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Message from the Mayor

WHAT THE NEXT 50 YEARS LOOKS LIKE

There's a very important discussion going on with community representatives and Council right now about the future of our city. If you haven't heard about it before, it's called Transform Logan, and it's considering what the next 50 years looks like for Logan.

Five decades might seem like a long time away, but the community spoke loud and clear during the election by saying you wanted us to do better long-term planning and have an ambitious vision for our city.

The work that we will do now won't be for us, it will be for our kids and grandkids – and this can't be done without you.

I often speak about the importance of listening to the community and engaging early before big decisions are made. Focusing on the long-term future of this city is so important to me because I want to leave Logan a better place for future generations.

This is not the first time Council has done visionary community consultation. You may even remember Council's Community Vision program in 2021. Those ideas and contributions have had a positive impact on Council's decisions over the past few years and Transform Logan builds on that work.

We know now that planning 10 years ahead is not enough. We operate in a world that is uncertain, complex and constantly changing.

I want us to plan and prepare for those changes as best we can. Logan won't achieve its full potential by

accident. It needs us to be looking towards the future and making the tough decisions today.

That's where Transform Logan comes in. Since February, a community reference panel of about 50 people have come together to discuss the city's future with experts and Council.

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a better place for
future generations**

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The group members are a representative sample of Logan's population with different ages, backgrounds, incomes, abilities and circumstances.

They're covering topics like the city's shape, infrastructure, transport, economy, natural areas, waste, water, energy and community. At the end, their final vision for Logan will be shared with Councillors, as we work on the strategic plan to achieve some of those things.

If you're not one of the 50 people in the community reference panel, that doesn't mean you don't get a say. There's a QR code here (right) for you to scan to give your feedback too.

I would love to hear from you and see what you come up with.

However, this is not the only way you can contribute to shaping Logan's future.

We're also updating our planning scheme that outlines how Council manages population growth, housing and lifestyles over coming decades.

This scheme, called the Logan Plan, guides what can be built and where, to support jobs, housing, community and the environment. It also helps us plan for infrastructure delivery such as roads, parks, water and community facilities.

Once the state government signs off on the Logan Plan, we can start public consultation, expected to be in the last 3 months of 2025. When this happens, I'd love to hear your feedback.

For now, you can comment at **haveyoursaylogan.com.au/transform-logan**

Also, you can sign up now to stay informed about the consultation – go to the 'get involved' section at **logan.qld.gov.au/logan-plan** and subscribe to our mailing list.

– Mayor Jon Raven



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feedback



Cover

Pictured front: Kris Kirshaw

Location: Realistic Artificial Flowers, Belivah

Photo: VVS 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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Loganholme teenager and event manager Ashlyn Dinsdale (right) is shining the spotlight on Logan for country music, both on and off the stage — pictured here performing with her sister Briana Dinsdale (left) at the 2024 Lasso Country Music Festival.

Taking music festival dreams far beyond



Multiple international artists headlining a homegrown festival that will tour the country to entertain thousands of fans! ... That's the dream of 19-year-old Loganholme musician and event manager Ashlyn Dinsdale, and she's already on the way to making it happen.

Judging by her success managing the first ever Lasso Country Music Festival held last year at Eagleby, Ashlyn is fast becoming one to watch in terms of young success stories for the City of Logan.

Ashlyn, with her father Ken in their family business Goldspur Entertainment, debuted the festival last year to meet the growing popularity of modern country. It not only sold-out, but was nominated for 2024 Q Music Festival of the Year.

The 2025 Lasso Festival promises to be even better. Set for 5 July at Distillery Road Market in Eagleby, the line-up has headline act The Wolfe Brothers, a successful country rock duo who've won 6 Golden Guitar awards. There is also a host of exciting emerging artists on the bill to deliver a variety of styles of country for an expected 1,300-strong audience.

One of the locals up on the stage will be Ashlyn – herself a bassist and back-up singer. She also performed at last year's festival with her sister Briana, who is a well-known name in the Aussie charts.

The live scene appeal for Ashlyn covers both on and off stage, and she's happy to balance both. 'I love performing as much as I love organising events,' Ashlyn says.

Still in her teens, Ashlyn already has a mature stance on the reality of the long

haul to develop the festival into a shining star for the City of Logan and far beyond.

Intent on building her industry knowledge, she learnt much from a recent visit to Tamworth, Australia's country music capital.

Ashlyn spent 3 weeks there in January, and attended the Country Music Association of Australia (CMAA) Senior Academy – with help from a grant from the Regional Arts Development Fund. This is a partnership between the Queensland Government and Logan City Council to support local arts and culture in regional Queensland.

In Tamworth, Ashlyn experienced

mentoring by industry professionals to enhance her skills as a musician, a songwriter and businesswoman.

'The CMAA Academy was incredible. I made so many connections and really

immersed myself into the country music industry, and I learned so many things whilst in such a high energy environment,' Ashlyn says.

'What was so incredible was the amount of support we received from Australian artists for our very first festival. It really showed how much people believe in what we are building.'

Tapping into her own potential has emboldened Ashlyn to believe in overcoming any barriers towards her goals. 'I'd love to scale the festival with international artists headlining, and possibly see it become a touring festival one day, but we're in it for the long run and we want to do it right.'

There's no doubt Ashlyn is a 'country gal' at heart, explaining the country music scene like only a real fan can.

'It's not just the old-style country music sounds so many people imagine when they hear that word 'country'. There's a newer sound with a younger audience – country is making a comeback. There's alternative country, western country, country rock and a fresh wave of emerging artists we can showcase.

'The fact that I can contribute to all this is really special.'

For festival information, go to:
lassocmf.com.au

“... people really believe in what we are building”



The Dinsdale family were applauded on stage at last year's first Lasso Country Music Festival held at Distillery Road Market in Eagleby.



Volunteers working hard to improve their local native vegetation and wildlife corridors, including Andrea Ebersohn standing at the front, third from the right.

Caring for community parks

A dedicated group of Brookvale Park volunteers has overcome everything from rainy days and storms to an actual cyclone, by rallying together to champion the restoration of their local bushland.

Despite the weather throwing plenty at them, the volunteers braved the elements to plant more than 400 native plants for a restorative project to give a boost to the native vegetation that borders Slacks Creek in Underwood.

Local resident Andrea Ebersohn says her community has a strong connection to nature and local wildlife, with the neighbourhood surrounded by 3 natural park areas.

Andrea is among the volunteers who rolled up their sleeves as a meaningful way to protect the local surroundings they love.

‘My walking buddies and I had noticed significant changes in the forests bordering our neighbourhood – particularly the spread of exotic species outcompeting native plants,’ Andrea says.

‘Since we genuinely value and enjoy our natural surroundings, we agreed that we had to do something to restore the habitat in these areas for our local wildlife and the long-term benefit of the community.’

So Andrea and her neighbours decided to become involved with ParkCare, which is one of the community volunteer programs run by Logan City Council for people interested in their local parks.

Under the ParkCare program, the planting of flora that is local to the region supports the creation of vital fauna habitat.

It also boosts biodiversity in the zone between the wet and dry area that borders Slacks Creek, and the surrounding urban parklands and pathways.

‘While the project was modest in scope, it still helped improve habitat for local wildlife and gave us a sense of ownership over an issue that matters,’ Andrea says.

‘It’s going to take time but every effort, no matter how small, adds up to a healthier, more resilient environment for everyone.’

Andrea says the group sees this collaborative effort as marking a significant first step in an ongoing project to restore native vegetation in Brookvale Park and improve Logan’s wildlife corridors.

‘I encourage anyone with an interest in making a difference by supporting the upkeep of our local parks, as well as the natural beauty and biodiversity

of our region, to consider joining a ParkCare group,’ Andrea says.

