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### Youth Centre is a terrific venue for our kids

If anyone needs a perfect local example of an 'instant success', you can't go past our fabulous new Wilbur Street Youth Centre in Logan Central.

Just 6 weeks after officially opening its doors, this innovative and muchneeded facility has so far attracted registrations from more than 2,200 students who have already attended the Centre, or want to visit soon.

These are huge numbers that continue to grow every day.

The early success of the facility (which is next door to Logan Central Library) is a shining example of Council's commitment to young people.

It also speaks volumes about the welcoming spirit and hard work of the Centre's operators REKON!

On average, between 100 and 240 young people aged between 12 and 18 head to the Centre each weekday for safe fun in an open and supportive environment.

These amazing numbers prove that all 3 levels of government were right to back this project and bring it to our local area.

Jim Chalmers (Federal MP), Cameron Dick (State MP) and myself regularly call into the Centre to check out the different activities underway on any particular day.

And the list of options just keep growing for the hundreds of kids who are flocking to the venue after school.

There's basketball, badminton and volleyball, along with podcasting,

music recording, arts, crafts, and dance in specially built studios.

There's also gaming, snooker/pool, table tennis, board games, elders' connection, computer graphics and cooking courses on offer so kids can take home meals to feed their families.

And best of all - it's all free.

The next step is to secure funding so the Centre can open on weekends.

If you are a parent in the local area, please call in with your teen and check out the hub for yourself.

All volunteers at the Wilbur Street Youth Centre are blue card holders.



Teenagers can enjoy themselves in a safe and supportive environment at the Wilbur Street Youth Centre, where even local police liaison officers get involved in the fun.

#### Local contacts:

Logan City Council and Logan Water (24 hrs): **3412 3412** Animal Ambulance: **1300 264 625** What's on? **ourlogan.com.au** 



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# 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

## **Concerned residents** want safer roads and more responsible driving

I have been approached recently by a number of Division 2 residents who are concerned by the increasing number of motorists using our streets as the fastest way to get to their destination with little regard for the safety of other drivers, pedestrians and cyclists.

Speeding, hooning, inattention and rat running are rife, which has required more road safety initiatives funded from the Division 2 Local Infrastructure Program (LIP).

The initiatives include yellow no parking lines, marked car bays, speed platforms, traffic islands and more signage.

This year, half the LIP budget has been allocated to problem areas.

Council's roads team is now in the final consultation stage to introduce speed platforms in Lyngrove Street, Ariel Avenue, sections of Bardon Road, and Dart Avenue in Kingston at a cost of around \$500,000. Construction of the platforms is due to begin later this year, and any savings will go back into the road safety budget for our area.

Other streets in Kingston, Woodridge and Underwood have also been identified for resurfacing (not covered by LIP) to improve safety.

These include:

**Kingston:** Fawcett St, Greenwood St, View St, Woodash St, Woodrose St, George St and Woody Ave.

**Woodridge:** Mawson St, Douglas St, Candish St, Mactay St, Shannon St, Dorothy St, Kelvin St, Mikaga Crt and Southgate Dr.

Underwood: Millers Rd.

Safe and reliable roads benefit everyone in our community and that's why I am working hard to ensure our roads are well-maintained to help prevent accidents and improve overall driving conditions.



Cr Teresa Lane insists that regularly maintaining our local roads is a key factor in making them safer for drivers and reducing risks for pedestrians.

## Fresh look for Logan Roos' clubhouse

Ratepayers say that using funds to help our local sporting clubs is really important to them, but so too is saving money while we do it.

A great example of how that can be done is the Logan Roos clubhouse at Oates Park in Woodridge.

The 60-year-old clubhouse is very small and has required the leasing of portaloos and temporary changerooms to meet the growing player numbers. Instead of lobbying for a new multimillion-dollar facility, the club approached a local builder to renovate the existing clubhouse, using the skills of the club's tradie parents to help reduce costs.

The interior was gutted and rebuilt to provide new player bathrooms, bigger player changerooms, refurbished referee rooms, more storage and an expanded canteen. The outside of the clubhouse is being painted and new pod toilets are on the way.

The project was funded by the Division 2 Local Infrastructure Program at a cost of \$215,000.

Thanks to Abdul Khan and his Logan Roos family for working with me to deliver this great local project. You guys rock!



The Logan Roos clubhouse at Oates Park in Woodridge has had a budget-conscious makeover.

### Dob in a dumper

It's time for everyone to step up and say 'no more' to illegal dumping in our community.

Every time Council has to clear household rubbish from footpaths and parks, it takes considerable funding away from improved services.

If you see someone illegally dumping waste, just note the date, time, vehicle involved and what was dumped. Then report it to Council on **3412 3412** and leave the rest to us!



Lights in Ewing Road would boost safety

More cars and trucks than ever are now using Railway Parade and Ewing Road in Logan Central as a connector between Wembley and Compton Roads.

The behaviour of some drivers isn't always as respectful as it could be and that needs to change, one way or another.

While Railway Parade has received several new speed platforms to slow motorists in the 40 km/h zone, I am pushing for traffic lights to be prioritised under the Australian Government's Blackspot Program for the corners of Jean Street and Defiance Road to make one inclusive intersection.

Hopefully that will make the journey to local schools a lot safer and will take pressure off the lights at Blackwood Road.

I will keep you updated as new Federal Blackspot funding is announced. FREE INFLUENZA

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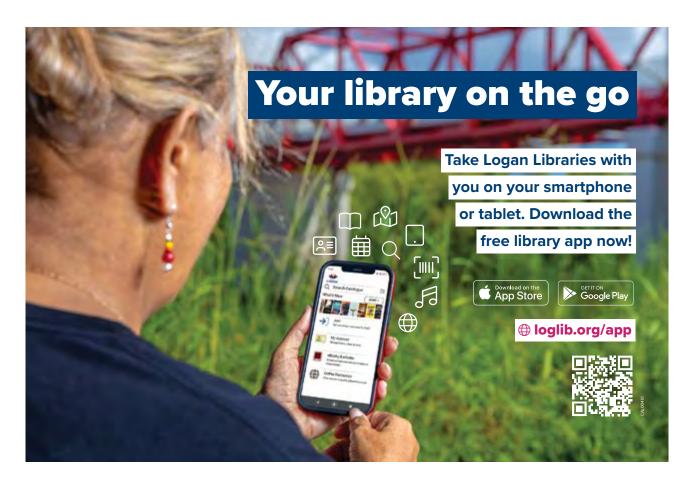
For everyone aged 6 months and older All Queensland residents over the age of 6 months, including those without a Medicare card, can access the influenza vaccine for **FREE** until 30 September 2025.

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