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Beat  
the heat  
**this summer**



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# Mayor's Christmas message

As the year draws to a close, I find myself taking a moment to look at the year that has been, the year ahead and simply reflect in the moment.

This year's reflection is a particularly poignant one as it will be the last Christmas message I have the privilege of delivering as the Mayor of this great city.

In October, I made a very personal decision to retire in March next year when the council elections are held.

I love the City of Logan and after 27 years of service it has been a difficult decision. I feel fortunate to have been able to serve in local government for this extended period and even moreso to retire on my own terms.

**One of the greatest things about local government is working with people who share your desire to make the world a better place.**

I firmly believe that through hard work, you can create lasting change.

At the start of the year we celebrated a major milestone when we became just the second Council in Queensland to be certified 'carbon neutral'.

Creating a greener city for future generations has been a priority of mine for a very long time.

This year our advocacy efforts in preventing Inland Rail's double-stacked carriages from entering our city and securing the Logan Central indoor sports centre have also left lasting legacies for Logan.

This is a venue that will be a true legacy from the Brisbane 2032 Olympics and Paralympics. A multi-purpose venue like this delivers essential infrastructure that our growing city needs and deserves.

This kind of catalytic infrastructure unlocks development, provides long-term jobs, spurs further investment in the city and will help build a stronger local economy. The venue will be used by future generations of sports-devoted Logan families long after the closing ceremony.

I am so proud of what the organisation has achieved not only over the last 4 years during my tenure as Mayor but also during my time as a divisional councillor before that.

As I look to the future, I don't have all the answers about what comes next, but I am eager to spend more time with my wife and family, who have been a constant source of support throughout my journey. I leave this role with confidence, knowing that the decisions and efforts I have put forth have stood the test of time and were always driven by the best interests of our city.

This Council team has set high standards from day one. It has worked together to create a culture of good and transparent decision-making and leadership.

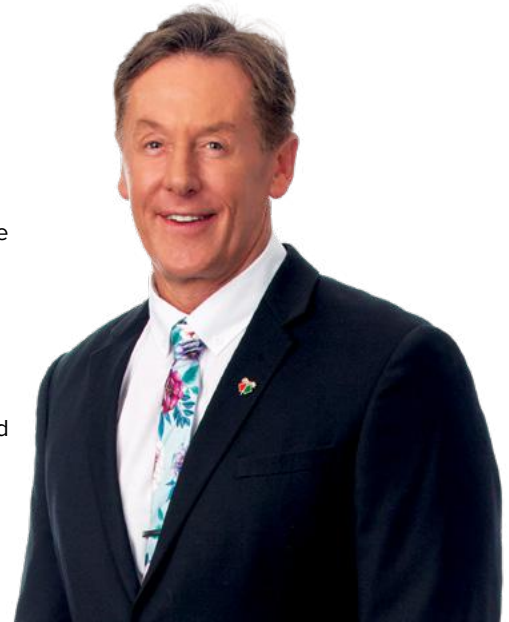
The community should expect nothing less from whoever sits in the chamber in the years to come. Balancing limited resources with the needs of our city and residents has always been at the forefront of my time in office, and I trust that the next leadership team will continue to navigate this responsibility diligently.

On a festive note, I hope that everyone is able to spend quality time with family and loved ones.

I know Christmas can be a challenging time for some people in our community. I urge you take care of one another, check in on families and friends or those that are most vulnerable and spare a thought for those doing it tough.

On behalf of my fellow Councillors, I wish you and your loved ones a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Mayor Darren Power



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# Giving: the reason for the season

"The Logan  
community was so  
incredibly generous  
in their support  
of those in need."  
– Jayne Shallcross



Logan residents are a generous bunch of people, and community spirit really shines during the festive season.

Last December, Logan locals gave more than \$90,000 in 4 weeks to the LightTheWorld Giving Machine, a new way to donate to charity that was in its pilot year in Australia.

The Giving Machine is a series of temporary vending machines that popped up at Logan Hyperdome around Christmas time. It invited people to buy something that

could be life-changing for one of 6 grassroots, high-impact charity partners. This year's partners are GIVIT, Angel Flight, Community Involvement Solutions, Children's Hospital Foundation, Rosies – Friends on the Street and Blaze Aid.