‘Even if resources are limited or progress seems modest at first, there’s genuine value in coming together to make a difference.’

‘Plus it’s a fun, social and rewarding thing to do.’

For information on Logan City Council volunteer programs including ParkCare, BushCare and TrailCare, visit: logan.qld.gov.au/park-volunteers



Local residents have joined the ParkCare program for a Brookvale Park restoration project.

Unreal flower business blooms

Don't ask Kris Kirshaw to name her favourite flower. As a florist by trade for more than 30 years, who then founded the largest artificial flower showroom from Brisbane to the Gold Coast, she baulks at the suggestion she could possibly settle on just one bloom.

'It's like asking to choose your favourite child!' Kris says with a laugh.

Considering the massive array of flowers, both real and artificial, that Kris has handled over the past 3 decades, it's fair enough she can't bear to choose her pick of the posy.

However, when it comes to helping others with choices for everything floral, Kris has become a specialist in the art – learned through a combination of her former life as a Loganholme florist, and founding Realistic Artificial Flowers at Belivah, just south of Beenleigh.

Coming from a farming background and having family around her who loved gardening, such as her late grandmother, Kris had an early passion for the beauty of flowers.

'I love being a florist with no 2 days being the same, and I get to bring joy to brighten people's lives every day,' Kris says.

'I love weddings using fresh flowers but was limited to working weekends and wanted to expand beyond a 100-kilometre radius.'

So Kris transitioned into artificial floral design and now helps brides from the City of Logan to across the world.



Realistic Artificial Flowers CEO and head designer Kris Kirshaw in her Belivah showroom.
Photo: VVS Photography.

'Seasonal flowers can be expensive and hard to source so our artificial flowers can be combined with fresh flowers or on their own,' Kris says.

'This makes our flowers perfect for elopements, micro weddings and dual country weddings.'

'We had a wedding recently in Logan where the bride had our flowers at her ceremony here, and then took the same bouquet to Denmark for another celebration with the groom's family later on.'

Over the years, Kris has noted certain flowers are more popular with local Logan brides to carry down the aisle as a bridal bouquet, make a wedding arbor arrangement or dress up the reception table.

'Roses definitely, although our frangipani and hibiscus are very popular among the Islander community,' Kris says.

As for floral arrangements for homes and offices, and flowers by the stem, Kris says the most popular are roses, sunflowers, hydrangeas, and natives.

'I pride myself in sourcing the most realistic flowers and, after working with fresh flowers for so long, I feel I have a very good understanding of what they should look like,' she says.

Having just celebrated 5 years in business, Kris ships orders worldwide daily, but her business is also blossoming as more local businesses and residents discover her 'hidden gem' ... her Belivah showroom.

'I get so many people saying "These are all fake? I can't believe they're not real!";' Kris says. 'Artificial flowers have come a long way from the original plastic and cheap silk versions – now they look forever fresh.'

For more information, go to:
realisticartificialflowers.com.au

The best of **LOGAN**

Locals bringing home the gold ...

Logan City Netball Association (LCNA) was thanking its lucky stars when Karlene Marechal came to the rescue to step in as club president recently.

Without the local mother taking on the strategic role for the sporting association, the club with a 50-year history was facing the grim reality of shutting down its Ewing Park base in Woodridge – leaving hundreds of local netball players of all ages without their regular dose of afterschool and weekend activity.

Karlene's efforts have made LCNA a welcoming and supportive place for players and families alike – and her efforts have been recognised with the 2025 Volunteer Of The Year award by Logan City Council.

Judges saw Karlene as being instrumental in the success of the 'Containers for Change' initiative, which raised funds for the association to purchase new equipment, all the while supporting an important environmental cause.

They also acknowledged Karlene's focus to make netball affordable and inclusive.

As LCNA President, Karlene has worked tirelessly to ensure that children from all backgrounds, regardless of skill level or financial situation, have the chance to participate in sport.



Karlene Marechal
with her Volunteer
Of The Year award.

A group of Logan dancers are gold medallists after conquering the competition overseas. Members of Bloodline Dance Company, in Crestmead, are now Junior World Dance Crew Champions.

The 'Hardknockz' junior crew represented Australia at the World Dance Crew Competition held in New Zealand in April, attended by more than 1,000 international dance athletes.

Bloodline spokesperson Kisa Matautia says it was a proud moment to see the group 'take it out' on a global platform.

The Bloodline Mega Elite squad dancers also won the Hip Hop International Australia competition in May, making them the best hip hop dance crew in the country.

Each year Bloodline sends local dance teams to compete internationally, including to the Hip Hop International in Arizona in the US. They welcome any sponsorship and support, including donations to help cover their travel, food and clothing expenses.

'It is safe to say that Bloodline Dance Company is putting Logan on the map for the world to see!' Kisa says.



Bloodline's
junior dance
crew with
their medals
and trophy in
New Zealand.

There's something special about the sport of BMX when it comes to growing up in the City of Logan, with Emilio Martin pedalling towards being the next big thing.

At 12, Emilio has already claimed the gold medal for BMX Freestyle in the Under 13s Queensland State Titles and National Championships.

He also competed in Shanghai last year in the Fise World Championships, winning silver in his age division, and will compete in the same annual action sports event taking place in France this year.

'He's a local Mundoolun kid with big dreams and he's already absolutely kicking goals in his sport,' Emilio's mum Tina says.

Emilio's talents are also being fine-tuned by attending a high-performance sport-specific school on the Gold Coast.

The young champ is also part of the AusCycling National Academy Team through the Queensland Academy of Sport, which is preparing children now, for the 2032 Games.

Emilio won gold at the BMX Freestyle National Championships.





Fine artist Christina Lowry wants her bird artwork to create awareness and promote caring.

Bird art honours our wildlife

Self-confessed 'bird nerd' Christina Lowry is soaring to new heights ahead of her upcoming exhibition at Logan Art Gallery in July.

The Rochedale South award-winning fine artist, 43, says her latest work, *Ex Libris*, was informed by pieces in collaboration with one of Australia's most well-known and innovative contemporary artists, Fiona Hall AO.

'Fiona is a role model of mine and the time I spent with her was invaluable,' Christina says. 'It helped inform my work and helped me create this exhibit. It was a dream come true.'

Her exhibition was helped along by a \$7,650 grant she received from the Logan Regional Arts Development Fund run by Logan City Council, which allowed her to travel to New South Wales and learn from Fiona.

Christina used part of the funds to host free workshops across South East Queensland, on how to make simplified bird skull forms from clay.

'These skulls will be part of *Ex Libris*, which focuses on endangered and vulnerable birds in Logan,' Christina says. 'As an act of reciprocity with nature, each bird created will serve as a gesture of offering.'

Christina's exhibition will also feature non-remnant taxidermy bird forms (meaning no animal remains are inside), which she enjoys creating.

'Through this exhibition I'm hoping to help people realise that being aware is a pathway to caring, with those who have made skulls being a part of something larger – an art piece that aims to raise awareness and honour the wildlife around us,' she says.

Ex Libris is at Logan Art Gallery from 17 July to 6 September, and attendees can buy the clay bird skulls for \$10. All proceeds will go to the Australian Conservation Foundation.

Rescue dog now Sarah's saviour

A precious pup looking for a home has become an assistance dog with an amazing talent for detecting health conditions in her new owner.

Support dog Jessie was rehomed from Logan City Council's Animal Management Centre, and now lives her best life helping to take care of her owner Sarah Onyszczuk, who lives with disability.

In 2022, Sarah and mother Lizzie Chessell visited the Council's rehoming centre in Kingston to find a puppy to train as an assistance dog, and chose Jessie.

What they didn't realise was their adopted pet – a mix of beagle, kelpie and basenji – would become a marvel at being able to detect several of Sarah's health conditions, including autism-related episodes.

