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SHARING CULTURE

**Celebrating
50 years of new
beginnings**

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**Councillor
Karen Murphy**

Beenleigh, Eagleby,
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Message from the Mayor

GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2025 – MORE TO COME IN 2026!

As we farewell another big year and welcome in 2026, I want to take this moment to talk about some of the great things your Council has achieved in 2025.

One of my highlights early in 2025 was hosting the inaugural Mayor's Multifaith Breakfast.

It was amazing to see so many people of faith gather to break bread and pray together.

The diversity of Logan is one of our strengths – and it was certainly on show that day.

I'm looking forward to hosting the next one on Tuesday 31 March, so please make sure you get your tickets from Logan Arts (loganarts.com.au), as this one will be bigger and better!

The Wilbur Street Youth Centre in Logan Central celebrated its first anniversary. Over 40,000 young people have been through its doors – and what a positive impact it is having on our Logan Central and Woodridge community.

When I was elected, I promised Council would engage more than ever and we delivered on that in 2025.

Not only have I hosted regular 'Meet the Mayor' pop-up stalls at shopping centres around our city, we also had more community consultation than ever before in Logan history.

You were invited to give feedback on rates reform, the Council budget, the draft planning scheme Logan Plan and flood mapping.

Across these topics I have replied to tens of thousands of emails and comments and I will keep this level of engagement going throughout 2026.

It feels like a lifetime ago, but it was just March when we responded to the first cyclone that had hit our region in more than 50 years. It showed just how resilient Logan is: the community came together to help each other sandbag and prepare their homes.

Thank you so much for everything you have done to make this city an amazing place to live.

“ ... investors are keen to come to Logan to create jobs and opportunities for locals. ”

Another reason why we're the fastest growing city in Queensland is because of the great lifestyle we offer. We have brought some huge events to Logan.

Most recently we had Six60 put on an incredible show at Kingston Butter Factory. We also made the news for our strong community turnout welcoming Toa Samoa and Fetu Samoa teams for the Pacific Rugby League Championship, and the New Zealand Warriors claimed Logan as their new hometown in Australia.

The Lasso Country Music Festival and Flame BBQ And Music Festival were fantastic events. I'd love to see more of these!

In January, Logan is hosting the 2026 Heyball World Cup at Marsden State High School's Centre of Excellence. This event has the highest prize money (US\$865,200) for any cue sports

event ever conducted in the Southern Hemisphere! They chose Logan as a host because I've been talking our city up everywhere I go, and investors are keen to come to Logan to create jobs and opportunities for locals.

Logan also secured the biggest grant in Queensland from the state government's Residential Activation Fund: \$130 million for a new wastewater treatment plan to be built at Chambers Flat, plus another \$20 million for road upgrades in Yarrabilba and Flagstone.

We're also opening a new 50-metre Olympic-sized swimming pool at Beenleigh, and a \$64 million materials recycling facility is set to open at Browns Plains in July 2026. This project is jointly funded by 3 levels of government to create more local recycling jobs right here in Logan.

While this is just a snapshot of our achievements in 2025, I'd like to thank you for your support. Have a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year, and I can't wait to update you on more Logan wins soon!

– Mayor Jon Raven



Front and back cover

Pictured: Destinie Hang

Location: Kingston Butter Factory, 2025

Photos: Vanghoua Anthony Vue

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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Hope, resilience and love of culture



The exhibition launch at Kingston Butter Factory featured captivating performances by local Hmong dancers, celebrating the beauty of Hmong culture and traditions. Main photo: Marty Pouwelse.

Photos below: By Marty Pouwelse, Vanghoua Anthony Vue, and supplied.



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As the daughter of a proud Hmong villager born in the Laos highlands, Sarah Thao thought she already knew most of her family history. As Hmong people, they were among thousands who fled to live in Australia when the Vietnam War ended.

From her grandfather being recruited to help the American CIA, and tragically losing his life in the 'Secret War' against the communists, to thousands fleeing Laos across the Mekong River to Thailand's crowded refugee camps, Sarah was overjoyed at the chance to help curate her community's history.

Now the exhibition *Hmong Journeys: Threads Of Home* has opened at the Living Museum of Logan to celebrate 50 years since the Hmong refugees settled in Australia, and Sarah has been deeply moved by the richness of the Hmong community's powerful stories.

Their resilience and journey of hope from 1975 to now is a living link to last century, when the Hmong people in the Laos highlands helped the United States forces fight against the communist regime.

Being able to preserve and share that culture in this Logan exhibition is a life highlight for Sarah, who is a Logan communications professional and mother of 3 young children.

'Logan is home to the largest Hmong population in South East Queensland,' Sarah says. 'When I looked into our history, I realised life was really hard, especially when my dad spoke of his time escaping and then growing up without parents.'

Her father, Chia Yang, shared those difficult memories with his daughter, so she could include his lived experience as a marker in time compared to the new beginnings for his family of 8 children born in Australia.

Their family friend, Xao Thaow, also revealed his past pain of fleeing his village at age 7 with his father, terrified they'd be killed.

'Children as young as 10 were sent to fight, and for every American killed in Vietnam, 10 Hmong people lost their lives,' Xao says. 'Thousands of us fled to Thailand, crammed into refugee camps before being sent to new countries. Survival became part of who we are,' he says.

Now though, it's time to celebrate the new beginnings that followed. 'Watching our young Hmong people become doctors, teachers and professionals fills me with hope. My dream is that we will build on this success and create a shared vision for the next 50 years,' Xao says.

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part of who we are.**

”

The exhibition reveals a vibrant heritage. From hand-stitched story cloths that capture history for generations, to a traditional baby carrier used by villagers, the visual element of the exhibition is stunning.

It features several local Hmong community members and their personal stories, from tracing their own journeys to Logan, to growing up in the city as a multicultural hub where they feel safe and empowered to keep elements of their own culture in their daily lives, from farming through to dancing.

Destinie Hang, who features in the exhibition (and on our magazine cover), says she feels connected to the local Hmong community through dance and traditional clothing.

'I feel like this outfit helps to express my identity and especially because growing up, Hmong people didn't have a land to call our own,' Destinie says, explaining that the decorative silver makes sounds as she moves, creating a magical feeling for dancers.

'It's very important to embrace our culture, to always reflect on who you are, and understand where you came from. Logan is very multicultural, so it's not hard to feel accepted here.'

To find out more about the exhibition, visit: loganarts.com.au/livingmuseum



***Hmong Journeys: Threads of Home* runs to September 2026 at the Living Museum of Logan, in the Kingston Butter Factory. Entry is free.**

Photos from left:

- 1) Hmong dancer Jessica Lee at exhibition launch
- 2) Logan Hmong refugee Xao Thaow
- 3) From left: Logan resident Bee Thao, qeej musician Gia Xa Chang, exhibition co-curator Sarah Thao
- 4) Dancer Destinie Hang
- 5) Logan children in traditional Hmong dress, from left: Landon Yang, Milia Thao, Mason Yang, Edison Yang



Saalihah and Sayeed Seedat are a team in more ways than one, as husband and wife, and now business minds behind their new Elysian showroom.

Bringing a little luxury to Logan

Saalihah and Sayeed Seedat are a powerhouse Logan couple whose journey from Southern Africa to Australia has blossomed into a story of professional excellence, community impact, and entrepreneurial success.

Since immigrating in 2002, the couple has made Logan their home, raising a family while building impressive careers. Sayeed, a certified practising accountant, has held Chief Financial Officer (CFO) roles across industries including software and biomedical.

Saalihah, a clinical pharmacist, has dedicated herself to improving community health outcomes conducting home medication reviews and notably through her work with My Health For Life, a Queensland Government wellbeing initiative.

