950s' rockabilly cafe and was the venue for a glittering Diamond Jubilee 60th anniversary celebration in October.

Division 10 Councillor Miriam Stemp attended the event and congratulated the club on its significant milestone.

'It was wonderful to be among

a group of people who are so passionate about their cars and restoring them,' Cr Stemp says.

'It's an amazing achievement and a true testimony to the dedication of club members to reach 60 years and I wish them all the best for another 60 years ahead.'

Club president Brian Lewis says membership is open to those who own, or are restoring, a vehicle that dates up to and includes 1978.

The club is a strong supporter of various charities and raises funds through regular car runs to locations across South East Queensland, dances and other social events.

'While our passion for cars is what brings us together, we operate more like one big family,' Brian says.

'We are there to help each other and to support charities and causes that are important to us all.'

Anyone interested in becoming part of Rods Inc. can find more details at rodsinc.com.au

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Storm messages are lessons well-learned

Students at Flagstone State Community College have taken part in a Queensland-first aimed at having more local households prepared ahead of the next natural disaster.

With memories still vivid of the Christmas Day storm which ravaged parts of Division 11 last year, students across multiple grades took part in the Voices of Students in Disaster Resilience project.

The students used life-sized cut-outs to illustrate their experiences with severe weather and how to be prepared for it.

The corflute cut-outs were attached to the College's fence to mark Get Ready Queensland Week in October.

Division 11 Councillor Natalie Willcocks says it was 'enlightening' to see what getting ready for a storm means to younger people.

'As a mum of 2 young daughters, I like to think I shelter them from certain things, but this project showed me how informed and knowledgeable our young people are these days,' Cr Willcocks says.

'The advice they offered was amazing and I urge our



Cr Willcocks (right) with Flagstone State Community College Principal Julie Strong and students Jorjah Buchanan and Angel Deborah.

community to learn from the messages that came from this wonderful project.'

Year 9 student Angel Deborah moved to Flagstone about a year ago.

'My family and I were not prepared for an emergency before this. If there was a disaster now, we'd be ready for it,' Angel says.

Voices of Students in Disaster Resilience is supported by the Queensland Reconstruction Authority and Get Ready Queensland.

To prepare an emergency plan for your family, go to: plan.getready.qld.gov.au

For local disaster information, including how to register for Logan Early Warning Alerts, go to the Logan Disaster Dashboard at: disaster.logan.qld.gov.au

Discovery Trail inspires bright young learners

A hidden gem in the Covella Estate at Greenbank is a fun activity for the school holidays that is also educational.

An interactive trail and outdoor learning experience has been developed, that takes in 6 different community parks.

The Covella Discovery Trail was inspired by Logan City Council's First 5 Forever program, which is supported by the State Library of Queensland.

First 5 Forever is a fun and free family-based program that supports children's learning growth and wellbeing through their first 5 years.

Markers have been placed in each park on the trail. They feature a QR code that directs participants to a range of story time sessions that are inspired by First 5 Forever and put a focus on learning through play.

The sessions use video and audio to invite young children to join Errol the frog as they talk, sing, read, play and dance their way through Covella.

Division 11 Councillor Natalie Willcocks says exploring the trail is an engaging and free holiday activity.

'As a former schoolteacher, I know how important it is to foster and encourage confident young learners,' Cr Willcocks says.



Cr Willcocks explores the First 5 Forever inspired Covella Discovery Trail at Greenbank.

'Taking the family on the First 5 Forever trail at Covella is not only a nice day out, but could also help set up your kids for a flying start to the new school year.'

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MORE INFO ON THE COVELLA DISCOVERY TRAIL

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Cr Murphy turns the first sod to launch construction of a new 50-metre pool in Beenleigh.

Lights on and hear them roar

Logan City Lions Touch Football Club is roaring with the new summer season well underway.

The club, based at Noyer Park in Mt Warren Park, has a record 1,105 active players across more than 40 men's, women's, juniors and masters teams.

Division 12 Councillor Karen Murphy recently visited the Lions' headquarters to donate water bottles which were added to player sign-on packs.

She also inspected a lighting upgrade that was funded by Logan City Council and the Queensland Government.

'It was my pleasure to meet the club's committee at Noyer Park and see the benefits of the new lights,' Cr Murphy says.

'The fields are full of players on weeknights either training or competing and better lighting means better football.'

Club president Dallas Martin says the new lighting has been a 'game-changer' for the club and has improved safety for players.

'These new lights set our facility apart from a lot of others locally,' Dallas says.

'People want to play with the Lions and our soaring registrations this season reflect that.'



Cr Murphy (left) with Logan City Lions Touch Football Club committee members (from left) Dallas Martin, Jack Leahy, Teagan Hennessey, Bo-Jeign Aukuso and Tony Kennedy.

Diving into the future: Beenleigh's new pool

From the oldest public pool in the City of Logan to the newest and most modern – that's the exciting project now underway in Beenleigh.

Construction has now begun on the \$23.1 million Beenleigh Aquatic Centre upgrade.

A heated 50-metre, 8-lane swimming pool is expected to open mid-2025, replacing the 33-yard pool which opened in 1964 and has now been demolished.

The upgrade also includes a kiosk, an expanded children's water play area, shaded seating areas, modern changeroom facilities, and accessible and family-friendly amenities.

Division 12 Councillor Karen Murphy says sustainability was top of mind when finalising the upgrade plans.

'The facility will have solar panning to generate clean energy and storm water will be collected to minimise mains water usage.'

Cr Murphy says the upgraded facility will complete Stage 2 of the Dauth Park Masterplan.

'I can't wait to see locals splashing around and swimming laps in a sparkling new pool in Beenleigh,' Cr Murphy says.

'This modern facility also will provide excellent training opportunities for locals and visitors ahead of the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.'

The indoor pool remains open to the public while works are underway and all existing programs in that section of the complex will continue.

The project is funded through the \$285.8 million SEQ Liveability Fund – one of 29 commitments being delivered under the SEQ City Deal – with Logan City Council investing \$13.4 million alongside \$4.85 million in contributions from the Australian and Queensland governments.

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