Liz says Jessie actively monitors Sarah's health and is a huge source of emotional support for her daughter, giving the 37-year-old the confidence to get back into the community.

'Sarah used to spend most of her time playing video games in her room, but now that she's got Jessie she regularly gets out in the community,' Liz says.

'Jessie is a very intelligent dog and since adopting her, Sarah has blossomed and her world has completely opened. Jessie has also helped Sarah find her voice.'

Sarah, who lives with visual impairment, epilepsy, autism, and functional neurological disorder, says Jessie helps to keep her calm and stable when she starts to feel anxious or upset.

'Before I got Jessie I hardly ever left the house,' Sarah says.

'But now I have the confidence to go out because I know she will nuzzle me or put her paws on me when I need it.'

'I don't know where I would be without her.'



Jessie the assistance dog came from humble beginnings at the Animal Management Centre, to develop her talent of detecting health conditions in owner Sarah Onyszczuk.

“She will nuzzle me or put her paws on me when I need it”

Liz says her daughter used her own pension money to pay the \$21,000 it cost to train Jessie as an assistance dog, often forgoing her own needs to do so.

'I'm a big believer in not buying anything new, and that includes dogs,' Liz says.

'There are so many unwanted pets waiting for homes, and many dogs in Council's adoption centre are diamonds in the rough like Jessie.'

In April, Liz, Sarah and Jessie returned to the Animal Management Centre to check out the \$21 million redevelopment of the facility.

Liz wanted to tell the staff and others about the benefits of choosing to rehome and train an assistance dog from humble beginnings, just like Jessie, who has become the family's 'forever friend'.

'As soon as Sarah takes off Jessie's assistance vest her personality changes, she becomes more affectionate and makes us laugh with her antics,' Liz says.

'She's truly part of our family and we can't imagine life without her.'

To find which pets are looking for new homes, visit the Animal Management Centre website at logan.qld.gov.au/pets-and-animals/for-sale

Logan's stunning outdoor wedding scenes

For those about to say 'I do', you don't need to venture past the city limits of Logan to find a picturesque place for a wedding ceremony and to capture the magical moment forever in photos.

There are a variety of great parks and outdoor landmarks to choose from throughout the City of Logan, where couples can exchange wedding vows, celebrate with family and make the most of the scenery for wedding photos that capture the love in the air.

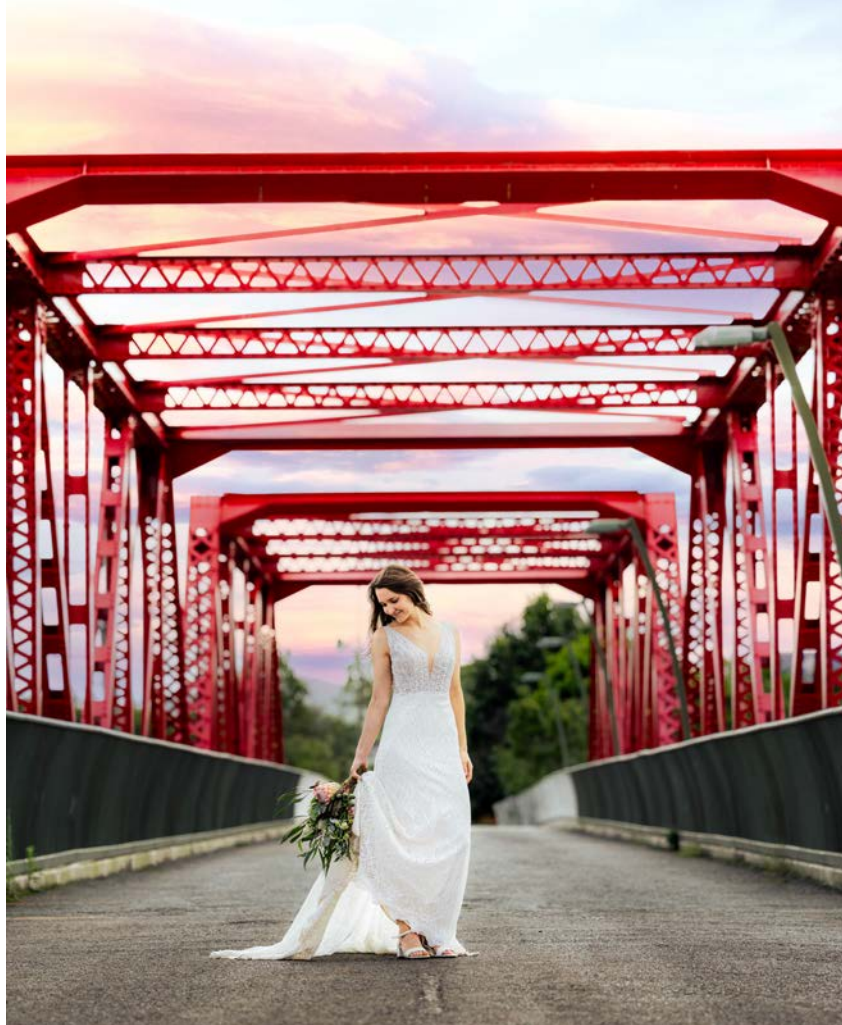
From intimate gazebo settings to glimmering lagoons, flower displays, towering trees, water features and spectacular backdrops like the historic Red Bridge at Beenleigh, here's a list of lovely locations for couples to consider for the 'big day'.

ROMANTIC GAZEBOS

Underwood Park: You'll find lush greenery and a floating gazebo set over a lagoon. There's also a boardwalk to make a grand entrance. 982–1006 Underwood Rd, Priestdale

Concourse Park: Has a lovely bushland setting with a dam, viewing platform and gazebo. *The Concourse, Underwood*

Wembley Falls Park: There is a charming waterfall and pretty gazebo, with a grassed area, making it picture perfect. It's advised to check traffic noise levels for ceremonies. *Cnr Wembley and Station Rds, Logan Central*



Beenleigh's Red Bridge provides a stunning backdrop to capture a special memory for Logan brides.

Forestglen Park: Beautifully landscaped with a water feature and purpose-built gazebo, this is a popular park for weddings. *Cnr Parkland Ave and Browns Plains Rd, Browns Plains*

Riverdale Park: Boasting a floating gazebo and small lagoon, and a second gazebo on a hill, there are a variety of picturesque options here. *Armstrong Rd, Meadowbrook*

PARKLANDS

Logan West Gardens: Enjoy sweeping views and a trickling waterfall feature. *Wineglass Drive, Hillcrest*

Springwood Park: Tropical gardens and manicured lawns make this popular, with a fairytale street address! *Cinderella Dr, Springwood*

SOMETHING ICONIC

Red Bridge: For a striking architectural backdrop with great perspective for photos, this historic landmark is particularly stunning at twilight. *2 Omaru St, Beenleigh*

SEASONAL FOR FLOWERS

Anzac Park: Plan a springtime wedding here for a stunning purple canopy of blooming jacaranda trees from around October and November. *200 Jacaranda Ave, Kingston*

Lancaster Park: Offering spacious gardens and a gazebo, this spot is also known as 'The Rose Garden' for magnificent roses throughout the park (pruned June to September). *Chambers Flat Rd, Waterford West*

For more details, go to:

lccqld.com/park-events



Underwood Park in Priestdale is among the lovely wedding locations in the City of Logan.

Out and about in **LOGAN**

JUNE

The Unite Eisteddfod

📅 22 Jun, 9:30 am, noon, 2:30 pm

📍 Logan Entertainment Centre

More than 500 passionate dancers compete in this friendly annual dance competition to encourage and support all aspiring dancers.