‘Education to help people change their behaviours around their health is what we need,’ Saalihah says. ‘It’s not only about knowing what to do, but the how and why, and in language they can understand.’

Saalihah’s commitment to empowerment extends beyond healthcare, and she has volunteered for Share the Dignity and sponsored a National Council of Women Queensland bursary for emerging

female leaders from culturally diverse backgrounds.

She’s mentored women through the Australian Institute of Sport and Global Sisters, and her leadership was recently recognised in the Queensland Health’s Women and Girls’ Health Strategy 2032.

In December 2024, the couple planned their daughter’s wedding, determined to create a luxe celebration without overspending.

Their success sparked a bigger vision: helping others achieve stylish, budget-friendly events. That vision became Elysian Event Hire, a business inspired by the word ‘Elysian’, meaning blissful, divine, and beautiful.

‘What began as an idea for a DIY wedding hire service quickly expanded,’ Saalihah says. ‘We realised there was a real gap in the market with few businesses offering high-end event hire with a showroom experience in Logan.’

The Seedats have grown their passion project into a thriving business, with a warehouse and showroom at the Southpark Complex in Slacks Creek.

Their curated collection includes luxury decor such as 5-star hotel candleholders and designer candles,

backdrops, arches, LED glow furniture, and bespoke centrepieces.

True to their values, the Seedats have launched ‘Second Chance Styling’, a sustainability initiative that repurposes gently-used decor for local charities and community groups.

Their motivation to build the business in Logan is deeply rooted in their love for the city. ‘We’ve lived in Logan for over 20 years and raised our children here. We’ve seen the city grow and evolve, and we wanted to be part of that story,’ Saalihah says.

‘Logan is a vibrant, multicultural community with so much potential,’ Sayeed adds. ‘You don’t have to go to Brisbane or the Gold Coast to find premium services.’

Already employing 2 staff, the Seedats plan to expand their team with local delivery drivers, warehouse staff and stylists.

‘We want to create jobs and opportunities right here in Logan,’ Sayeed says. ‘We’re not just building a business; we’re building a network. We want to grow alongside other local businesses and support the Logan economy.’

For more information visit: elysianeventhire.com.au

Splash out for summer time

Looking to beat the heat as the temperatures rise in the City of Logan for a super summer?

Logan has a range of free and low-cost pools and playgrounds with water parks to splash around in. There are even options for dogs to enjoy the water with the family.

So play it cool and take a look at our list to find your local oasis over the summer time.

AQUATIC CENTRES

Logan City Council Aquatic Centres

Beenleigh (\$24 million upgrade opening early January, 2026) –
43 Alamein Street, Beenleigh

Bethania –
88-118 Station Road, Bethania

Eagleby –
16 Cowper Avenue, Eagleby

Gould Adams Park –
558 Kingston Road, Kingston

Logan North –
2 Sports Drive, Underwood

Logan West –
29 Wineglass Drive, Hillcrest

DOGGY WATER FUN



Flagstone Splash and Play Dog Park

Apart from all the green space to run around in, your pooch can explore dog tunnels, then cool down with a water fountain that shoots bubbly water at the push of a button.

Flagstonian Drive, Flagstone

For the full list of Logan City Council parks visit lccqld.com/parks_directory

FREE WATER PLAY PARKS



Flagstone Water Play Park

Great for young families, this 2-level water playground has waterfalls, a climbable treehouse, massive slides and more.

Flagstonian Drive, Flagstone



Alexander Clark Park

This includes a revamped water play area with misting totems, shade sails and a cooling water channel that winds through boulders.

Dewar Drive, Loganholme



Logan Gardens

The perfect spot for kids to be entertained, featuring multiple fountains, a dumping bucket and shallow splash pool.

12 Civic Parade, Logan Central



Darlington Parklands

Kids will love splashing about on the fountain pad and in the streaming water that flows into a shallow pond for some refreshing fun.

47-125 Yarrabilba Drive, Yarrabilba



Mabel Park

Children can explore the recently upgraded park's nature and water play area, complete with water pumps and totem mist sprays.

Paradise Road, Slacks Creek

The best of **LOGAN**

Tentpegging family riding high for Australian team

Two talented teens from Logan Reserve have returned home with silver medals after representing Australia in an international tentpegging competition in South Africa.

Samantha Gurney, 18, and her brother Steven, 16, were part of the Under-21 Australian Tentpegging Team that competed in September.

Tentpegging, a cavalry sport with ancient roots, involves riders galloping at full speed to strike or pick up small ground targets with a sword or lance.

Samantha, who captained the team, narrowly missed an individual medal

in the sword event. The pair also competed in a provincial event to win silver in the Team of Swords event.

Their father, Brad, who has represented Australia internationally in tentpegging, was team manager.

Mum Catherine says there's talk of a South African team visiting Australia again.

'We hosted them about 20 years ago at Logan Village Riding Club,' she says.

Both Samantha and Steven are students at Hills International College, with Catherine saying the school played a key role in assisting with fundraising for the event.



Above: The Gurney siblings in action in South Africa. Below: Steven Gurney in the Australian Tentpegging Team uniform.

'Our children have deep roots in the Logan community, having attended Logan Reserve and Jimboomba State Schools, a true reflection that it does take a village,' she says.



When it comes to getting a refund, a Year 8 Business student from Parklands Christian College in Park Ridge is now one of the experts.

Oliver Reise won second place in the Queensland Government's Office of Fair Trading Buy Smart Competition, designed to award smart young consumers (and their schools) who create clever new ways of communicating the challenges, opportunities and pitfalls existing in today's complex marketplace.

State Member for Logan Linus Power MP and Queensland Attorney-General Deb Frecklington met with Oliver when they hosted the Awards at Queensland Parliament House in late October.

Oliver received the recognition for his series of engaging and humorous skits explaining refunds and other consumer law remedies to other teenagers. He received \$250 and his school received \$1,000 for his win.

'I had heard about the competition a few months ago and thought I would give it a go. I made a deal with God, I was going to give all of whatever prize money I win to someone in need,' Oliver says.

'He has really blessed me, placing second in this state-wide competition and giving me the means to share His love with others around me. It has been so much fun and has happened so fast I am still trying to comprehend it!'

The annual competition awards more than \$15,000 in prizes and is open to all Queensland primary and high school students from Years 4 to 12.



Oliver Reise

Year 8 student Lincoln Eden, of Springwood, has turned his passion for gymnastics into diving headfirst towards an Olympics dream for 2032.

Already a Junior Elite Diver, Lincoln recently won gold in all individual events and silver in 'mixed synchro' at the School Sport Australian Aquatic Games, held at the Sleeman Sports Complex, Chandler.

While his long-term goals include representing Australia at the Olympics or becoming a contracted Red Bull High Diver, Lincoln's current focus is on achieving a Diving Australia contract.

'When I was 10, I was a high-level gymnast and attended a Talent I.D. Day, where I was offered a position in the National Talent Program with Brisbane Diving (now QAS Diving),' Lincoln says.

'I love learning new dives and the adrenaline of performing high-level dives in front of a crowd.'

Lincoln Eden

Lincoln's parents say it's inspiring to see their son so committed to the sport.

'He trains 6 days a week with Chandler Diving Club and approaches every session with enthusiasm and determination,' his mum Laura says.



Farm kindy kids are show favourites

A group of children who enjoy 'farm kindy' have grown their own agricultural masterpiece to win a top prize at the Brisbane EKKA.

The pre-kindy and kindergarten children, aged between 3 and 5 years, were thrilled when their creation scored the top points at the annual Royal Queensland Show for the Funniest EKKApillar award in the EKKA Little Sprouts competition.