Thanks to the overwhelming display of generosity shown in Logan in 2022, The Giving Machine is back this year – and it's expanded, with a presence not only at Logan Hyperdome, but also in Perth, Melbourne, Sydney and Auckland.

Kristie Gibson, volunteer coordinator for the Giving Machine, says each partner charity chooses various products or services that are made available to 'purchase'.

'People can donate whatever they can afford, from \$5 to \$200,' she says.

Once people select their preferred charity and product or service – which could range from blankets for Rosies, a food parcel, or 250 metres of wire fencing to help rebuild a community for Blaze Aid – they receive a 'gift of hope' gift tag, celebrating their contribution or allowing them to give it as a gift to a loved one.

'It is an opportunity to choose something that resonates with you,' Kristie says.

'All of the machines, the space, and all of the admin is paid for already, so people can be assured that 100 per cent of their money will go to the charity item they select.

'We weren't sure how it would go last year but people are amazing. It was incredible. This year, to see the growth has been really joyful.

'Our aim at the Giving Machine is to support the good work already being done by charities to bless the lives of others, and to bring communities together.'

Last year, more than 2,700 shoppers contributed over 4 weeks in Logan, raising \$92,785.

This year, the Giving Machine Brisbane Committee has been busy mentoring teams of volunteers in other cities, working on The Giving Machine project since April.

Rosies CEO Jayne Shallcross says she is delighted to be partnering with the Giving Machine again. Rosies is a street outreach program helping people experiencing homelessness, disadvantage, hardship and social isolation.

'Last year was fabulous. I visited the Giving Machine throughout the campaign and the Logan community was so incredibly generous in their support of those in need.' Jayne says.

'We can see a tangible result too – we gave away more than 150 blankets just in Logan this winter, and many of those came directly from donations through the Giving Machine. People are making a very real difference with this.'

Blaze Aid, which steps in to help rebuild communities and assists devastated farmers after natural disasters, is partnering with the Giving Machine for the first time.

'We are so happy to be involved, and love what this charity does,' volunteer Charmaine Wheatley says.

'People really want to give and want to know they can make a difference.'

The Giving Machine was launched in 2017 in the USA. It is run and paid for by the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints.

It will be at Logan Hyperdome, near Coles and Kmart, from 25 November until 27 December. Volunteers are present at the machine to provide more information.



From left: Charmaine Wheatley from Blaze Aid, Lacey Overton and Jayne Shallcross from Rosies – Friends on the Street, Kristie Gibson from The Giving Machine, Margaret Harvey and Brian Healey from Rosies – Friends on the Street, and Wayne Maurer, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

#### MORE INFORMATION

[givingmachine.org.au](https://givingmachine.org.au)

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# Where to beat the heat this summer

**Y**ou don't need to stay at home to keep cool this summer as there are plenty of ways to cool off. Here's our pick of fun activities to beat the heat.

## Get splashing at a water park

**Flagstone Park** is an oasis in the summertime with a climbable treehouse, standing water buckets, water jet shooters and waterfalls. If you're looking for more adrenaline, escape to **Bayside Wake Park** at Carbrook where water enthusiasts can wakeboard, kneeboard, or tube.

## Take a dip in a pool

Now that summer is in full swing, grab your swimmers and head to one of Logan City Council's **aquatic centres**. From kiddie pools with fountains to Olympic-sized pools, there's something for everyone.

## Explore the great indoors

Escape the heat into air-conditioned comfort at these Council venues. Admire the latest exhibitions at **Logan Art Gallery**, sign up for a workshop at your local library or learn more about our city's contemporary social history at the **Living Museum of Logan**.

## Play with a shark and ray

Learn about marine animals, get in the water, and play with sharks and stingrays at Shark and Ray Gardens at Loganholme.

## Sip on a summer staple

If it's too hot to move, pull up a seat at your local café for a relaxing day out. Sip on a glass of iced coffee at some of our city's finest cafes like Slacks Creek's **Extraction Artisan Café** or Underwood's **Bake It**.

## Run, jump, and climb indoors

Loganholme's **Chipmunks Playland** features multi-level structures and a mega slide that will keep your little ones cool and entertained all day. If you're looking for more thrills, head to Underwood's **Area 51**, where adults can join in on the fun.

## Unwind at a day spa

Unwind with crystal magnesium infused spas, outdoor showers and saltwater swimming pools at Loganholme's **Muse Bath House**.