Creek Explorers

📅 28 Jun, 11 am to noon

📍 Homestead Park, Shailer Park

An educational and hands-on outdoor event for curious kids to learn about the different creatures that call Logan's waterways home, including foraging for waterbugs. For booking details go to logan.qld.gov.au/events



Comedy @ The Butter Factory

📅 28 Jun, 7:30 pm

📍 Kingston Butter Factory

Host Mick Dwyer with line-up of Jack Knight, Khaled Khalafalla, Jo Gowda.

JULY

Lasso Country Music Festival

📅 5 Jul, 1:30 pm to 10:30 pm

📍 Distillery Road Market

A stacked line-up with The Wolfe Brothers, Denvah, Robbie Mortimer, Tori Forsyth, Wesley Dean and more.

Cirque Nouvelle – a new evolution of Circus

📅 6 Jul, 6 pm

📍 Logan Entertainment Centre

A new evolution of circus with an all-star cast of multi-talented performers and a quirky ringmaster.

NAIDOC 2025 – Family Fun Day

📅 8 Jul, 9 am (gates open 8:30 am)

📍 Kingston Butter Factory Cultural Precinct

Celebrate 50 years of uplifting and honouring Indigenous voices, culture, and resilience.

Rise Up Junior Singing Competition: Semi finals

📅 11 Jul, 6 pm onwards

📍 Club Noir, Loganholme

Witness the stage ignite with raw talent, captivating melodies, and unforgettable performances.

AUGUST

IMAGINE LIVE

📅 27 Aug, 11 am to noon

📍 Logan Entertainment Centre

Based on the book, IMAGINE LIVE combines live action and animation to challenge kids to dream themselves out into the world and see themselves as part of a vast, connected space.



Starry Night Outdoor Cinema: Cars

📅 30 Aug, 5 pm to 8 pm

📍 Logan Village Green

Bring the family for a free screening of the movie *Cars*. Remember a chair or blanket and enjoy the popcorn and BBQ service from 5 pm to 7 pm.

FOR MORE EVENTS VISIT

🌐 ourlogan.com.au/category/whats-on/




FREE environmental and nature-based events in the City of Logan



Book an activity

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Acting Sergeant Joanne McKinnon
with kids at Waterford West
State School.

Police helping kids have a blast

Once upon a time a frontline Logan police officer joined in with kids playing cricket at a community event, and now a year later she is using the sport to teach young children about self-respect ... 'Howzat!'

Real life may not always be a fairytale, but this terrific yarn of a Loganlea Community Police Beat officer using cricket to make a difference for Waterford West State School students, is certainly one with a happy moral to the story.

It all began when Acting Sergeant Joanne McKinnon, an 'Adopt-A-Cop' in primary schools, joined in with kids throwing cricket balls at a blow-up cricket stump last year.

She'd always liked cricket and saw its value for educational purposes, so she went about establishing a collaboration with Queensland Cricket, Waterford West State School and the Queensland Police Service.

The result was an 8-week Cricket Blast program for the school children, which allowed Joanne to also teach them a variety of values and life skills.

'Throughout the Cricket Blast program I observed the kids' listening and communication skills increase, they were supportive of their peers, and displayed teamwork in the classroom as well as out on the field in play,' Joanne says.

She ran the students through thoughtful exercises such as asking them to each answer 'what makes me special?'

'They think about themselves, what they think they're good at, and why others think they're special,' Joanne says.

'It is a good, healthy moment for reflection, a moral building exercise and it helps them grow.

'The children have finished the program with lessons like being kind and respectful is the answer, and that being respectful to yourself is important.

'It helps children recognise and appreciate the reasons behind behaving well. It's a bit of "old school" teaching, but I tell them "You only get back, what you put in".'

The same saying could be applied to Joanne, who has dedicated the past 19 years to policing around Logan, and taken much from the experience.

'I've loved it! The people, the places, the many, many ethnic groups and cultures have all combined to bring an exciting and challenging career for me over the years in the Logan district,' Joanne says.

'No matter what my policing day brings my way, the kids always lift me up!'

Koala drones lead new enviro era

Thermal drones flying in the night sky to detect creatures hiding amongst the tree canopy is no longer just something seen at the movies.

Drones are now leading the way in a new era of conservation, as modern technology is used in the City of Logan to assist with conservation efforts.

Several of the region's most significant wildlife species were the focus of a thermal drone survey taken over 4 nights at one of the city's largest reserves in Greenbank.

The nightly drone flights during May detected koalas, greater gliders, and captured images of other native wildlife in the area to support Logan City Council's conservation efforts. Other creatures included sugar and squirrel gliders, feathertail gliders, birds, and brushtail and ringtail possums.

The wildlife sightings were recorded on a 212-hectare property within Spring Mountain Forest Park South, in the Flinders Karawatha Corridor, and surrounds.

Jason Young, CEO with Ripper Corporation, which provided the drones, says the flight technology helps create a deeper understanding of wildlife movements.



Drone survey team members at Greenbank were from Ripper Corporation and Logan City Council's Health, Climate and Conservation Branch.

'Our drones are equipped with thermal sensors that allow them to penetrate the tree canopy and pick up images of the koalas, gliders and other wildlife via their body heat,' Jason says.

'They cover large areas quickly, are great in rough terrain and provide a more comprehensive view of koala populations than traditional methods.

'By using this technology and our specialised detection methodology, we can supplement information gathered on the ground by ecologists and provide a more detailed picture of the wildlife that call the Greenbank area home.'

The purpose of the Council survey is to establish a baseline of the current distribution of native animals to inform future management actions for the species detected. For more information on koalas go to: lccqld.com/koala

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Cr Lisa Bradley and Vishal Jaitley discuss the long-term future of the city.

Grassroots views to build a better future

Division 1 residents are doing their part to help shape the city for the next 50 years through Council's exciting new initiative, Transform Logan.

A community reference panel has been formed with members independently recruited to represent the City of Logan community in age, gender, ability, culture, and ethnicity.

Participants were also selected to ensure the panel reflected a range of education levels, employment choices, household incomes and home ownership (owners and renters).

Members include residents from both the city's urban and rural areas.

The 50-strong panel meets regularly to provide insights and feedback to Council on strategic topics that may impact the long-term direction of the city.

Topics of discussion for the panel include economic transformation, waste, water, energy and the city's natural areas and environment.

Later this year, the panel will help create a new draft City Vision for Logan's future.

Long-time Rochedale South resident and father of 2, Vishal Jaitley, was invited to become a member on the panel after he participated in the Council's 10-year Community Vision initiative in 2021.

'It is great to be part of a group that will provide recommendations to those who will shape our growing city for years to come,' Vishal says.

Councillor Lisa Bradley says Vishal, and other Division 1 residents on the panel, are delivering an invaluable service to the entire City of Logan community.

'Their input and advice will help shape and improve the quality of life for current and future generations who call our city home,' Cr Bradley says.

For more information on Transform Logan and the community reference panel, go to:
logan.qld.gov.au/new-city-vision

Get creative for new city landmark

A site in Springwood has been identified as a possible location for a new landmark artwork that will serve as a symbolic gateway to the City of Logan.

Expressions of interest from artists and designers have been sought to create an eye-catching vertical sculpture, which could be positioned on the corner of Rochedale and Springwood roads, adjacent to the M1.

The city landmark sculpture is one of 3 public art projects Council plans to deliver after receiving \$1.02 million funding from the South East Queensland City Deal Public Art Initiatives program.

The other projects are precinct markers for the Bethania to Logan Village Rail Trail and an art trail linking sites across the city.

Division 1 Councillor Lisa Bradley says creativity and originality must be key to the design of the new city landmark.

'Whether it is via sculptural form, construction materials or lighting, the goal is to create an impressive, identifiable and memorable landmark that reminds visitors to our city, and locals, that they are now in the unique area of Springwood in the City of Logan,' Cr Bradley says.

