



Division 3 News

Cr Mindy Russell



Fair to say, there's plenty of happy memories



THEN AND NOW: Here's a photo of me (right) at Kimberley Park State School with my great friend Kate Brindle (now Nelson).

Back there again, and still a kid at heart, in the Lob-A-Choc tent at the recent 40th anniversary Spring Fair.

I was reminded how fast time goes when I attended the recent Kimberley Park State School 40th anniversary Spring Fair.

It was like old times as I joined teachers, parents and past pupils and hundreds of thrilled kids enjoying all the fun of the Fair on the Friday afternoon before the school holidays.

As a kid, I attended the then relatively new Kimberley Park State School from 1992 to 1995.

The Spring Fair was always an important annual event at the school to bring the community together and raise important funds for the school's Parents and Citizens Association.

The 40th anniversary version certainly didn't disappoint.

It was great to see so many families enjoying 'sideshow alley' which included rides, a magic show and a petting zoo.

I enjoyed volunteering in the Lob-A-Choc game, one of my childhood favourites.

There were also food trucks, markets, face painting, a mega raffle and art auction along with some terrific live entertainment. Our local area sure boasts some amazing young talent!

I also had the privilege of competing against Federal Member for Forde Rowan Holzberger and Springwood State MP Mick de Brenni in a fun trivia competition.

I'm not one to boast about the outcome – but winners are grinners!

Credit and gratitude for such a successful 40th anniversary event goes to the dedicated members of the school's P&C, the hard-working Fair Committee and other volunteers, as well as Principal Libby Jordan and her amazing staff.

The event was also backed by funding and other donations from local businesses and Logan City Council.

Congratulations to everyone at Kimberley Park State School and I look forward to many more Spring Fair celebrations.

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Community kindness on the menu at Unity Hub

Every Thursday night in Slacks Creek, a special free dinner with a huge side dish of kindness is served to dozens of local residents.

The Unity Hub Community Centre Food Program, run in conjunction with Kingdom Community Life Care, has been operating for about 18 months with the aim of providing a regular hearty meal for those who might be doing it tough.

Volunteers cook and serve meals from a recently renovated kitchen at the Unity Hub building, on the corner of Paradise and Meakin Roads.

One of the organisers, Wendy Pretorius, says they like to cook meals that are like 'what Mum would serve on a Sunday'.

'There are always a few meat dishes, vegetables, salads and desserts,' Wendy says.

'We strongly believe in the strength of our community. At Unity Hub, we strive to provide a space where people



Cr Mindy Russell joins Unity Hub volunteers (from left) Cheryl Taylor and Juanita and Nathan Raasch.

feel welcomed, safe and supported.

'It's the opportunity to meet other people in the community while having a good meal and a good time.'

Wendy says no judgements are made and anyone who needs a free meal is welcome to turn up on a Thursday at 6 pm (except during the Christmas to New Year period).

The number of meals served up each week vary from about 40 to 90 on some occasions.

The Food Program is one of a number of services offered at Unity Hub,

which Wendy owns with her husband Dirk, supported by a loyal and hard-working team.

There's a seniors' program, line dancing, bible study, stamp club and crochet group. The building is also used by several other community organisations, services and churches.

Anyone who would like to get involved in the Food Program should email admin@unityhub.net.au

To learn more about all the activities at the Unity Hub Community Centre go to unityhub.net.au

An advertisement for the SNAP SEND SOLVE app. It features a vertical list of five steps: 1. Snap a photo (Open the app, select 'Snap' and add your photo). 2. Confirm Snap location (Confirm your Snap's location either using the map pin or address bar). 3. Select incident type (Select the relevant incident type for your Snap). 4. Send your Snap (Select 'Send Snap' to send your Snap off to be solved). 5. Solve (The relevant Solver will receive your Snap, so that it can be solved). To the right of the steps is a cartoon illustration of a hand holding a smartphone with a 'Free!' speech bubble. At the bottom right is a QR code and a 'Download to Snap!' button with 'Find it on Apple' and 'Google Play' logos.

Reporting local issues quickly is as easy as SNAP SEND SOLVE

Are you tired of walking past that same ugly graffiti, or hitting that same pesky pothole?

I understand that many residents don't have the time to call Council to alert them to these issues.

That's why I'm excited to introduce you to a game-changer – the SNAP SEND SOLVE app.