The win stems from a partnership between the Queensland Childcare Services' Hyperdome Early Education Centre, Calvary Christian College at Carbrook and local farmer Angela Haupt.

Known to the children as Farmer H, Angela tends to the farm on the grounds of Calvary Christian College and helped facilitate the children's involvement in the competition for the second year in a row.



Children from the Hyperdome Early Education Centre learning how to grow their EKKApillar.

The young learners were hands-on with the competition entry, all helping to assemble the EKKApillar, and regularly attend excursions from their Loganholme kindy to the farm with keen interest.



The winning creation, fully grown for the EKKA.

Flagstone excellence has community celebrating

Celebratory news was heard loud and clear across the Flagstone community recently – local renowned audiologist Sherin Koshy from Hearing Med Audiology was a winner at the Flagstone Favourites Local Business Awards.

Sherin's business won an award for Excellence in Innovation, as recognition of her pioneering integrated patient care model and advanced diagnostic tools.

With 15 years in the field of audiology, Sherin was celebrated as one of Australia's leading audiologists, not to mention expanding the business to 4 locations in South East Queensland, including at Jimboomba and Yarrabilba.

Flagstone's most outstanding businesses were celebrated with the Flagstone Favourites Local Business Awards 2025 gala ceremony held in August for more than 100 guests at the Flagstone Tavern.

Now in its second year, the event recognises dedication, innovation, and community spirit of the local economy.

With Flagstone being a Priority Development Area designated by the Queensland Government to fast-track the supply of quality, affordable housing in one of South East Queensland's fastest growing areas, the event allows the local community to gather and celebrate the economic growth and support for local businesses.

Other major award winners praised for making an impact and contributing to the growth of the region are:

- Mondaze Group for the Excellence in Small Business Award
- Onwards and Upwards Flagstone Foodshare for the Community Spirit Excellence Award

Judges for the 2025 awards included State Member for Jordan Charis Mullen MP; Logan City Division 11

Councillor Natalie Willcocks; Logan Regional Chamber of Commerce Treasurer Kerry Menck; and Alex Cameron, Commercial Development Manager for Peet Ltd.

The Awards are an initiative by Australian property developer Peet, supported by the Logan Regional Chamber of Commerce, Flagstone Social Business Network and the Flagstone Tavern.

Sherin Koshy and Vinesh Abraham from Hearing Med Audiology Flagstone.
Photo: KPW Studios.



Recipe for students' success

There are never too many cooks in the kitchen when the head chef is Belinda Vlasenko.

Belinda, a teacher at Trinity College in Beenleigh, has received the icing on the cake for her innovative work. As the school's Head of Design Technologies: Food and Materials, in Hospitality, Tourism, and Culture, she has received an Excellence Award at the 2025 National Education Awards.

Belinda was awarded in the category 'Department Head of the Year', for her curriculum revamp that resulted in a 300 per cent increase in Year 11 Certificate II Hospitality enrolments.

Brisbane Catholic Education (BCE) is celebrating Belinda's recognition and says her secret ingredients to classroom success include a dash of student agency, a spoonful of real-world learning, and a generous helping of philanthropy.

Trinity College Acting Vocational Education and Training Leader Kristina Carr, who nominated Belinda, says her influence extends far beyond class.

'As Cultural Leader, Belinda launched the International Study Tour Program, raising nearly \$80,000 in 2024 and securing over \$120,000 in bookings for 2025,' Kristina says.

'These funds have been reinvested into student agency projects, cultural showcases, and school infrastructure, including auditorium upgrades and equipment for fundraising.'

Kristina praises Belinda's approach to professional development and her leadership style for empowering staff to innovate and take risks, resulting in improved teaching standards and student outcomes.

Belinda sees her teaching career as being more than about just content. 'It's about connection,' Belinda says.



Trinity College's Belinda Vlasenko teaches Year 11 Hospitality students Tysin and Dylan how to bake. Photo courtesy of Brisbane Catholic Education, Trinity College, Beenleigh.

Part of the reason she chose teaching as a profession was because she loved the idea of spending her life sharing her passion with young people and helping them discover their own.

'I became a teacher because I wanted to reach the students who felt disconnected, to help them find success and joy in learning, just as I had,' she says.

Belinda has also spearheaded the student-run Mane St Cafe, which dishes out meals along with leadership, teamwork, and event management skills for students.

“It's about helping them find peace, purpose, and the courage to make a difference.”

Belinda says teaching in a Catholic school allows her to nurture hearts as well as minds. 'I get to help students grow academically and spiritually, and that's a privilege I cherish. Our College's Marist values of service, compassion and presence guide everything I do.'

'I aim to co-create learning experiences that reflect each student's gifts and aspirations. It's about helping them find peace, purpose, and the courage to make a difference.'

Belinda works within Trinity's innovative My Learning PATH model, designed to give students

a personalised educational journey by choosing courses instead of traditional subjects.

Other Excellence Awards recipients in the City of Logan include:

- **Lauren Fletcher** – Department Head of the Year, **Luda Kovalev** – Secondary School Teacher of the Year (Loganlea State High School)
- **Meagan King** – Deputy Principal of the Year (Canterbury College)
- **Amy Griffin** – Education Rising Star of the Year, **Lindsay McQuattie** – Non-Govt Primary School Principal of the Year, **Chloe Brown** – Non-Govt Primary School Teacher of the Year (John Paul College)
- **Sharon Amos** – Non-Govt School Principal of the Year (Park Ridge State High School)
- **Ineke McGuire** – Secondary School Teacher of the Year (Shailer Park State High School)
- **Jake Hartland** – Secondary School Teacher of the Year (Marsden State High School)

Also, Marsden State High School Principal **Marcus Jones** was the overall winner of the Government School Principal of the Year Award.

More local teachers to be celebrated in the recent TEACHX Awards by the Queensland Teachers College are:

- **Christopher Wickens** (Shailer Park State High School) – Innovation in Teaching
- **Rueben Davis** (Loganlea State High School), **Brittany Watts** (Yarrabilba State Secondary College) – Excellence in Beginning To Teach

Leading a change for dementia training

When Bill Leavey was diagnosed with dementia in early 2025, it shook the foundations of his life and the business he built from the ground up.

But instead of stepping away from True Blue Glass, the Loganholme business he founded in 2006, Bill has used his lived experience to spark a company-wide transformation.

The company has introduced dementia-awareness training for all staff. Technicians who visit homes can now recognise signs of confusion or distress and respond with patience and empathy.

Communication protocols have been redesigned to ensure clarity and kindness, especially when working with older or vulnerable clients.

‘I built this business from a ute and some printed flyers in 2006. Today, I can’t read a tape measure properly or remember what someone said 10 minutes ago,’ Bill says. ‘But that doesn’t mean I can’t contribute. That’s what I want people to understand.’

Sean Leavey, Chief Executive Officer of the business and Bill’s son, says the changes have already made a noticeable impact.

‘Our staff visit people’s homes every day. We now have more understanding that a customer who forgets why we’re there, or seems upset, may be dealing with more than just a broken window,’ Sean says.

‘Dad’s story has opened our eyes and shaped how we train our team to show respect and understanding, not just complete a job.’

Bill admits that some days are harder than others, but he remains committed to advocacy and raising awareness.

‘This is about treating people like you’d treat your own grandparents, with kindness and clarity. We might not be able to stop dementia, but we can absolutely stop the stigma,’ Bill says.

Meanwhile, outside of work Bill has become a

quiet force for change. He’s spoken at Dementia Australia events and regularly shares his story to reduce stigma and encourage others to see the person, not just the diagnosis.