'I hope the final design also reflects our heritage and strong environmental values.'

For more details, go to:
haveyoursaylogan.com.au/public-art-initiative-community-input

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Chill out, there's always fun things to do



There was something for everyone at NAIDOC Day last year and it will be the same for this year's Family Day on 8 July at KBF.

Winter is here and the days are getting colder but in Division 2 there is a multitude of events coming up that you don't want to miss, including:

Tuesday, 8 July: The NAIDOC Family Fun Day, organised by the Logan Elders, is on at the Kingston Butter Factory (KBF). Expect a day filled with food, culture and First Nations entertainers. Please note that parking is limited. Entry is free.

Tuesday, 29 July: Logan Area Committee On The Ageing (LACOTA) is hosting their Christmas in July seniors event with lunch and entertainment. Contact Carol on 3290 0088 to book your seat for just \$10 per person.

Saturday, 2 August: Groves Christian College is holding its annual community fair with rides, food, stalls and displays.

In addition to all these events, there are groups all over Division 2 hosting activities every week such as sewing classes, seniors yarning, chiropractic and orthopaedic clinics at Logan Elders; the Woodridge Wanderers, who walk around Logan Central Plaza every weekday; and Marvellous Mature Women who meet at Logan Central Library every Tuesday at 9 am.

Please get in touch with Cr Lane (contact details at right) if you want more information about local activities.

MONDAY

10 am – 1 pm: Playgroup (free), Berrinba East State School Community Hub
10 am – 1 pm: Indoor bowls (\$5), Logan Central Community Centre
11:30 am – 12:30 pm: 50 Plus fitness (\$2), Gould Adams Community Centre
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm: No Lights No Lycra dancing (\$5), Gould Adams CC
6 pm – 7 pm: Gentle yoga (\$5), Logan Central CC
7 pm – 9 pm: Logan All Breeds Dog Obedience Club Training (\$10), Gould Adams Park

TUESDAY

9:30 am – 1:30 pm: Thriving Multicultural Women (free), Gould Adams Community Centre
9 am – 10 am: Mindful Movements (free), Ben Matthews Playground Community Centre
10 am – 11:30 am: Garden Club (\$5), Ben Matthews Playground CC
10 am – 1 pm: Chiropractic care (free by appointment), Ben Matthews Playground CC
2:30 pm – 4:30 pm: School-aged playgroup (free), Berrinba East State School Community Hub
6 pm – 8 pm: Boys and Girls Brigade (free), Logan Central Community Centre

WEDNESDAY

9 am – 11 am: Monthly grocery bingo (free), Ben Matthews Playground Community Centre
10 am – noon (1st and 3rd of the month): Healthy Ageing Hub (free), Ben Matthews Playground CC
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm: EmpowerHER Female Football Social League (free), Gould Adams Park
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm: Homework assistance (free), Gould Adams Community Centre

THURSDAY

9 am – noon: Learn a craft (\$7), Logan Central Community Centre
9:30 am – 10:30 am: Fun & Fit Over 50! (free), Ben Matthews Playground Community Centre
10:30 am – 11:30 am: All-Abilities line dancing (free), Gould Adams Community Centre
1 pm – 4:30 pm: Timeless table tennis for seniors (free), Gould Adams CC
6 pm – 7 pm: Gentle yoga (\$5), Logan Central CC

FRIDAY

9 am – 11 am: Crestmead 40+ Club (\$6), Crestmead Community Centre
9:30 am – 10:30 am: Zumba Gold (\$5), Logan Central Community Centre
4:30 pm – 6 pm: Taekwondo (free), Gould Adams Community Centre
6 pm – 9 pm: Football League Social Games (free), Gould Adams Park
7 pm – 9 pm: Logan All Breeds Dog Obedience Club training (\$10), Gould Adams Park

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Daisy Hill youngster Heath Lehr in action inside the indoor skydiving wind tunnel.

Sky is not the limit for high-flying Heath

Living with autism has not stopped Daisy Hill 10-year-old Heath Lehr from soaring high towards his dreams. Literally.

In August, the youngster will contest the Australian Open Indoor Skydiving Championships in Penrith, New South Wales, after taking up the sport just over 3 years ago.

He will compete in the youngest age group available – under 18. There's also no disability category.

Indoor skydiving, popularised by iFLY centres around Australia, involves mimicking skydiving inside a large wind tunnel.

'I love flying as I feel free and get to go high and do tricks,' Heath says.

'My coaches are all like big brothers and uncles and they look after me.'

Heath's mum Brooke says taking up the sport is a 'massive achievement' for her son, whose autistic sensory profile requires special needs to help regulate his emotional stability.

'The pressure from the wind helps to regulate and soothe his body, mind and emotions,' Brooke says.

Division 3 Councillor Mindy Russell says Heath is a winner before the nationals even begin.

'To be brave enough to get into the wind tunnel is tough for anyone, let alone a 10-year-old with a disability,' Cr Russell says.

'I am sure everyone in Division 3 joins me in wishing Heath all the best, not just for the nationals, but also for his bright future ahead.'

Heath already has that mapped out.

'I want to be an instructor for indoor and outdoor skydives,' he says.



Cr Mindy Russell (left) with Heath Lehr and his mum Brooke.

Insurance for the next big blackout

Funding has been provided to Slacks Creek Rugby League Football Club to help purchase an electricity generator in preparation for the next severe weather event.

The Usher Park club opened its doors as a community refuge centre after ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred hit in March.

But Council and club officials had to close the drop-in centre soon after when power was lost in the area.

'If we have another emergency situation like in March, our local community will benefit from this power generator being ready to keep the lights on at the Lions' clubhouse,' Division 3 Councillor Mindy Russell says.

The purchase of the generator was supported by the Division 3 Community Benefit Fund (CBF).

Applications for CBF support in 2025/26 reopen in July.

For more information, including the eligibility rules, go to:

logan.qld.gov.au/cbf

'For a full list of the very worthy Division 3 CBF recipients in 2024/25, please go to my Facebook page,' Cr Russell says.

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Mel Buttle
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Mel Buttle is a busy bee. From juggling a toddler while keeping her millions of online fans happy, to sold out shows across the country and appearances on *The Project* and *Taskmaster*, Mel is Australia's favourite online mum 'Lyn' who needs a lie down. Luckily for you, she's very good at comedy too.

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It's like finding treasure for AFL club

The Pirates are on their way to Yarrabilba as sport continues to grow in this booming suburb.

The ovals at McKinnon Park North will be the new home for AFL club Park Ridge Pirates, which will rebrand to Logan City Pirates.

Division 4 Councillor Nathan St Ledger says Council has offered a 2-year lease to the Pirates for the 2-field facility in McKinnon Drive, located opposite Yarrabilba State Secondary College.

'There is such a strong appetite for sport in Yarrabilba and surrounding areas and Council is determined to support all codes to help create healthy lifestyles,' Cr St Ledger says.

'That's why I am extremely pleased that we will have a locally-based club to cater for those who want to play or watch AFL footy.



An aerial view of the McKinnon Park North ovals.

'The Pirates have been based in Logan for more than 15 years and that experience is a perfect fit for an emerging and growing community like Yarrabilba.

'Going forward, Council will be working with the club to explore options which could see additional

facilities added to this important sporting precinct.'

The club has more than 300 members this season, and is currently based at Park Ridge State High School.

Club President Daniella Greig says Council's support of the Pirates is 'club-saving'.

'After a tough couple of years, it had gotten to do-or-die for us in our current situation,' Daniella says.

'Having this new facility is like a rebirth for the Pirates and the potential now to grow and get stronger on and off the field is phenomenal.

'Everyone at the club is excited about the future and we thank Cr St Ledger and Council for their support.'