## Enjoy a refreshing treat

Nothing beats an ice-cold drink on a hot summer day – our favourites include bubble teas from Underwood's **Excellent Cup**, milkshakes from Jimboomba's **Crunchy's Dessert Cafe** and icy craft beers from Underwood's **Monkey Tree Brewery**.

## Knock down some pins

**Logan City Tenpin** is for anyone searching for fun out of the sun. This family-friendly bowling alley has it all: bumper cars, amusement machines and an on-site café when you need to refuel.

## Spend a day at a shopping centre

Cool off, watch a movie, or window shop at air-conditioned centres like **Logan Hyperdome** or **Browns Plains Grand Plaza**.

## MORE INFORMATION

🌐 [ourlogan.com.au/leisure/where-to-beat-the-heat-this-summer/](http://ourlogan.com.au/leisure/where-to-beat-the-heat-this-summer/)



Young and young at heart enjoying the water features at Flagstone Park.

# Why parkrun is so beloved in Logan

Every Saturday morning, parks around the City of Logan (and, in fact, the world) are full of people of all ages, backgrounds and fitness levels getting ready to run, jog or walk a 5-kilometre circuit.

Each of Logan's 6 parkruns attracts more than 100 participants every week, keen to complete the circuit, cheer on others, catch up with friends, or introduce their kids to exercise and its endorphins.

Why has parkrun become a worldwide phenomenon? Who knew so many people in Logan wanted to leap out of bed on the weekend to exercise?

According to 2 of the women behind Meadowbrook's event, held at Riverdale Park, it's about much more than running.

'I always say to people it is a social event with a 5-kilometre loop in the middle,' Michaela Wilson says.

'Everyone is welcome, whether you want to run the course in 17 minutes or walk for an hour with your dog.

'No one is made to feel like an outsider. It's very friendly and supportive, and the best way to start the weekend. It's not a proper weekend without parkrun.'

Michaela and friend Hayley Tyler, both already keen runners, started as parkrun participants in 2014. Always



Hayley Tyler and Michaela Wilson at parkrun.

a vocal advocate for the event - volunteering and bringing friends and family along - Michaela was asked if she would like to set up a Meadowbrook event.

Now, she and Hayley are event directors, supported by a team of 8 run directors who help organise the weekly event, which attracts more than 100 people.

The Logan events vary in size, but there's no competition or rivalry: it's one happy community.

'There is a really good relationship between all Logan parkruns,' Michaela says.

'When we celebrate milestones - such as our 7th birthday which was in July this year - people come across from other parkruns to celebrate. We really are all one big community.'

Hayley says parkrun means a lot to people in a range of ways.

'It can be about getting outdoors, getting fit, catching up with friends, taking the time for yourself, and feeling part of a community,' she says.

'There really is a myriad of reasons why people love it.'

Michaela says one man even approached her and said parkrun had saved his life.

'He had struggled with depression and the impact of coming out to parkrun for him was massive,' she says.

The ethos of parkrun is one that is worldwide - there are parkruns in more than 2,000 locations in 22 countries - and travelling parkrunners report the same happy, supportive vibe at events in all countries.

'It is free, run by volunteers, and it's not competitive. It's something purely there for fun and health,' Hayley says.

'I would encourage anyone who has never been to come along. We have such a varied range of people - a big group of walkers and faster runners too. We aren't scary, running is amazing, walking is amazing - just come along and see!'

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# Destani, hope and messages of love

**D**estani Davies knows what it's like to feel hopeless – and why it's important to show people that, no matter what your mind might be telling you, hope always exists.

That's a message echoed by Loganlea's Hope Stairs on Loganlea Road, a Council-driven project that features brightly coloured messages of hope, submitted by residents of the City of Logan.

The Hope Stairs opened in October – and Destani, one of the people behind the original idea, was there to cut the ribbon.

Destani started the Solitude Project in 2019, after hearing about 6 Maori men losing their lives to suicide.

She ran 10 kilometres a day for a year to help raise awareness for those suffering in silence and brought an idea to Council for a Hope Wall.

The wall remains part of a bigger future plan, and Destani says seeing the Hope Stairs was a wonderful feeling.

'These messages are incredible, and we hope they are read by people who need to see these words,' Destani says.

The phrases include 'you are loved', 'it's ok not to be ok', 'you are needed' and 'have hope, this too shall pass'.