As a member of the Dementia Australia Advisory Committee, Bill uses his lived experience to provide strategic advice to the organisation and other stakeholders on shaping services, programs, policy development and systemic advocacy.

Having successfully transformed the way it operates, True Blue Glass is now encouraging other Logan businesses to make small but meaningful changes by sharing its 4-pillar roadmap to inclusion.

This includes staff awareness and training, replacing high contrast edging to stairs and steps, and

swapping out black entrance mats that can appear as holes for some people with dementia.

Teams are also taught respectful customer engagement, such as explaining each step, warning customers before loud drilling or glass removal, and finishing every visit with: ‘Is there anything else I can help with, rubbish, lightbulb, gate latch?’.

‘By embedding dementia awareness into everything from staff training to sites, True Blue Glass is repairing more than windows – we’re fixing the gap between the community and misunderstanding,’ Sean says.

Meanwhile, in recognition of its leadership and commitment to quality, True Blue Glass was awarded the 2025 Logan Business Distinction Award for Building and Construction.

The True Blue Glass father and son team: CEO Sean Leavey, with dad Bill Leavey, outside their Loganholme headquarters.



Out and about in **LOGAN**

DECEMBER



Christmas Festival Market

📅 13 Dec, 11 am to 9 pm

📍 Distillery Road Market

Market stalls filled with gifts, goodies and handmade treasures. Free entry, onsite parking, live music, and entertainment. Bring the family.

Starry Night Outdoor Cinema

📅 13 Dec, 5:30 pm for 6 pm

📍 Logan Village Green

Free screening of *The Grinch* movie. Bring your own chair or picnic blanket and enjoy a BBQ and some popcorn for a gold coin donation.

Dodgebow Christmas Public Event

📅 20 Dec, 8:30 am to 11 am

📍 Noyer Park, Bahrs Scrub

Enjoy this alternative to skirmish or laser tag. Join with family, friends or colleagues, combining archery and dodgeball.

JANUARY

Men's Conversation Collective

📅 9 Jan, 10 am

📍 Logan Hyperdome Library

A good chin-wag with a group of mates awaits, on all types of topics from sport to history and everything in between.



Countrified Music Festival

📅 10 Jan, 3 pm to 9:30 pm

📍 Distillery Road Market

Free entry for all ages for a country music get-together. Includes Josh Setterfield, Tate Cole, and First Nations storyteller Loren Ryan.

Underdog Film Fest Workshop

📅 17 Jan, 9 am

📍 Kingston Butter Factory Cultural Precinct

'Craft of Storytelling' foundational film workshop with acclaimed filmmaker Ashlee Jensen, on how to create compelling films with a small budget.

FEBRUARY



Waitangi At Twilight 2026

📅 6 Feb, 4 pm to 10 pm

📍 Griffith University Logan Campus

Celebrate with family and friends at an evening of culture, delivering delicious food, vibrant entertainment, a variety of stalls and family fun, with free entry for all.

Shuuush Your Mouf

📅 12 Feb, 7:30 pm

📍 Kingston Butter Factory, Butterbox Theatre

Enjoy the laughs as Tofiga Fepulea'i, the 'Humble King of Comedy', muses on all things important to a man in his 50s, with a Samoan wife.

FOR MORE EVENTS VISIT

🌐 [ourlogan.com.au/
category/whats-on/](https://ourlogan.com.au/category/whats-on/)



KRANK School Holiday Program

Free and low cost activities for kids and teens aged 5 to 17 years.



Digital program
now online. Scan to view.
logan.qld.gov.au/krank

Bookings open: 9 am Monday 15 December

A refugee's journey to community leader

As a refugee from Myanmar, Senior Police Liaison Officer Tial Hlawngching knows the value of building positive relationships with Logan's multicultural communities.

When he arrived in Australia 14 years ago, Tial himself did not trust the police.

Now, after dedicating years to study, policing and working with Logan's migrant refugee and youth communities, Tial is helping others breakdown their own fears.

'Police liaison officers are so important because we help bridge the gap between the community and police,' Tial says. 'When people see someone who understands their language, culture and experience, it breaks down fear and replaces it with trust.'

Tial, 30, is a Hakha speaking Chin man who was born in the Chin state of Myanmar. He moved to Queensland with his family in 2011 as a refugee seeking safety and a new beginning.

Growing up in Myanmar, Tial says he was aware of the negative interactions many in his community faced with law enforcement.

These experiences left lasting impacts not only on individuals, but across generations, shaping the way many people from this community viewed authority.

Within his own family, this contributed to a deep mistrust of police and uncertainty about their role in the community. Like many refugees, this fear and mistrust followed them to Australia.

But over time, Tial says he came to understand the values and responsibilities of police in Australia. It was his new perspective that sparked a desire to be part of the solution.

He studied a degree in Human Services and for the past 8 years has been working with non-profit organisations throughout Logan supporting migrant refugee and youth communities.

'Representation matters to the culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) community, it shows that we belong, we are heard, and we are part of a system that advocates for our wellbeing,' he says.

Tial uses his lived experience and empathy to build understanding, foster trust and help people from refugee and migratory backgrounds feel safe, supported, informed and heard.

As a youth mentor and advocate for change, Tial is also the driving force behind initiatives such as the Logan Youth Engagement Program and Rekon Youth Jamming Sessions.

Both programs aim to bring together young people aged 12 to 20 of all cultures through music, sport and conversation.

Tial, who is part of the Logan Cross Cultural Liaison Unit, says he often shares his experiences with young people to inspire resilience, leadership and cultural pride.

'Police liaison officers bring understanding to conversation, making sure people from all cultures are treated with dignity and respect,' says the dedicated community leader.

Through his leadership, advocacy, and unwavering commitment, Tial continues to be a powerful force for change, proving that lived experience can be a bridge to understanding, and that every story has the power to inspire.



Leo gets lucky with rescue done right

A successful koala rescue in Jimboomba is being praised by wildlife rescuers and Logan City Council as a great example to share with all residents.

The recent rescue began when a young male koala, aged about one, was spotted looking quite comfy on a frontyard fence of a semi-rural property in a relatively quiet street.

He wasn't scared, didn't look sick or injured, and although he appeared a little tired due to koala's habits of sleeping for 20 hours a day, the marsupial didn't appear to be in any immediate danger. However, he most certainly was.

Wildlife carer and rescuer Mel Dunne, who received the call to check on Leo that day, says that's why this particular koala rescue is such a good story to tell people so they know the hidden dangers for our wildlife at every turn throughout Logan – domestic pets, especially dogs.

'He'd been sitting there a few hours on a fence only 120 centimetres high, and the neighbours did everything right,' Mel says, from her home in New Beith where she often has dozens of kangaroo and wallaby joeys she nurses back to health from rescues stretching from Logan to Ipswich.

'The property owner took all the right steps, by immediately



Leo was calm, but had to be collected by Mel Dunne of Rotary Club of SEQ Wildlife Rescue.

locking her german shepherd in the house, then posting about the koala on community social media warning everyone to keep their dogs away from her street, and calling a rescue service to assess or collect him,' Mel says.

'The neighbour across the road was also persistent with his phone calls because it originally was not treated as urgent due to the animal looking healthy and calm. But he knew dogs and roads and dusk were a dangerous combination.'

For Council's koala safety tips go to: lccqld.com/koala

If you see sick or injured wildlife, call a wildlife rescue and care organisation such as: RSPCA on 1300 ANIMAL (1300 264 265), Rotary Club of SEQ Wildlife Rescue (0467 231 952), or Wildcare (5527 2444).

Time to check your pool is kid-safe



For the latest laws and a pool safety checklist scan the QR code.



