



Division 3 News

Cr Mindy Russell



Cyclone Alfred was no match for our inspiring women of the world

Maybe call it women's intuition?

International Women's Day is on 8 March each year, and usually includes brilliant events, luncheons and dinners that connect and celebrate the inspiring women who live and work in our city.

This year, Impact Church's Lead Pastor Mari-shell Scott must have had an inkling that something strong enough was on the way that might prevent the annual celebrations going ahead on the day.

And so there was – Cyclone Alfred.

Instead, Saturday, 15 March, became the day for women in Logan to gather and celebrate.

At Impact Care Service's home venue in Slacks Creek, Mari-shell used the International Women's Day gathering to promote her dream of developing a new 'brain trust' for the city.

Her strategic plan is to use positive voices and leadership of inspiring local women to bring about change to Logan and its many communities.

As one of the attendees, I was excited by the super-charged shared motivation in the room.

The diverse group brought together differing perspectives, which was fantastic!

Mari-shell said on the day: 'I love that we are not consumed by competing,



Cr Mindy Russell with Pastor Mari-shell Scott (front) and Police Chaplain Kylie Thomas at the International Women's Day event.

but by complementing one another and supporting those who are already doing great work.'

We'll said and I look forward to wholeheartedly supporting this initiative.

If you think you can contribute to City Women Logan, please reach out to Mari-shell at Impact on **(07) 3208 8855**, or

mari-shellscott@impactcareservices.net.au

Or, just drop in and say hello at Impact Church, which is located at 3357 Pacific Highway in Slacks Creek.

Local contacts:

Logan City Council and Logan Water (24 hrs): **3412 3412**

Animal Ambulance: **1300 264 625**

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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



Cr Mindy Russell in front of the new Lowe Oval scoreboard with Pumas officials Michael Wardlaw (right) and Andrew Hickman.

Game plan for better community assets

One of my favourite roles as the Councillor for Division 3 is to work on community-led infrastructure projects.

I enjoy meeting the hard-working officials who help drive some of our local sporting and community clubs and organisations.

I also understand how important it is for them to be able to access any available grants or funding and to work closely with Council on the delivery of their new assets.

A great example of how this can work successfully is the fantastic new digital scoreboard at Lowe Oval, Underwood, the home ground of the Pumas AFL club.

On game days, it ensures the score and game clock are

front and centre for everyone to see.

But the potential of this new infrastructure is far greater.

It provides the Pumas with a new platform to attract sponsorship and might eventually be used for community movie nights and televised sports events.

If you would like to work together on a great idea that might be funded by the Division 3 Local Infrastructure Program, please reach out to me at mindyrussell@logan.qld.gov.au.

For more details on Council funding requirements go to logan.qld.gov.au and search for Local Infrastructure Program policy.

Clever Patrick is making kids happy, one brick at a time

A special 'thank you' goes out to everyone who has contributed to Patrick Meszaros' latest Lego Christmas kindness project.

I first met this amazing Shailer Park youngster at his school last year.

Patrick, who at the time was just 9, introduced himself and told me about his passion to build Lego vehicles throughout the year, then gift them to kids in hospital at Christmas.

Every vehicle he makes is a one-of-a-kind, has a cool name, and is personally gift-wrapped.

I asked Patrick if he'd like me to share his project on my social media channels to potentially round up some unwanted Lego for his 2024 Christmas gifts.

As it turned out, there were lots of locals keen to contribute to his cause.

Before we knew it, Patrick and his charity work was featured in Council's Our Logan magazine, in the local newspaper, and even on the evening TV news!

Now, months later, donations of Lego continue to arrive at my office which

I pass on to Patrick and his mum Nerida.

You could easily think that a primary school student might be overwhelmed by this sudden stardom and responsibility, but Patrick has it all sorted out.

He has set a reasonable target and knows how many vehicles need to be made each week to meet his goal by Christmas. And he tells me, he'll even have stock leftover for an early start on 2026.

A future CEO, I'm thinking.



Cr Mindy Russell with Shailer Park Lego whiz Patrick Meszaros who is getting plenty of help from the local community to build toys for sick kids.

Kindness helped keep us safe during storm

I was so proud of our Division 3 community for the way we stood up and looked after each other during, and after, the severe weather event caused by ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred in March.

In the anxious days leading up to the cyclone crossing the coast, local residents flocked to the SES Logan East Depot in Winnetts Road in Daisy Hill to fill or collect sandbags.

At one stage, the line-up of cars went all the way down the hill and past the roundabout!

But everyone was patient, orderly and, most importantly, kind.

That same kindness was on display in the flooding and green waste clean-up that followed, with neighbours turning out to help those in need.

We lost a lot of trees and branches although most got through the storm without too much damage. But we gained a lot of community spirit. Well done Division 3!

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