'The thinking behind it is that the families of people who take their own lives are always left with things unsaid they wish they had said.

'It is not a burden they should have to carry – but now they can take those words and turn them into something powerful.

'This is somewhere they can say the things they wish they had said, and somewhere very visible for people who may really need those messages.

'These messages came straight from the community, straight from a place of love – and they are powerful. We hope they show people that they are loved, things will be ok.'

'To see these stairs come to life is so emotional and I really have to pinch myself. If they save one life, that is incredible – that is a family that stays together, and a community that doesn't lose someone.'

There are 8 messages on the stairs, selected from 50 which were received via community engagement.



Destani Davies at the Hope Stairs.



# Prize-winning Logan writer has big plans for literary future



Logan writer Svetlana Sterlin.

**A** bookworm and keen writer since primary school, Svetlana Sterlin's talent for the written word has seen her named second runner-up in the recent State Library of Queensland's Young Writers Award.

While her early writing was based in the world of fantasy, her recent work is based on her lived experience – much of it around her other big passion, swimming. Svetlana says as she grew up and her family moved around, swimming was one of the only constants in her life. Her dad is a successful swim coach and Svetlana also now coaches swimming. Many of her stories take place poolside.

'I didn't really even think I could look at my own life as a source of inspiration until quite recently – I thought my life was too boring,' she says.

**'But a lot of my characters are inspired by people I have met. There are stories everywhere.'**

*Candles*, the short story recognised by the Young Writers Award, is an example of using real life to inspire a fictional narrative – and Svetlana's upcoming novels will do the same.

Svetlana has been contacted by publishers keen to read any future work, and says she is driven by an ambition to keep telling great stories.

## Svetlana's summer book recommends

### 1. *So The Wind Won't Blow It All Away* by Richard Brautigan

A nostalgia-drenched story of a man reflecting on his twelfth summer in late 40s Oregon, when the course of his life is forever changed because of a hamburger.

### 2. *The Little Wave* by Pip Harry

Beach, country, and schoolyard meet when a trio of Year 5 students find their way to each other through a school excursion and each turns out to be exactly who the other needs.

### 3. *Thirst for Salt* by Madelaine Lucas

The narrator finds herself swept up in an unexpected romance with a middle-aged man. The skewed power imbalance leads to conflict and a second coming-of-age.

### 4. *We Were Liars* by E. Lockhart

The wealthy characters of this novel are often swimming, going on boat rides, and roaming the outdoors. The summer of romance and adventure is tinged with a side of mystery and tragedy.

### 5. *Heartstopper* by Alice Oseman

Though young love plays a key role in this comic series, set over a Parisian summer, the third instalment in particular places a focus on the friend group's dynamics and support for each other.

The Daisy Hill resident has big plans, currently working on 2 novels, a poetry manuscript and a screenplay.

'As much as we love to write, a lot of writers seem to magically find all these things that need to be done first before committing to a writing session, so I am really trying to create a routine and discipline around that,' Svetlana says.

Her advice for other young writers is similar.

'Just keep pushing and believe you can do it. Writing is quite solitary but there are communities, workshops and literary events that you can be part of for support,' she says.

# How singing brought together a community

For the passionate, vivacious Cath Mundy, community choirs are about much more than singing ability.

In fact, the founder of Freedom Train choir, which celebrated 15 years this year, says that's one of the least important things about it.

'What community choirs are really about is joy, and the connection you feel singing with other people,' she says.

'The magic of a community choir is that these diverse voices come together to make this beautiful collective sound. It's so good for us and it's serious fun.'

Brisbane-born Cath and husband Jay Turner started Freedom Train in July 2008 after moving back to Australia from the UK.

Currently there are 37 members, many of whom have been singing in Freedom Train for more than a decade.

One of Cath's favourite choir memories was in 2017, when Freedom Train was part of the Queensland Music Festival's You're The Voice choral concert to support domestic violence survivors – and John Farnham showed up to sing with the choir as a surprise.

'There was one piano, 2,000 voices, and John Farnham. It was a peak experience that we will remember forever, and it was for such an important cause,' she says.

Singing has the power to rally large groups but also to improve personal health and wellbeing.



'There are physical benefits, such as increasing lung capacity, the release of feel-good hormones like oxytocin, and the mindfulness aspect, which can help reduce anxiety and depression,' Cath says.