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Upgrade is all about boosting street appeal

Natural colour, cool shade and innovative lighting are among the special features of the next phase of the Fitzgerald Avenue upgrade in Springwood.

Division 1 Councillor Lisa Bradley says the works will help develop a new 'relaxed vibe' in the well-used thoroughfare, while also being mindful of the needs of surrounding businesses and residents.

'This exciting next stage of the Fitzgerald Avenue upgrade will be done with no road closures or night works,' Cr Bradley says.

'The upgrade will be low-impact but the final outcome will be spectacular.'

The works include the installation of new bench seating, which will be shaded not only by the existing trees but also new trumpet creeper vines (*Campsis radicans*), which in



Additional streetscape upgrades are on the way for Fitzgerald Avenue in Springwood.

spring are covered in a mass of bright orange flowers.

The area's night appeal will be boosted with soft up-lights added to the footpath pavements. Other landscaping will also be undertaken.

The works will be funded by the Division 1 Local Infrastructure Program.

A start date for the project is yet to be locked in with residents and businesses to be notified by Council well ahead of any works beginning.

Keeping the shine on our special park

Important upgrades to facilities across Underwood Park are helping to maintain its reputation as the premier hub for local sporting and community organisations.

Funding for many of the upgrades has come from the Division 1 Local Infrastructure Program.



Cr Lisa Bradley at the striking new mural at Rochdale Tigers Rugby League Football Club at Underwood Park.

Division 1 Councillor Lisa Bradley says feedback from local residents shows that they place a high value on maintaining and improving facilities at Underwood Park.

'People of all ages come to Underwood Park for so many different reasons, whether it is sport, recreation, enjoying the natural environment or just relaxing,' Cr Bradley says.

'That's why I am always keen to hear residents' thoughts on how we can continue to ensure it remains one of the most popular destinations in South East Queensland.'

Recent upgrades, or works in the pipeline, include:

ROCHEDALE GIRL GUIDES

- Installation of a fire pit with amphitheatre-style seating
- Clubhouse mural, additional covered area, turf and landscaping
- Electrical upgrade work which will start soon

ROCHEDALE TIGERS RUGBY LEAGUE

- Clubhouse and changerooms rendered and painted
- New flooring for covered area
- Clubhouse mural
- Rochdale South Cricket Clubhouse to be rendered and painted, and roof replaced
- Concrete paths to improve accessibility
- New club signage

RATS CYCLING CLUB

- Additional storage
- An extended undercover area will also be constructed with upgrades including wash bays and safety improvements

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Daring to dream big on new Kingston skate park

Plans are still evolving for a new skate park in Kingston.

Public consultation on the plans was conducted earlier this year.

The survey period drew 580 people to the Kingston skate park 'Have Your Say' page and feedback from residents showed overwhelming support (79.5%) for a skate park.

Based on that strong feedback, Division 2 Councillor Teresa Lane is now thinking bigger.

'Funding of \$500,000 has been set aside for a skate park project but I want to try and deliver something bigger and better,' Cr Lane says.

'I would like to see a facility that encompasses skateboarding, scootering, BMX and inline skating in one location.

'I am setting up meetings with philanthropists and hunting for any government funding opportunities for youth programs that will allow us to build a fenced-in secure skate park worthy of local kids' time and energy.

'I am aiming for a facility that will challenge kids and adults of all ages and where youth work will be a core part of the process.

'It's a pretty big goal to reach for but I think our community is worth it and if we can pull it off, we will be the better for it.

'Let me know your thoughts on what our newest skate park should look like.' See contact details below.



Teenagers enjoy the Wilbur Street Youth Centre vibe at the 'All Eyez On Me' 90s-themed party hosted by the facility earlier this year.

Youth Centre delivers so much in its first year

The Wilbur Street Youth Centre in Logan Central is celebrating its first anniversary.

Division 2 Councillor Teresa Lane says so many goals and great outcomes have been achieved in its first 12 months of operation.

The Wilbur Street Youth Centre, in Wilbur Street, offers after-school and school holiday activities for students aged 12-18. Later in the evening, activities are offered for young adults aged 18-24.

'This space is a game changer for our community,' Cr Lane says.

'Jim (Federal Treasurer and the Member for Rankin Jim Chalmers), Cameron (State Member for Woodridge Cameron Dick) and myself are regular visitors to the Youth Centre and see what a difference it makes for young people in our local community.'

Some milestones for the year:

- ✓ More than 40,000 individual visits to the Youth Centre in 12 months.

- ✓ Highest daily attendance of 232 students in one afternoon.
- ✓ 92 per cent of students say the Youth Centre is a safe space for them.
- ✓ 91 per cent of students have had conversations at the centre about their future.
- ✓ 100 per cent of students who participated in dance or art activities say they want to do it again.
- ✓ More than 10,000 small meals dispensed to students at the Youth Centre.
- ✓ Parents checking out the centre to see what's on offer.
- ✓ 100 per cent of staff at the Wilbur Street facility are volunteers including the manager.

Research shows the majority of students who attend the Youth Centre are from Woodridge, Kingston, Logan Central, Marsden, Slacks Creek, Loganlea, and Berrinba.

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Funding helps local community activities

Community organisations, schools and clubs based in Division 3 looking for a flying start to 2026 might consider applying for financial assistance from Logan City Council's Community Benefit Fund (CBF).

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

This financial year, each Councillor has \$19,931.96 to allocate.

Division 3 Councillor Mindy Russell says those eligible to apply for CBF support include not-for-profit community organisations, school P&Cs, Neighbourhood Watch groups, religious institutions, welfare groups and community sporting clubs.

Applications are open until 30 April each year or until divisional funds are expended.

Recent successful Division 3 CBF applicants include:

- Mabel Park State School (Activities for graduating students)



Cr Mindy Russell (left) and Hope Centre's Melly Possumah get into the Christmas spirit.

- Hope Centre (Christmas luncheon)
- Tokelau community (Venue hire for a cultural event)
- Learn-A-Craft (Bus hire and morning tea for a community outing)
- Daisy Hill Neighbourhood Watch (Venue hire for crime prevention talk, family-safe Halloween)

- Rochedale-Springwood National Seniors (Christmas function)

'I urge anyone who is interested, or think they may be eligible, to contact me prior to lodging an application,' Cr Russell says.

More information on how to apply can be found at logan.qld.gov.au/cbf

Smart lighting puts spotlight on Creek Tigers

The new season is looking brighter for Slacks Creek Tigers Football Club.

A recent \$700,000 lighting upgrade at the Creek Tigers' Usher Park headquarters has introduced new technology that will improve safety for players in games and training while creating a better viewing experience for spectators.

Division 3 Councillor Mindy Russell says 11 new poles were erected to support 32 energy-saving LED light fittings, which will help to significantly reduce the club's electricity costs.

'The new lights have a switchable mode where the brightness can be

adjusted for training or matches,' Cr Russell says.

'The entire lighting system also can be accessed remotely via a smart phone or computer which is a huge timesaver for the wonderful volunteers who run the club.'

Tigers vice-president Melissa Cameron says the new lights help celebrate a strong season for the club, which this year had 647 registered senior and junior players.

'This much-needed upgrade means the club can now host more night games and better utilise more of our fields which we hope will further boost our growth in 2026,' Melissa says.

The upgrade project was jointly funded by Logan City Council's Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Program and the Queensland Government's Minor Infrastructure and Inclusive Facilities Program.



Cr Mindy Russell (right) turns on the new hi-tech lights at Slacks Creek Tigers' Usher Park headquarters with club vice-president Melissa Cameron and State Member for Springwood, Mick De Brenni.