For more information on the club, email piratesafc@outlook.com or go to: [parkridgepiratesafc](https://www.facebook.com/parkridgepiratesafc) on Facebook.

Pedal power gives extra push to police patrols



Cr Nathan St Ledger (left) delivers new mountain bikes to Acting Senior Sergeant Scott Behnke for use in local off-road patrols.

The recent purchase of 2 mountain bikes by the Logan Village & Districts Community Centre is set to benefit the entire community.

The new bikes were donated to the Logan Village Yarrabilba Police Station to allow officers to conduct more highly visible patrols in local parks, trails and walkways. The purchase was supported by the Division 4 Community Benefit Fund (CBF).

The CBF is a discretionary fund that allows Councillors to financially support eligible organisations for a community purpose.

Division 4 Councillor Nathan St Ledger says supporting the Community Centre with CBF funds for the bikes will reap huge returns.

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'Our local police do a fantastic job in keeping our community safe and this CBF-funded donation will help them to go off-road to keep an eye out for any offending,' Cr St Ledger says.

Acting Sergeant Adam Cottle, of Logan Village Yarrabilba Police Station, says offenders using trail bikes and electric scooters in parks and walkways has become a 'persistent issue' in, and around, Yarrabilba.

'This investment will directly enhance our ability to address community safety concerns, reduce youth offending and promote safer shared spaces,' he says.

CBF applications reopen in July 2025. For details go to: [logan.qld.gov.au/cbf](https://www.logan.qld.gov.au/cbf)



Natural vibe for new park

Work has begun on the new Waterford West District Park on Chambers Flat Road – the city's biggest park ever.

The staged project will deliver a water play area, adventure playground, picnic spaces and barbecue facilities, and a kickaround area, along with car parking and toilets.

There will be a central plaza capable of hosting events that could include food trucks and other entertainment.

Another feature is a 10,000 sqm wetlands, which will provide a nature theme that will be reflected in design elements across the park.

More than 50,000 native plants will eventually be added to the site.

Mayor Jon Raven says the project is the biggest park development in City of Logan's history and follows extensive planning, design and community consultation.



Below: Mayor Raven and Cr Jackson review plans for the new Waterford West District Park (above).



'In the same way that Underwood Park is a destination for families from across South East Queensland, Waterford West District Park will serve local residents and visitors to Logan for generations to come,' Mayor Raven says.

Division 5 Councillor Paul Jackson says the park will provide recreational and educational options for students from nearby Marsden State School and Marsden State High School.

'While the park will provide facilities for fun, exercise and relaxing, there will also be opportunities to observe and study the preserved native Swamp Tea-trees and the new wetlands,' Cr Jackson says.

The current works, funded in conjunction with the Australian and Queensland Governments as a part of the SEQ City Deal, are scheduled to be completed by late 2026.

Additional features for the park will be explored as work continues.

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Cr Paul Jackson with OceansPlus Medical Centre founder Dr Kuinileti Chang Wai.

Medical help with cultural understanding

A new medical practice in Berrinba is not only caring for patients, it's also making history.

The OceansPlus Medical Centre is providing culturally relevant medical services and support to Pasifika and Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) residents in the City of Logan.

It is believed to be the first of its kind in Queensland, and possibly Australia, to be Pasifika owned and serviced.

The clinic's founder is Dr Kuinileti (Leti) Chang Wai, who has been a GP for more than 20 years. In 2023, she was

named Queensland GP of the Year by the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners.

Dr Chang Wai says the new clinic will provide accessible, culturally-responsive health care for our diverse communities.

'It will also bridge cultural and systemic gaps in health care, ensuring that every individual receives care that is both meaningful and effective,' she says.

Councillor Paul Jackson welcomes the new service as Pasifika residents comprise the largest non-Anglo demographic in Division 5.

'It is so important for us to have medical care with cultural understanding behind it,' he says.

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Bright new base for recycling wizards

Meadowbrook is now home for innovative recycling organisation and local success story Substation33.

Substation33 set up shop in 2012 in a building in Kingston from which they took their name.

The social enterprise initiative gives those from long-term unemployment and marginalised backgrounds an opportunity to gain new skills and confidence before transitioning to sustainable employment.

They specialise in recycling and repurposing 'anything that plugs in or runs on batteries', founder Tony Sharp says.

The organisation has grown from 5 employees to more than 70 workers in full-time or part-time roles.

But it wasn't that growth that prompted their relocation to a double-unit base in Ellerslie Road.

Their former home in Mary Street at Kingston was resumed to make way for the Queensland Government's Faster Rail project as part of the preparations for the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.



Councillors Tony Hall (left) and Tim Frazer (from Division 7) inspect an emergency road sign that is powered by recycled e-waste constructed by Substation33.

'It was a little disappointing having to move from our spiritual home but our new base in Meadowbrook is bigger and more modern and sets us up for a brighter future,' Tony says.

Councillor Tony Hall welcomes Substation33 to Division 6.

'I've seen the amazing work they do in salvaging and repurposing

components from a range of electrical devices,' Cr Hall says.

'I urge everyone to donate unwanted items to Substation33 rather than sending the e-waste to landfill.'

Substation33 is at Units 9 and 10, 24–26 Ellerslie Road, Meadowbrook.

It takes donations from 8 am to 4 pm, Monday to Friday.

Honey is sweet reward for Loganlea students' hard work



Cr Tony Hall (left) inspects a native beehive with Loganlea State High School's Head of Science and Maths Andrew Steele and students Kaytona (left) and Abigail.

The sweet taste of success is not far away for Loganlea State High School students and their native beehives.

The hives were placed on campus last year while native trees and shrubs, which are favoured by the stingless insects, have been planted around the schoolgrounds.

The program is supported by a \$2,000 EnviroGrant from Logan City Council.

Loganlea State High School Head of Science and Maths Andrew Steele says that while native bees are not known for large honey production,

there could be some for students to taste by spring.

'The true value of the hives is helping students learn more about this significant native species as well as better understanding the role native bees play in the plant reproduction cycle,' Andrew says.

Division 6 Councillor Tony Hall says the students are learning valuable life-lasting lessons about protecting and enhancing natural local environments.

'Any honey from this project will be a rewarding and worthy extra bonus,' Cr Hall says.

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Meg's highly influential, genre-defying work has been widely recognised. A triple ARIA award winner, in 2020 she delivered her critically acclaimed fourth record, *Batflowers*, which includes *Lazarus Drug*, the song recently featured in *Bluey's* special *The Sign*.

Liberated by a TEDx talk in which she revealed her lifelong stutter, **Meg** also began her voice-acting role as the schoolteacher **Calypso** in *Bluey* in 2018.

Meg has also written all the songs for the upcoming musical feature film *The Deb* – produced and directed by **Rebel Wilson**.



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Art workshops outshine screen time

Children are learning there is a life beyond their electronic devices thanks to the Logan West Community Art Share Alliance Inc (LWCASA) at Hillcrest.

The Alliance is a provider to Council's KRANK school holiday activity program and its art, clay and glass-fusing courses and workshops are among the most popular.

'We usually fill 10 classes in under 15 minutes after bookings open and then have a wait-list of hundreds,' LWCASA Founder and President Sherry Austin says.

'The classes allow children to express themselves however they want, and they soon realise they are all artists in their own way.'

Logan mum Mary Jou enrolled her sons, Marco and Jorco, into a clay-modelling course during the April school holidays and attended the classes with them.

'We all found it very interesting. My children really enjoyed it as it was something different to do,' Mary says.

Division 7 Councillor Tim Frazer says LWCASA's contribution to the local community goes well beyond the KRANK classes.



Cr Tim Frazer joins Mary Jou and her sons Marco (left) and Jorco at a KRANK school holiday clay-modelling course at the Logan West Community Art Share Alliance Inc at Hillcrest.