'Then there is the connection with others, which also increases our wellbeing.'

Until a year ago, Cath conducted Beenleigh's Mixed Beans multicultural choir and With One Voice Brisbane choir. She stepped back after discovering she had a benign brain tumour in mid-2022.

While Cath underwent surgery and radiotherapy, the choir members rallied, supporting Cath and Jay throughout.

'The support we had from our choir members was phenomenal,' she says.

'They even organised their own casual singalongs so I could rest and recover. I am so grateful to my beautiful choir members. We are family.'

Freedom Train will perform at the City of Logan Christmas Carols on 9 December.

## MORE INFORMATION

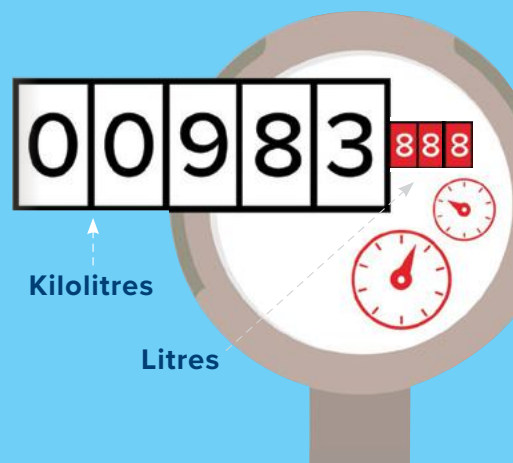
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The Logan Dementia Choir.

## Modern medicine: music and community

For the Logan Dementia Choir, music is medicine.

Every Wednesday, a group of 28 or so meet at Bethania Community Centre to chat and sing along to rousing classics like *Sweet Caroline*.

Ross Wiseman founded the choir after struggling with his dementia diagnosis at the age of 74.

Dementia is a syndrome that impairs a person's ability to remember, speak and think.

Now, 4 years later, Ross has found a new sense of purpose in helping others do the same.

Members of the choir either have dementia, or are family members or close friends involved in the care of someone with the condition.

The group has recently benefited from Council's Division 6 Community Benefit Fund. The funds will help it to maintain a standard of choral music teaching.

**'We are so grateful to Council because singing is a beautiful way to brighten spirits and socialise,' Ross says.**

Numerous studies have suggested that recalling one's favourite songs from childhood can stimulate short term memory function.

'The people in our choir have truly proved that singing together creates such togetherness with people who understand your life,' he says.

'We feel right at home and invite all to join.'

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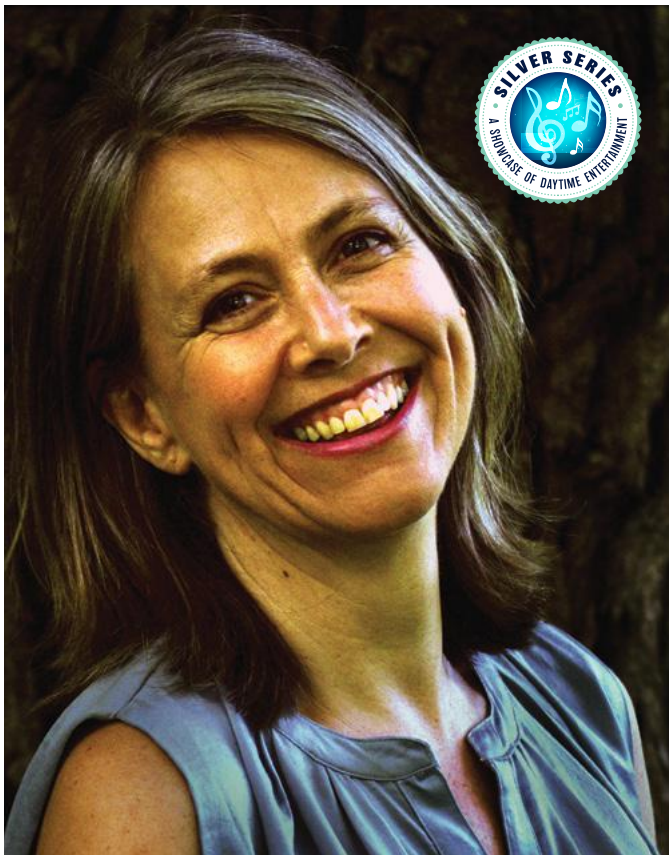
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# Out and about in Logan