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Josh Pyke

*Feeding the wolves
and other stories*

Following a sold-out national tour celebrating the 20th anniversary of his landmark debut *Feeding the Wolves*, beloved singer-songwriter **Josh Pyke** is heading back out on the road — this time bringing the songs to regional Australia.

The Feeding the Wolves and Other Stories tour incorporates intimate performances that strip the songs back to their purest form, giving fans the chance to experience favourites like *Middle of the Hill*, *The Summer* and *The Lighthouse Song* alongside other gems from his extensive catalogue.

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The 2 concept designs for a new skate park in Yarrabilba that went out to community consultation.

Community helping to shape skate park design

Feedback from the community will help finalise designs for a new skate park in Yarrabilba.

Division 4 Councillor Nathan St Ledger says the new facility will be built in vacant parkland adjacent to the sports fields at McKinnon Sports Park South (corner of Yarrabilba Drive and Woodward Avenue). It will be funded by the Division 4 Local Infrastructure Program.

Cr St Ledger says community consultation on 2 proposed concept designs was conducted in October.

'We want to create a play space that's safe, exciting, accessible and welcoming for everyone,' Cr St Ledger says.

'We will now examine the feedback from the community and I look

forward to making an announcement in the new year on the final design and construction timeline for our newest skate park.'

One option for the skate park is a street-style layout, featuring ledges, banks, rails and pads for tricks.

The design caters mainly for younger riders, but it also includes smooth paths and a mix of features that would also appeal to intermediate and advanced riders.

The second option is designed with more space for riders to gain speed before tackling a range of moguls, rails and ramps.

The challenges of each obstacle, and the transition to the next one, encourages riders of all ages and skill levels to learn and improve.

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Talent show proves new school rocks

Yarrabilba's artistic future is in good hands if this year's inaugural talent show at South Rock State School is an indication.

The school's 'Talent on the Rock' show featured 13 finalists.

Division 4 Councillor Nathan St Ledger was privileged to be part of the judging panel that faced a tough task in selecting a winner.

'It is inspiring to see what everyone at South Rock has achieved since the school opened just 2 years ago,' Cr St Ledger says.

'Music and the arts are such an important part of our children's education and outstanding performances in the show left no doubt that the future is bright for these talented young entertainers.

'Congratulations to all the certificate recipients and well done to all the teachers who helped organise and stage the event.'

The contest was won by Year 4 student Mahlia Timms, who sang *I See The Light* from the movie *Tangled*. She included dancing in her performance.



South Rock State School 'Talent on the Rock' winner Mahlia Timms.

Exciting projects planned for new year

The rollout of important works across Division 5 will continue in 2026.

A major highlight will be the completion of the first phase of Waterford West District Park which is scheduled to open late in the year.

As in 2025, a strong focus will again be on road upgrades, concreting missing sections of well-used footpaths and improving park facilities.

Keep an eye out for:

ROADS

- Third Avenue upgrade
- Upgrade of Browns Plains Road/Waratah Drive/Second Avenue intersection
- Bumstead Road resurfacing
- Intersection upgrade at Julie Street and Chambers Flat Road

PARKS

- Multi-sport courts at JJ Smith Park
- Cross-country course upgrade at Judith Park (Park Ridge Pony Club)

OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE

- Dog off-leash area in Bush Tucker Road
- Master plan for Crestmead Park
- New bus stop in Chambers Flat Road

To get the latest updates on projects across Division 5, scan this QR code to go to Cr Jackson's Facebook page.



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Cr Paul Jackson at Park Ridge Pony Club, which received upgrades to its Judith Park headquarters in 2025, with more coming next year.

Working hard to make our neighbourhoods better

It has been a big year in Division 5 with many upgrades and improvements to facilities and infrastructure.

Division 5 Councillor Paul Jackson says community feedback has been important in identifying works that needed to be done and assigning priorities to various projects.

Much of the work was funded through the Division 5 Local Infrastructure Program.

'I made it very clear when speaking to residents, and through my social media channels, that I wanted to hear about local issues that needed to be addressed, whether they were big or small works projects,' Cr Jackson says.

'In my travels and regular runs around the division, I also have been able to see firsthand some problems that needed to be solved and we have done that or will be tackling it soon.'

Much of the work in 2025 was done on roads, footpaths and parks.

Significant projects in Division 5 completed, or planned, include:

- Swift clean-up response after ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred



Containers for Change baskets have been installed across a number of Division 5 parks.

- A major upgrade to the Browns Plains Road / Waratah Drive / Second Avenue intersection (in 2026)
- 5 new sections of footpath laid
- Significant infrastructure upgrades to Judith Park and Echo Park
- Community engagement on the Brandon Park playground upgrade
- Dozens of Containers for Change baskets installed in local parks

'Security is important to Division 5 residents and I am happy that a new safety camera was installed on the corner of Bumstead and Chambers Flat roads with another on the way for Bourke Street,' Cr Jackson says.

'That will bring the number of safety cameras across the division to 52, with all of them feeding 24/7 into Council's monitoring room, which is staffed in conjunction with the Queensland Police Service.'



Spirit of the season is strong at Bethania

The fun and fundraising continues to roll out at Bethania Community Centre.

The Centre, in conjunction with local charity Formally Ever After, is collecting donations to help build hampers to donate to locals in time for Christmas.

The gift hampers will go to those who have done something exceptional in the community this year or are in need of support over the holidays.

Centre Manager Ashleigh Hassell says they are looking for donations of non-perishable food along with 'party items'.

'We are looking for things that can help bring some joy to the recipients, something that you might like to have on your table on Christmas Day,' Ashleigh says.

Division 6 Councillor Tony Hall says donations can be dropped off at the Centre, at 88-118 Station Road, up until Saturday, 20 December.

That's also the date for the Centre's free community Christmas party from 8 am to noon, which is open to everyone.



Cr Tony Hall with Ashleigh Hassell at Bethania Community Centre's Pink Day fundraiser.

'It's going to be an awesome community celebration which can be made even better by donating to help give someone else a merry Christmas,' Cr Hall says.

The Christmas hamper program follows the Centre's hugely successful Pink Day and month-long fundraising in October to raise money for breast cancer research, and its massive support of Movember to increase

awareness of prostate cancer and men's mental health.

Loganlea Community Centre will spread the Christmas cheer with a family fun day on Saturday, 13 December.

There will be market stalls, Christmas crafts, a cake-cooking competition and free sausage sizzle from 10 am to 1 pm at 28-32 Timms Street, Loganlea.

Consultation is key to positive change

Division 6 Councillor Tony Hall believes local residents and businesses are reaping the rewards of open and extensive community consultation.

'We live in a democracy and people have the right to raise issues that concern them,' Cr Hall says.

One prime example was the Queensland Government's proposal to upgrade Bethania railway station as part of the Faster Rail project, he says.

'There were some concerns in our community about whether there

should be an underpass or overpass at the new station,' Cr Hall says.

'Others wondered about the potential impact on local Council-owned infrastructure such as the swimming pool and community centre.

'I listened to those concerns and so did TMR (Transport and Main Roads department) and I was happy to see changes were made to the final designs.'

Cr Hall intends to continue the momentum of community consultation into the new year with a series

of mobile offices and other local engagement across 2026.

'I encourage everyone in the community to contact me personally or through my office if they have an issue in their neighbourhood they would like to discuss,' Cr Hall says.

For the latest details on the next Division 6 mobile office go to Cr Hall's Facebook page or scan this QR code.



Cr Tony Hall meets some Division 6 residents during a mobile office.

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Community input helps shape better neighbourhoods

Division 7 Councillor Tim Frazer says feedback from the community is important when planning local park and infrastructure upgrades.