'The Alliance offers classes and workshops in a range of activities for all ages and abilities, including those with special needs or disabilities,' Cr Frazer says.

'I encourage anyone looking for a new activity or hobby to get in contact with them.'

LWCASA's base is a Council-owned building in Orr Street at Hillcrest.

For more details on the Logan West Community Art Share Alliance and the courses and programs it offers, go to:

🌐 lwcasa.org

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Big birthday bash for neighbourhood milestone

Forestdale is home to the longest-serving Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) group in Queensland.

To celebrate 35 years of unbroken service, local residents were invited to a 'Big Birthday Bash' in Lincoln Green Park that featured food stalls, a raffle and rides for kids.

It was estimated more than 1,500 people came along to the all-day community event.

Mayor Jon Raven and Division 7 Councillor Tim Frazer made a visit to the birthday celebrations and praised the group's efforts.

Forestdale NHW keeps a local lookout on more than 900 houses.

Forestdale NHW Area Coordinator Lynn Whittingham says strong communication across traditional and social media platforms is the key to the group's success and longevity.

The group also works closely with local liaison officers from Queensland Police Service and Logan West SES.

'If something is happening in our area, we want everyone to get the latest information as quickly as possible,' Lynn says.



Mayor Jon Raven (centre) and Cr Tim Frazer join Forestdale NHW's Lynn Whittingham at the group's 35th Big Birthday Bash.

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Have your say on key local projects



Cr Jacob Heremaia discusses local projects at a recent Division 8 Community Meeting.

Community meetings are a great chance to have your say on issues impacting Division 8.

At these meetings, Division 8 Councillor Jacob Heremaia gives updates on local road upgrades and projects.

These gatherings give residents the opportunity to identify the key concerns facing the area and figure out effective outcomes for them.

The community meetings are held at the Logan Metro & Sports Centre (357 Browns Plains Road, Crestmead).

Parking is free and complimentary light refreshments are available.

At the last community meeting in April, topics of conversation included roads and potholes, intersection upgrades, new residential and commercial developments and the deployment of mobile anti-hooning cameras.

Cr Heremaia sought a formal update on local roads projects in May.

'I look forward to seeing locals at the next Division 8 Community Meeting,' Cr Heremaia says.

You're invited to our roads meeting

Residents are welcome to attend the next Division 8 Community Meeting to have your say and hear an update about local projects.

Any issues and ideas are discussed in a productive and informative forum.

No RSVPs are required and everyone is welcome.

Complimentary light refreshments are available and parking is free.

Please mark these next community meeting dates in your calendar.

📅 **Wednesday, 13 August**

📅 **Wednesday, 12 November**

🕒 6 pm to 7 pm

📍 Logan Metro Sports Centre, Level 2, 357 Browns Plains Road, Crestmead

Footpath built on Park Ridge Road to new school

The safety of students walking to the new Corymbia State School led to a new footpath connection along Park Ridge Road.

When the school opened earlier this year, local parents and concerned residents contacted Division 8 Councillor Jacob Heremaia.

They advised that a lack of a footpath connection to the school particularly impacted students from neighbouring estates off Mount Archer Road who need to walk along Park Ridge Road to get to the school gates.



The new section of footpath along Park Ridge Rd.

'Once I became aware of this serious safety issue, I immediately spoke to Council and got a massive win for our local community,' Cr Heremaia says.

The new footpath connection was fully funded and built by Council.

'Now, it's great to see that students can walk safely to school,' he says.

'I urge all Division 8 residents to reach out to me through my email (contact details below) if they have any suggestions for important infrastructure upgrades in their area.

'We are a fast-growing region and more work still needs to be done on upgrading and repairing our roads, which is why I will continue to seek regular project updates from Council.'

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Cr Scott Bannan with Emmaus College Principal Jane Egan and school Cattle Show Team members (from left) Claire Rasmussen (Year 10), Alicia Dyke (Year 11) and Taj Croker (Year 12).

Ann Street upgrade nearing completion

Jimboomba drivers are set to benefit as works to upgrade Ann Street remain on track for completion in July.

The road pavement is being rebuilt from the ground up, while a fresh bitumen surface will make everything smoother and, importantly, safer for all road users.

New drainage systems are being installed to manage run-off in times of heavy rain.

Nearby Emmaus College is also benefitting from the upgrade, which includes a new driveway entrance to the college's on-site farm.

The upgraded driveway will make it easier for the school's Cattle Show Team to transport their animals. It will also make it safer and quicker to bring in feed and supplies.

Additional works along Ann Street include line marking, traffic sign

reinstatement, vegetation removal, and sustainable landscaping along the roadway.

Division 9 Councillor Scott Bannan says it's great to see Ann Street going from gravel to bitumen.

'This upgrade means no more battling the bumps on Ann Street,' Cr Bannan says.

'It will make life heaps easier for everyone while ensuring it remains a reliable route.

'I'm glad we were also able to construct a new driveway for Emmaus College, so the students in their top-notch cattle team can transport animals and supplies without headaches and get on with what they do best.'

The Logan City Council project was supported by the Australian Government's Local Road and Community Infrastructure Program.

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Flame flaring up again

Stomachs are rumbling in Division 9 as the community gears up for the return of Jimboomba's Flame BBQ & Music Festival in September.

The family-friendly event will feature mouth-watering meats, top-notch entertainment and a line-up of amazing music acts.

Australian Idol finalist Jake Whittaker, who grew up in Jimboomba, performed at last year's event and is ready to bring back his sizzling signature sound to the Flame stage.

'I'm super excited for the festival. Last year was a cracker and I'm ready for round two,' Jake says.

Division 9 Councillor Scott Bannan says this year's event will deliver another 5-star festival for the community to enjoy.

'Whether it's Jake and our music line-up setting the stage on fire, or stacks of flame-grilled food setting tastebuds alight, there'll be something for everyone,' Cr Bannan says.

The 2025 Flame BBQ & Music Festival will be held at Jimboomba Park in September.

More details, and information on how to get tickets, will be made available on the Flame BBQ & Music Festival Facebook page.



Cr Scott Bannan (right) and Jimboomba's *Australian Idol* contestant, Jake Whittaker, are ready for this year's Flame festival.

UNTIL 12 JULY 2025



**2025 ROBYN DAW
YOUNG VISUAL
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FINALISTS**

Installation view of 2024 Robyn Daw Young Visual Artist Scholarship Finalists exhibition

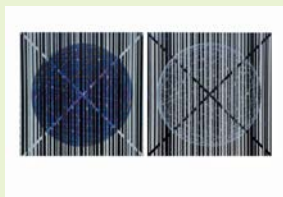


**EVERY HOME
SHOULD HAVE ONE**

FS HELFISCH + NANCY BROWN

FS Helfisch, *Every home should have one* (detail), 2023, acrylic on wood. Courtesy the artist.

18 JULY TO 6 SEPTEMBER 2025



**THE PIANO KEYS
OF HUMANITY**

WU ZHIPENG

Wu Zhipeng, *Web*, 2025, acrylic on canvas. Courtesy the artist.



**EX LIBRIS (FROM THE
LIBRARY OF)**

CHRISTINA LOWRY

Christina Lowry, *De mortuorum avium bibliotheca* (From the library of extinct birds), 2025, wood, glass, cardboard. Courtesy the artist.

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TATTOOS: STORY LINES

This new exhibition features the journeys and stories of 8 Logan residents through their tattoo lines. Tattoos are an artform that span centuries, transcend borders and speak across generations. Pick up the catalogue while you're there.

Living Museum of Logan

Kingston Butter Factory Cultural Precinct
Inside Kingston Butter Factory,
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Cr Stemp with the Clark family in Alexander Clark Park at Loganholme.

