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Wait is nearly over for our new community centre



A concept drawing of the entrance to the new facility.

It was so exciting to recently turn the ceremonial first sod for construction to commence on the long-awaited Flagstone Community Centre in Parklands Drive (not far from the water play area and adventure playground).

The new Centre is being constructed with local community needs top of mind and I can't wait for it to open to support residents in this rapidly growing suburb and surrounds.

This facility has been in the pipeline for a while.

Funding was approved in my first Council Budget in 2020, and although there have been a few unexpected hurdles along the way, we should see groundworks commence soon and construction not too long after that (weather permitting).

I have tried to ensure the Centre will also be a vital emergency hub for when a disaster occurs.

To achieve this, we have incorporated into the final designs some kitchen and laundry facilities, along with showers.

There will also be a space where locals who lose electricity can come to recharge their devices (provided the Centre also hasn't lost power at that time).

Hopefully, a space for a generator and a change-over switch facility will be part of the final site electrics.

The start of construction marks a huge milestone for the community, who have waited patiently for so long since they first provided feedback on what they would like to see incorporated into this important facility.

Work is scheduled to be complete by mid-2026. I'm sure the wait will be well worth it!



Cr Natalie Willcocks at the official announcement that construction will start on the new Flagstone Community Centre.

Cr Natalie Willcocks

Division 11

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Some flood damage on Backwater Road at Greenbank as a result of ex-TC Alfred in March.

Let me know how you handled Cyclone Alfred

We are a resilient lot in Division 11 and I hope normal life has resumed after the severe weather event in March.

The anxious wait to see what Tropical Cyclone Alfred might do as it approached the coast highlighted the importance that the community needs to be prepared for storms, flooding and other natural disasters.

I am very interested to receive feedback from our community on how you went in the lead-up and aftermath caused by ex-TC Alfred.

Were you disaster ready? Did you panic buy? What might you do differently next time?

It was also unprecedented times for Council.

We provided 3,500 tonnes of loose sand and nearly

250,000 sandbags to residents across the City of Logan.

In conjunction with the SES, there were more than 500 requests for emergency assistance logged during the severe weather event that lasted for just a few days, but the recovery stretched to weeks.

The wild winds smashed trees and flash flooding created the largest power outage ever in South East Queensland with more than 275,000 properties without power. That included 40,000 residents in Logan, some who went up to a week without mains electricity.

I know this issue caused a lot of distress to Division 11 residents, including some of those who still have vivid memories of the Christmas 2023 storm in our area.

If there are any Energex workers reading this, please know that we appreciated your swift response and heavy workload in very dangerous conditions.

Special thanks also goes to the Council workers who worked long hours in our Local Disaster Coordination Centre and those who rallied in the aftermath to get our roads, bridges, parks and community facilities back to normal.

If you need assistance applying for any of the community support grants available, please let me know and I will be happy to assist you.

Contact me on 3412 5511 or email: NatalieWillcocks@logan.qld.gov.au

Accessibility key to Middle Green upgrade

The Middle Green Sports Club has a rich and proud history and I am pleased that a new chapter is on the way.

The not-for-profit community club has been based at the Greenbank Recreation Reserve since 1973. It caters for rugby league and touch football.

Not surprisingly, time has taken its toll on some of the facilities at the club since it first kicked off 52 years ago.

I am delighted to announce that Council has begun an exciting renewal project within the clubhouse.

A big 'thank you' goes to club members, and in particular Astrid Raines, who drew attention to the need to upgrade toilets at Middle Green to cater for patrons with disability.

After lots of consultation with Middle Green committee members and others about the design of these toilets, works are now underway to ensure access is available for everyone in our community.

The club, which has a restaurant and a gaming area, is open every day from 10 am at 720-768 Middle Road, Greenbank.



Cr Natalie Willcocks seals a renovation deal with Middle Green's Keith Michael and Dave McBey.



Cr Willcocks with Astrid Raines.

Mayor's message



I hope you had a safe and happy Easter.

Can you believe it's been just over a year since your Councillors and I were elected?

It's been an incredibly busy time and the recent public holidays were a good chance to reflect on what's been achieved.

Some great news for Logan is that our new 9-court Indoor Sports Centre will start construction later this year and is due to be finished by 2028. This is a \$140m project funded jointly by the Queensland and Australian Governments and has been identified as a potential event venue at the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

We also recently completed an \$80 million upgrade of Loganlea Road.

This project, which included widening the road to 3 lanes in both directions and adding infrastructure, was funded with the support of Jim Chalmers MP as part of the 2022 Federal Election.

Council is now in the middle of finalising the upcoming budget. Your Councillors are focused on finding savings and improving efficiencies across all areas. But just like you, Council is struggling with significant increases in costs for the city – particularly fuel, electricity, insurances and construction.

We're also working on a community consultation project called Transform Logan. During my election campaign, locals said they wanted their Mayor to focus on better long-term planning and an ambitious vision for our city.

This community reference panel has 50 representatives looking at what the next 50 years looks like for Logan. They will share their ideas later in the year.

I'll share some more information on my social media soon about how you can have your say on the city's future as well.

Mayor Jon Raven
City of Logan

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