‘Getting thoughts and suggestions from local residents ensures facilities that are delivered or improved by Council will be what the community wants and will be well used,’ Cr Frazer says.

Three significant projects in Division 7, funded by the Division 7 Local Infrastructure Program, benefitted from community input through Council’s Have Your Say website – haveyoursaylogan.com.au

They are:

- An upgrade to the playground at Acacia Park in Browns Plains
- A proposed skate park at Ponderosa Park in Hillcrest
- An upgrade to the dog off-leash park in Regents Park to cater separately for large and small dogs

There were 39 submissions received from residents across the 3 projects.

‘This feedback was invaluable,’ Cr Frazer says.

‘In the case of the proposed skate park, 65 per cent of residents who lodged an opinion were opposed to this idea, so we won’t be proceeding with that.

‘I will now work closely with planners and engineers at Council to take on residents’ feedback to finalise the designs for the other 2 important community-based projects.’

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Cr Tim Frazer throws a ceremonial opening pitch at Southern Stars Baseball Club.

Helping our sports clubs is a win for everyone

For many residents, sports clubs are the heartbeat of active local lifestyles.

Division 7 Councillor Tim Frazer is a proud supporter of the many and varied clubs that call our suburbs home.

‘It is important that we strive to lead active and healthy lifestyles,’ Cr Frazer says.

‘Logan City Council supports this by making available a range of free and low-cost programs for residents along with funding for schools, sporting clubs and community organisations.

‘Please check out Council’s website (logan.qld.gov.au) or contact my office

(see details below) to get more details on what is available.’

Browns Plains Mets Rugby Union Club this season received a boost from Council’s Community Benefit Fund (CBF), which helped cover the cost of new tackle pads and mats.

Club official Denise Waerea says the club is extremely grateful for the support of Council and Cr Frazer.

‘Your incredible support keeps our rugby community strong and connected,’ Denise says.

‘The new tackle pads and mats made a huge difference and helped our players train safely, build confidence and develop their skills.’

For more details on the CBF go to logan.qld.gov.au/cbf

Cr Frazer has also supported local sporting clubs through the Division 7 Local Infrastructure Program.

Beneficiaries include:

- Browns Plains Bears RLFC (boundary fence)
- Southern Stars Baseball Club (lighting, batting cages, car park signage)
- Logan City Bears AFC (clubhouse air conditioning, pathways and fencing)
- Southern Districts United FC (field expansion)
- Waller Park BMX (track upgrade and lighting)



The Browns Plains Mets Under 14 girls team with the new tackle mats.



Solar lighting shines on local parks

Lights have recently been installed in 2 Division 8 parks to improve safety and usability for the community.

Division 8 Councillor Jacob Heremaia says the lighting upgrades were made in East Beaumont Park in Park Ridge and Walkabout Park in Chambers Flat.

'East Beaumont Park features 4 new lights to ensure the area, which includes exercise equipment, can be used by residents in the early mornings and evenings when natural lighting is limited,' Cr Heremaia says.

'These lights have motion sensors that automatically brighten when movement is detected.'

Walkabout Park has also received new lighting.

'The light upgrades have been a direct result of community feedback with residents expressing the need for improved lighting in our local parks,' Cr Heremaia says.

'Installing these solar lights has addressed the concerns raised by the community and made our parks more usable.'



Two of the new solar-powered lights near exercise equipment in East Beaumont Park at Park Ridge.

You're invited to our community meetings in 2026

Community meetings are a great way to have your say, hear an update on the local projects and share your thoughts on the future of our area.

Division 8 Councillor Heremaia will be there to provide project updates, answer your questions and hear what matters most to you.

Community meetings are held at:

📍 **Logan Metro Sports and Events Centre**
357 Browns Plains Road,
Crestmead

The next meeting dates are:

📅 **Wednesday, 17 June, 2026 and
Wednesday, 11 November, 2026**

🕒 6 pm to 7 pm

Residents benefit from new Glen Road footpath



The newly laid section of footpath on Glen Road at Logan Reserve.

A missing footpath connection on Glen Road in Logan Reserve has now been completed.

Division 8 Councillor Jacob Heremaia says the works have delivered an important piece of infrastructure for the local community.

'This newly constructed 200-metre section of footpath provides a link from Pelham Street and creates a safe and accessible route for hundreds of families who will now be able to access nearby estates and local parks,' Cr Heremaia says.

'Currently, there are more than 100 families along Glen Road who will benefit from this piece of infrastructure that will impact the daily life of residents.

'I've worked with the community and Council to advocate for this project and I'm proud to see it delivered. This is a great win for our area.'

Cr Heremaia says he will now work on getting much-needed upgrades to other important local infrastructure.

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New year, new venue for riding club

The Logan River Redlands Trail Riding Club is saddling up for an exciting 2026.

The Chambers Flat-based club will take over the lease at Council's Boondarn Park equestrian facility in Cedar Grove from 7 January.

The relocation will be a major step forward for the club and its members, who have never had the opportunity to train or compete in an undercover arena.

Angela Stringer, the club's Working Equitation Coordinator, says the spacious new location will allow the club to broaden its offerings and hopefully, welcome new riders.

'We are so excited to be able to expand into new disciplines,' Ms Stringer says.

'We are going to have dressage and jumping, and we are actually also going to be bringing in ranch riding, which we believe we are the only club (in Logan) to have.'



Cr Scott Bannan with Working Equitation Coordinator Angela Stringer (left), and Club Secretary Keryn Visser (right).

Council and Division 9 Councillor Scott Bannan have funded several upgrades at the facility in recent years, including an undercover arena, LED lighting, irrigation works, upgraded and additional wash bays, improved fencing, and enhancements to the informal carpark area.

Cr Bannan says the arrival of the Logan River Redlands club is a great outcome for the local equestrian community.

'This is a cracking result for this club

and for local riders. They've now got the space and the facilities to really expand and offer more to their members,' Cr Bannan says.

'I can't wait to see the place buzzing with activity.'

The club currently has 102 members and will be inviting new members to join from early December.

The park's current users will also be invited to join and continue riding at the facility.

Student speaks up for streetside safety

Cedar Grove student Sonny Barker, aged 12, hasn't started high school yet, but he's already made his mark on his local community.

The Woodhill State School student has secured a new footpath for Irwin Road in Cedar Grove, after surviving a frightening roadside accident earlier this year.

Sonny and a group of friends were riding bikes to their local playground after school, when he was struck by an oncoming car.

The group was travelling on the road, as there is currently no footpath for pedestrians or cyclists moving through the area.

Sonny's mum Sam says unfortunately, he could not move off the road in time.

She says the driver stopped immediately to assist.

Sonny suffered a concussion and was taken to the Queensland Children's Hospital.

When he got home, he decided to take matters into his own hands.

He emailed Division 9 Councillor Scott Bannan to request a footpath, so local families and children could get to the playground safely.

'I got Sonny's email and thought, what a legend,' Cr Bannan says.

'He's had a rough trot but didn't lie down, he stood up for his mates and the whole community.'

'It's a great outcome for everyone.'

The footpath will be funded through the Division 9 Local Infrastructure Program.

The project is out to tender, with construction expected to begin in the new year.



Cr Scott Bannan with Woodhill State School student Sonny Barker on Irwin Road, Cedar Grove.

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A national icon at home in our backyard

Koalas are continuing to thrive in Alexander Clark Park at Loganholme.

Numerous sightings of koalas, including mums and their joeys, were made by wildlife experts and park visitors during the recent breeding season.