- Just scan the QR code on the illustration to get the app FREE from your Play Store or App Store.
- Once downloaded onto your phone, make sure you join the Division 3 Squad using the code JF4VX.

If you need help to install the app or to operate it, please get in touch with me at mindyruessell@logan.qld.gov.au or telephone 3412 5503.

Dorothea is now a dinky-di Aussie

Congratulations to Shailer Park resident Dorothea von Gnielinski, who I met after she made her Pledge of Commitment to Australia at a recent citizenship ceremony hosted by Logan City Council.

Dorothea was born in Germany and came to Australia 35 years ago with her husband Fred, who is Australian-born but went to school in Munich.

'We came to Australia for a holiday in 1990, Fred was offered a job and we have stayed ever since,' Dorothea says.

The mum-of-two says she decided to apply to become an Aussie after Germany changed its laws last year to allow dual citizenship.

The Australian Government's Department of Home Affairs facilitates the citizenship application process which includes Logan City Council hosting regular citizenship ceremonies throughout the year.

Up to 200 candidates from the City of Logan make their Pledge of Commitment at each ceremony.

'It was a very touching ceremony, quite emotional at times,' Dorothea says.

'You could see how proud everyone was to become an Australian citizen, and I certainly was too.

'It was like getting a new and different sense of belonging.'

As a local councillor, joining long-term Logan community members as they gain their Australian citizenship is such an honour and brings me joy.

I've been told by many people that the citizenship ceremonies in Logan are a great blend of formality and fun.

To learn more about local citizenship ceremonies, go to Logan City Council's website at logan.qld.gov.au and search for 'citizenship'.



Cr Mindy Russell (right) with Shailer Park resident and new Australian citizen Dorothea von Gnielinski.

Mayor's message



We all live in Logan for a reason – whether it's backyards and big dreams, great parks and schools, community spirit or affordability.

Council works with the community to protect what we love and transform areas that still need work.

We've wrapped up 9 weeks of community consultation on Logan Plan – the blueprint for where homes, jobs, industry and community facilities go, and how we keep our community spirit as we grow.

You asked us to cut red tape and make it easier to buy a home, so we've proposed terrace housing, giving first-home buyers and downsizers more options. We also flagged ecotourism opportunities and practical ways to boost our nighttime economy, so our suburbs feel safe and welcoming after dark.

We heard your concerns about flood mapping loud and clear. Your Councillors and I are working with staff on solutions based on your feedback. This is long-term policy, so we need to get it right before the flood maps become permanent. We're starting with changes to the flood portal, and also want to change policies and improve the mapping.

Council will consider every submission, report back to Councillors, and provide a response to every submission through the *Logan Plan - Public Consultation Report 2025*. Parts of the draft may be revised, then the State Government will review it. If approved, Logan Plan is expected to come into effect in late 2026.

Thank you to all who had a say. You're helping shape the city our kids will inherit. If you didn't have a chance to make a submission, I am always open to hearing your ideas and suggestions.

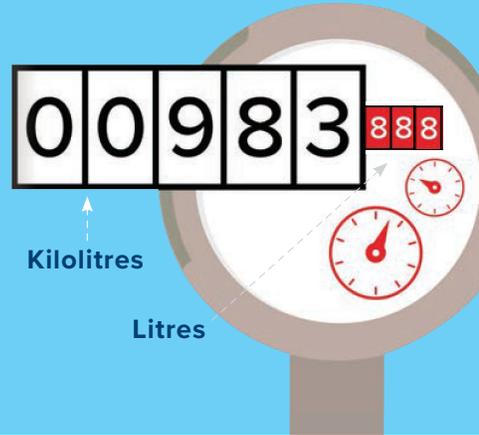
Council will keep refining Logan Plan and our vision for the next 50 years with your help. Logan's future is bright because we're building it together.

Mayor Jon Raven



Avoid a leak, take a peek!

1. Turn off all taps and water-using appliances in the property.
2. Is there any movement in the red digits or dials of your water meter? Any movement may indicate a leak.
3. To check – read your meter and record the number, keep your taps and water using appliances off for one hour. Read your meter again, record the second reading. If the reading has changed, this may indicate a leak. We suggest contacting a registered plumber to investigate further.



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Time to check your pool is kid-safe



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