## What's coming up

### Eats & Beats

📅 24 November, 5 pm

📍 Flagstone Adventure Park, Undullah

### Starry Night Outdoor Cinema: *The Lion King*

📅 25 November, 6 pm

📍 Logan Village Green

### Baby time at Beenleigh Library

📅 30 November, 10 am

📍 Beenleigh Library

### Story time in the park

📅 30 November, 9:30 am

📍 Funderwood Hollow, Underwood Park, Priestdale

### Beenleigh Town Square Christmas concert and movie night

📅 2 December, 4 pm

📍 Beenleigh Town Square

### Jimboomba Christmas Brigade

📅 8 December, 4 pm

📍 Rotary Park, Jimboomba

### City of Logan Christmas Carols

📅 9 December, 2 pm

📍 Kingston Butter Factory Cultural Precinct, 270 Jacaranda Avenue, Kingston

### Silver Series: Christmas with Karen Knowles

📅 15 December, 11 am

📍 Logan Entertainment Centre

### KBF Christmas Markets

📅 15 December, 5 pm

📍 Kingston Butter Factory Cultural Precinct

### Starry Night Outdoor Cinema: *The Grinch*

📅 16 December, 6 pm

📍 Logan Village Green





Tiana and mum Lynel.

## Tiana takes on the golfing world

When she first picked up a golf club, Bethania's Tiana Belcher knew she'd found her thing – despite being just 6 at the time.

Now 9, she has smashed the competition to become Australian Age Champion at the RACV Junior Age Championships in 2022 and runner up in 2023. This makes her the age 9 Australian champion. She also competed in the Australian Open in September, and came away as the champion for the 9 to 10 year old girls. This qualifies her to compete in the World Championships in the USA next year.

She's also fundraising to support her trip to Ireland next year, where she has been invited to compete in the Champion of Champions tournament. She'll be one of the youngest there.

Tiana says winning the Junior Age Championship was a surprise – and gave her confidence.

'I was very surprised and shocked. It was my first ever big event and I really liked it,' she says.

At the Champion of Champions event next year Tiana, who will be 10, will compete in the under-12 age group. This will be her first time playing an 18-hole game, as younger players play 9 holes.

During the invite-only competition, she will join 250 young people from around the world – and will be watched by her parents.

'We turn everything into a bit of a family adventure – for example, we will go camping or caravanning if she competes far from home,' Tiana's mum Lynel says.

As well as discipline, skill, and a supportive mum and dad, Tiana has been boosted by community support. Her school, Bethania Lutheran Primary, recently raised \$308 towards Tiana's Ireland trip by holding a free dress day – and Lynel's place of work, Gotzinger Smallgoods, also sponsors Tiana.

### MORE INFORMATION

📍 Tbird (@tbirdjuniorgolfer) Instagram photos and videos

## A turbocharged family business

In Underwood, motorcycles are a family affair.

Founded by 1987 Australian Superbike champion Tony Armstrong, Motorcycles R Us is a motorcycle dealership that offers specialist knowledge, a customer-first approach, and a sense of camaraderie.

The business, now in its 42nd year, is led by Tony's son Anthony.

What started as a small workshop for Suzuki motorcycles has expanded into a multi-franchise dealership with a servicing department and a fully-fledged café.

'We're very supported in the area and are one of the few dealerships that are still family-run,' Anthony says.

The team is as passionate about customer service as it is about motorcycles, with customers flocking to the store for advice or a chat while admiring the showroom.

The café, aptly named Tony's Café, has also become a hub for riding culture.

Anthony, who grew up watching his father performing tricks and working on motorcycles, always wanted to continue his father's work.

'It's been the same community and same customers since I was 3 years old, except now their kids are being helped by me instead of my father,' he says.

'I have my own family now and my kids are doing what I did – it's a great way to grow up.'

### MORE INFORMATION

🌐 [motorcyclesrus.com](http://motorcyclesrus.com)



Tony and Anthony Armstrong.

# New workshops ensure the arts are for everyone

A series of workshops coming to Kingston Butter Factory Cultural Precinct in 2024 will cater to people who are neurodivergent or living with a disability.

Class teachers Rebecca Alexander and Catarina Hebbard have been running these drama workshops with indelabilityarts for years – and say it's among the most rewarding things they've done.