As part of Save the Koala Day, Division 10 Councillor Miriam Stemp attended a koala conservation and education walk in Alexander Clark Park, hosted by not-for-profit environment support organisation Watergum.

A group of locals, which included adults and children of all ages, joined the walk where they observed 3 koalas.

'We all learned how to look for koala scratch marks on tree trunks, how to spot koala scat and how to identify those eucalypt trees most likely to have koalas feeding in them,' Cr Stemp says.

Koalas are most likely to be seen in the tree-tops by walking the bush trails in the areas of Alexander Clark Park that flank the Logan River.

These natural forested areas were given high-priority protection during the recently completed \$6.34 million upgrade of park facilities, which



One of the koalas spotted recently at Alexander Clark Park at Loganholme.

includes a 5-metre-high koala play tower that serves as a playful tribute to the local inhabitants.

The final works in the latest phase of the multi-stage upgrade include new amenities, an extension and resealing of the car park and new park signage.

Earlier works included the playground upgrade, a water play area, a sensory garden, native bee hives, nest boxes, additional picnic areas and informative and directional signage.

'We wanted the park to be a place that families could visit for fun and

relaxation while also having an opportunity to learn more about the environment,' Cr Stemp says.

'And hopefully, if they were lucky like those who went on the recent conservation walk, they might just catch a sighting of koalas in their natural environment.'

To learn more about the local environment, visit Council's website at logan.qld.gov.au and search for 'environment and sustainability'.

For details on Watergum and its future activities, go to watergum.org

Feedback sought on local park upgrade

A neighbourhood park in Shailer Park that has served the community for more than 30 years is scheduled for a refresh.

Division 10 Councillor Miriam Stemp says a review is underway, which is looking at upgrades and improvements to Adelong Park in Adelong Road.

'I look forward to receiving feedback on the proposed upgrades to Adelong Park from local residents on Council's 'Have Your Say' website in coming months,' Cr Stemp says.

'The playground equipment in the park is now quite dated and we will be looking to replace that with a modern, more functional play space.'



Cr Miriam Stemp at Adelong Park, in Shailer Park, which is scheduled for an upgrade.

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New 'wombat' pedestrian crossing for safety at popular Flagstone parks

With summer now in full swing and the holiday season drawing near, a new 'wombat' safety crossing has been completed in Flagstone.

The crossing, between Flagstone Adventure Park and the Flagstone Tigers' sporting precinct, delivers a major safety upgrade for pedestrians and motorists.

A 'wombat' safety crossing is a raised pedestrian crossing that improves driver visibility of pedestrians and slows traffic, making it safer for children, families, and community members to cross the road confidently.

Division 11 Councillor Natalie Willcocks says the crossing was a direct response to extensive feedback from local residents and families who regularly cross between the water park and the sports fields.

'I heard loud and clear from residents that this area needed a safer connection,' Cr Willcocks says.

'With so many young families enjoying Flagstone Adventure Park and attending games or training at Flagstone Tigers, this crossing on



Cr Natalie Willcocks at the new 'wombat' crossing in Flagstonian Drive, which is providing a significant boost to local road safety.

Flagstonian Drive is a vital local road safety improvement.

'With increased foot traffic expected during the warmer months and school holidays, the timing couldn't be better.

'It's all about keeping people safe, especially our kids.'

The crossing complements broader efforts to improve walkability and connectivity across Flagstone.

The project is another example of how the Local Infrastructure Program can respond to community needs and enhance safety for everyone.

A Christmas message to residents

From Division 11 Councillor
Natalie Willcocks:

'As the festive season draws near, I want to wish every resident of Division 11 a joyful Christmas and a safe, relaxing holiday season.

'This time of year is truly special.

'It is a chance to reflect, reconnect, and celebrate the spirit of community that makes our part of the City of Logan so unique.

'There's no better way to embrace the magic of the season than by joining in the wonderful events happening across our community, including the annual Christmas lights competitions that illuminate our suburbs once again.

'Take a drive with your loved ones and enjoy the dazzling displays created by our talented and generous residents. It's a beautiful reminder of the joy and creativity that thrives in our community.

'Whether you're attending a local event, decorating your home, or simply enjoying time with loved ones, I hope this season brings you peace, happiness, and a renewed sense of connection.

'Thank you for being part of what makes Division 11 such a vibrant and caring community and I look forward to 2026 and catching up with everyone.'

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Cr Karen Murphy treats officers from Eagleby Neighbourhood Police Beat with refreshing ice blocks at the recent Eagleby pool party.

Free pool party proves why Eagleby is so cool

Summer in Division 12 kicked off with a huge splash recently when more than 300 residents attended the free Eagleby pool party.

The weather was hot and sunny for a fun celebration of community and connection.

Division 12 Councillor Karen Murphy came prepared for the scorcher with plenty of giveaways for attendees, including summer hats and refreshing frozen 'Zoooper Dooper' ice blocks.

Adding to the excitement, officers from Eagleby Neighbourhood Police Beat dropped by to mingle with the crowd.

'Local parents and their kids were able to interact with the officers in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere which helps build positive relationships for the future,' Cr Murphy says.

'It was a brilliant way to strengthen community ties and shows that fun and safety can go hand-in-hand.'

The event was proudly sponsored by Logan City Council and City Venue Management, the new lessee of the Eagleby Aquatic Centre.

The pool party ran for 4 hours and included a sausage sizzle run by the dedicated crew from the Rotary Club of Beenleigh with fantastic support from Hazel Malone of Wesley Mission Eagleby.

The Eagleby Aquatic Centre, in Cowper Avenue, features the Beach Entry Pool with lap swimming lanes.

It is open Monday to Friday (6 am to 6 pm), Saturday (6 am to 5 pm) and Sunday (9 am to 5 pm).

Meanwhile, the next big splash in Division 12 is not far away with final works proceeding on the upgraded Beenleigh Aquatic Centre.

Keep an eye on Cr Murphy's Facebook page for the latest details on the upcoming opening.

Outback tour nurtures our next leaders

A recent trip to the Outback doubled as a powerful journey of connection, growth and leadership for a group of teenagers and young adults from Beenleigh and Eagleby.

Their epic adventure covered more than 2,600 kilometres that began at Beenleigh Baptist Church and went as far west as Charleville before heading north towards Longreach.

The group, which also included people from the Gold Coast and Toowoomba, then spent 3 days on a sheep station known as 'Arno'.

'The Great Outback Road Trip' was organised by Scripture Union Australia and proudly supported by the Logan City Council Community Benefit Fund.

Well-known local chaplain Nick Carroll was among 8 mentors who accompanied the group.

'The trip was far more than enjoying the vast landscapes and bonding together,' Nick says.

'These young participants showed they are passionate about their communities and are committed to be a positive influence on those around them.'

Division 12 Councillor Karen Murphy praised the organisers and participants.

'The trip highlighted that with the right guidance and opportunities, today's youth are ready to lead with heart, purpose and vision,' Cr Murphy says.



Chappy Nick Carroll (in cowboy hat) with The Great Outback Road Trip participants (from left) Caleb Mills, Mac McPhilbin, Eli Appleby and Ethan Hocking.

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- ✓ Make sure the cover is loose – it needs to pop off.
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- Don't**
- ✗ Never build over or seal your ORG.
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| 12 January 2026 | Veresdale Scrub, Veresdale, Cedar Vale, Mundoolun, Cedar Grove, Woodhill, North Maclean, South Maclean |
| 26 January 2026 | Jimboomba, Riverbend, Glenlogan, Flagstone |
| 9 February 2026 | Munruben, Park Ridge, Park Ridge South |
| 23 February 2026 | Stockleigh, Chambers Flat, Buccan, Logan Village |

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