Proud family history helps boost park's popularity

A recent family reunion at Loganholme's Alexander Clark Park has helped preserve an important part of the city's history.

Division 10 Councillor Miriam Stemp hosted descendants of Alexander Clark, whose dairy cattle once roamed the area in the early 1900s.

A plaque in the park recognises Alexander Clark's contribution to Logan history, including his service as a Councillor and Chairman of the Albert Shire Council.

The park was named in his honour in 1976. Clark's Logan City Bus Service and Clarks Road at Loganholme are also connected to the family and its long local history.

Grandson Steve Clark, who lives in Loganholme not far from the park, says there are about 30 direct descendants, including 7 great-great grandchildren.

'Having the park named after Alex is very important to the family and a fitting tribute for his community service,' Steve says.

After a period when they only came together 'for weddings and funerals', Steve says the Clark family decided

they all 'needed to do better' and now gather every 6 months or so. And Alexander Clark Park is the obvious venue.

Steve praises the ongoing \$6 million upgrade of the park.

The multi-staged masterplan has delivered features including a new koala-themed adventure playground, water play area, basketball court and a sensory garden.

New toilet facilities were recently opened, and the car park has also been upgraded.

'It's a beautiful park. I'm really impressed with what Council has done there, and it is pleasing to see so many families using it,' he says.

Cr Stemp says highlighting the history behind the name of the park was an important part of the upgrade.

A plaque featuring an image of Alexander Clark, and outlining his achievements, has been installed not far from the playground.

'The Clark family has contributed so much to the City of Logan, and I was delighted to bring them together and listen to their stories of the past,' Cr Stemp says.

Painted poles add charisma to Ben's street

Nature-loving residents in another Division 10 street can now enjoy 12 power poles that have been painted with nature-inspired murals.

Benjamin Liu has lived in Moogara Street at Shailer Park for 3 years and enjoys walking in the area, including in local parks and bushland.

He noticed power poles in some neighbouring areas had been painted with murals (to help with graffiti management) and decided to contact Division 10 Councillor Miriam Stemp to see what could be done in his own street.

'It is great when residents come to me with ideas to improve the aesthetics of our community and now 12 poles in Moogara Street are decorated with murals of birds and other wildlife,' Cr Stemp says.

There are 126 poles across Division 10 that have been painted by Council staff as part of Council's graffiti management initiatives.

Benjamin says the murals add 'charisma' to Moogara Street.

'It is a wonderful initiative. These painted poles help showcase the beautiful wildlife we live among,' Benjamin says.



Cr Stemp and Shailer Park resident Benjamin Liu with one of the new wildlife murals.

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On a good wicket with a nod to cricket tradition

A quaint throwback to tradition is helping Greenbank Cricket Club thrive.

The synthetic pitch on its 'bottom oval' at James Smith Recreation Area is bordered by a white picket fence that provides a symbolic and nostalgic nod to an era in the game before advertising signage took over.

The boundary fence upgrade, which was completed at the end of April, was funded by the Division 11 Local Infrastructure Program.

Club president Shane Harris says the idea came from Division 11 Councillor Natalie Willcocks.

'She was at the ground a few years ago to see our new lights and said: "You know what would look good here? A white picket fence";' Shane says.

Cr Willcocks says she is delighted to have delivered on that vision.



Cr Natalie Willcocks and Greenbank Cricket Club President Shane Harris chat across the club's new eye-catching white picket boundary fence.

'I am very proud of the hard work put in by the club committee to grow participation in cricket in our area,' Cr Willcock says.

'And if this pretty white-fenced junior field is helping to attract more members, then it is an even better investment.'

Shane confirms memberships are booming. The club, which also has fields at Waterford, had more than 130 members last season and fielded 2 seniors teams along with 6 junior sides across under 10s, 12s and 15s.

The club has now launched its first all-girls team, the Greenbank Girl Gladiators, who compete in under 11s in the winter Heat Girls League.

The next summer season for men and women starts in mid-October.

'The club is growing massively and we definitely welcome anyone who wants to get involved as player, coach, administrator or supporter,' Shane says.

For more information about the Greenbank Cricket Club, email: greenbankcricket@gmail.com

Disc golf is a hole lot of free fun at Logan West



Cr Willcocks at the Logan West Parklands disc golf course with Rhys, Alex and Bendle.

The sport of disc golf is taking off in Logan West Parklands at Greenbank.

Disc golf baskets and concrete tee-off pads have been placed around the parklands to create a free 9-hole course for the golf-like sport, in which a disc (similar to a frisbee) is thrown, rather than using clubs and balls.

The lowest number of throws from tee to basket wins!

The sport has a low impact on the park as the course weaves around

existing trees and shrubs while the layout respects the natural environment and the important existing wildlife corridors.

Division 11 Councillor Natalie Willcocks says getting involved in disc golf has multiple benefits.

'It's a great way for the whole family to get some free exercise and have fun while at the same time also enjoying the natural environment and wildlife in beautiful Logan West Parklands,' Cr Willcocks says.

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Cr Karen Murphy on site at the Beenleigh Aquatic Centre upgrade.

Our fantastic new pool is quickly taking shape

It was all smiles from Division 12 Councillor Karen Murphy after a recent site visit to the Beenleigh Aquatic Centre upgrade project.

'Everyone on site was working tirelessly as they build what will be an amazing facility,' Cr Murphy says.

The 50-metre pool's concrete floor has been poured and the walls are being formed as Logan City Council and its contractors create a state-of-the-art aquatic hub.

'Work on the administration building was also well on the way while the footings were being laid for the multipurpose building, which will deliver spaces that cater to diverse needs,' Cr Murphy says.

Cr Murphy has also announced that local artists have been engaged to design original artwork that will be displayed throughout the facility.

'This collaboration not only highlights the incredible talent within the community but also ensures that the



How the new facility's pool deck will look.

facility reflects the identity and spirit of the region,' she says.

'These artistic contributions will make the Beenleigh Aquatic Centre not just a place of recreation for residents and visitors, but also a celebration of Logan's creative culture.'

The project includes:

- a 50-metre heated pool
- children's water play area
- shaded seating, changerooms and multipurpose rooms
- kiosk
- accessible and family-friendly amenities and carpark.

The project is scheduled for completion later this year.

Local boost for transport options

Beenleigh is now a new base for TransitCare – Australia's largest community transport provider.

The not-for-profit organisation is a lifeline for local seniors and people living with disabilities, providing essential transport services that help them maintain independence and stay connected to their communities.

TransitCare's door-to-door transport services are tailored to meet the needs of those who face challenges in mobility, ensuring they can access medical appointments, social activities, and everyday errands with ease.

The new Beenleigh location, in Production Street, will provide even more Division 12 residents with reliable and affordable transport options, which helps foster inclusivity and accessibility.

TransitCare was founded in Logan in 1992. It now delivers more than 305,000 trips each year in Logan and other areas across the state.

Cr Murphy congratulates TransitCare on this remarkable achievement and welcomes the team to Division 12.

For more details, go to: transitcare.com.au



(From left) Cr Karen Murphy, Mayor Jon Raven, TransitCare's Terry O'Toole and former Federal Member for Forde Bert Van Manen.

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Bulky waste kerbside clean-up services

Collection starts week commencing:

7 July 2025	Eagleby, Bethania
21 July 2025	Beenleigh, Edens Landing, Holmview
4 August 2025	Woodridge, Logan Central
25 August 2025	Belivah, Bahrs Scrub, Wolffdene, Bannockburn, Windaroo, Mt Warren Park
8 September 2025	Kingston, Loganlea

Please ensure items are placed out no earlier than one week prior to the scheduled start date and that piles are **not larger than 2 cubic metres** or contain any hazardous or unacceptable items. Visit logan.qld.gov.au/kerbside-cleanup

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