'Our workshops are for people who are either interested in having a good time, meeting new people and learning about the arts, or people who know they want a career in the arts,' Catarina says.

'We make sure that no matter what people are looking for from our workshops, they will find it.

'We identify really early the people who are ready for a challenge and to step up – and we give them more responsibility – and the people who are there for connection with others. For those people, we make sure it is fun.'

## The workshops are for recent school leavers and young adults.

Rebecca says seeing the growth of participants is rewarding.

'It's wonderful to see people develop skills, a friendship group, and to pull together as an ensemble,' she says.

'A big thing with people who have disabilities is that they get written off so quickly, but we are determined



to make sure they are seen for the potential and skills they have.

The workshops will begin on 23 January and go for 10 weeks initially, with the intention to run them throughout the year.

### MORE INFORMATION

[loganarts.com.au/event/indelabilityarts-drama-workshop-series](https://loganarts.com.au/event/indelabilityarts-drama-workshop-series)

# What Council's new Customer Charter means for you

For Alex, Logan resident and father to a young family, it's important to know what he can expect when he communicates with Council – whether over the phone, email or in person.

He, like many Logan residents, is in contact with Council regularly about a range of things, from questions about bin collection, local road upgrades, vaccination program and general information about Council services.

Describing himself as someone who likes to tackle DIY projects, he has also talked with Council about permits for driveway crossover, vegetation

clearing, planning and engineering upgrades.

The new Customer Charter aims to let people like Alex know exactly what they can expect – from timeframes of responses, to service standards, to ensuring your request is heard by the right people.

'The Customer Charter is great for someone like me who needs



information from Council and may not have much time,' Alex says.

'I like how the Customer Charter sets the promises of what service I can expect from Council and when they'll get back to me by.'

Corporate Customer Experience Coordinator Kylie Green says the Customer Charter reflects Council's 'community first' approach.

'The Customer Charter is our commitment to putting customers at the heart of everything we do,' she says.

'We'll achieve this by being easy to deal with, there when you need us, listening and getting the job done right.'

### MORE INFORMATION

[logan.qld.gov.au/customercharter](https://logan.qld.gov.au/customercharter)

Logan resident Alex and his son.



Division 1 Councillor Lisa Bradley (centre) discusses the Passerine Park project with local resident Helen Kassila and Bulimba Creek Catchment Coordinating Committee Catchment Manager Wayne Cameron.

## Backyards help boost healthy waterway

A 5-year project to improve the water quality in a Rochedale South catchment has been welcomed by Logan City Council and local residents.

Division 1 Councillor Lisa Bradley says she is proud Council is supporting the Bulimba Creek Catchment Coordinating Committee (B4C), which is delivering the project on behalf of SEQ Water.

‘Passerine Park has been selected to be included in this important project as part of the Upper Tingalpa Catchment, which flows into the Leslie Harrison Dam catchment via Priest Gully,’ Cr Bradley says.

‘Residents living around the park are encouraged through incentives such as free native plants and lawn improvement packages to help improve the quality of the area’s water run-off.’

B4C Catchment manager Wayne Cameron says the team will doorknock neighbouring homes and any residents taking part in the project will receive a free property assessment and a water management plan.

‘Through the support of local property owners, revegetation, erosion control and weed management measures, we hope to positively impact the quality of the area’s water to improve the catchment as a whole,’ Wayne says.

Rochedale South resident Helen Kassila says she and her family are keen to contribute to the health of the park and waterway because they feel a connection to it.

‘We are open to finding out more about the local environment and what we can do better,’ she says.

Council is also using the project to promote its Habitat Connections program to encourage and support residents to create wildlife friendly backyards.

### MORE INFORMATION

[logan.qld.gov.au/ecp](http://logan.qld.gov.au/ecp)

## Milestone birthday for Violet

Springwood resident Violet Withey was treated to a special but low-key celebration for her 105th birthday in September.

Division 1 Councillor Lisa Bradley extended congratulations on behalf of the City of Logan.

Violet was born in the United Kingdom and migrated to Australia in 1981. She has lived locally for the past 20 years.

Cr Bradley says Violet is the matriarch of 5 generations in her family.

‘She has witnessed many interesting world-wide events and seen the growth of our city,’ she says.



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Steven Houg, 3, and his dad Kwee enjoy the new equipment at Yugumbri Park.

## Our parks reflect clever community input

Community consultations are paying dividends for Division 2 locals, who are making sure their views are being heard on local park upgrades.

A number of the division's parks have been improved and Division 2 Councillor Teresa Lane says it is part of a campaign to ensure residents play an important part in the new designs.

'In 2020, I embarked on a series of community consultations and have been delivering on the community's ideas where possible,' Cr Lane says.

'Thanks to everyone who has come along to local meetings, sent emails or given feedback.

'In Division 2, we have parks of all shapes and sizes. It has been a priority over the past 3-and-a-bit years to utilise every piece of infrastructure, from concrete paths and fences to trees and gullies, to their greatest potential.'

The upgrades have been supported by Division 2 Local Infrastructure Program funding, which Cr Lane says is essential to improving the area.

'We have left older items and added new things to local parks, installed new courts, seating, lighting and installed a number of disability-friendly activities for kids,' she says.

'From painting, jumping and agility games on footpaths to installing beautiful art on walls and fences, your Local Infrastructure Program funding has been spent carefully.'

There will be more opportunities for people to have their say.

'As always, please listen out for future consultations or drop into one of my mobile offices for a chat,' Cr Lane says.

'You can find the details on my social media pages.'

## Cost-of-living hikes hit home

The cost of materials and services has soared since the COVID-19 pandemic, with residents, businesses and even councils feeling the pinch.

Since 2020, several safety cameras have been installed in Division 2, but the cost of the devices has unfortunately increased substantially in less than a year. Division 2 benefits from the highest level of coverage from the City of Logan's safety camera network.

However, for new camera installations Councillor Teresa Lane says Council is not immune to rising costs.

'We are now being priced out of the market,' Cr Lane says.

'With so many older facilities in Division 2 needing repairs and rejuvenation, I have asked council to investigate ways of getting the best bang for buck on your ratepayer dollars and ensure public safety remains at the forefront.'

The cost of installing, monitoring and maintaining safety cameras has risen 42 per cent.

Item	Previous	Now
15 m pole construction	\$25-\$35K	\$55-\$65K
Camera installation and wireless link installation	\$25-\$40K	\$35-\$50K



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Division 3 Councillor Mindy Russell in front of a projection of the Butterfly Effect by Stacey Bennett.

## Slacks Creek wall puts local art up in lights

**A**n innovative urban art project is lighting up the night at Slacks Creek.

A wall next to the Slacks Creek Shared Pathway is now a giant canvas featuring eye-catching art.

A projector atop a pole beams images onto a plain wall next to the path, near Moss Street.

The dynamic display is transitioned slowly to create a colourful night-time gallery featuring the creations of 10 local artists.

Division 3 Councillor Mindy Russell urges art lovers to stroll along the pathway after the sun goes down to get the most out of the installation.

‘Come down and check out the talent of our local artists,’ Cr Russell says.

‘This is a cool way to showcase local art and revitalise our public spaces at the same time.’

‘The atmosphere will support the night-time economy in this area.’

The project is a key part of Council's Urban Art Strategy, which seeks to improve city spaces with attractive, local art.

The projector was funded through the Division 3 Local Infrastructure Program.

Cr Russell says she is thrilled that Logan's artists are being recognised for their unique talents.

‘It has been great to see this taking off as a hit with locals and an attraction from people around the city and beyond.’

## Pets not forgotten in park revamp

**T**he Mabel Park dog off-leash area has had a makeover.

The facility in Slacks Creek now caters for small and large canines.

Four-legged friends can drink from a new fountain and bowl after using the agility equipment.

New air-lock gates and fencing are also part of the upgrade. The dog off-leash area is part of wider works adding to Mabel Park's appeal.

New features include a bike skills track, play structures and misting towers for hot days.



Division 3 Cr Mindy Russell and her dog Shadow at the Mabel Park dog off-leash area in Slacks Creek.

Division 3 Councillor Mindy Russell says there will be something for the whole family to enjoy at Mabel Park once works are completed.

‘I've been down to check out the new dog park with my puppy, Shadow, and he loved making some new friends,’ Cr Russell says.

‘Local families will have plenty to do at Mabel Park this summer.’



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# Weed clearing boosts waterway health

It's easy for Cedar Creek residents Alan Kelley and Warren Condon to 'go with the flow' on their beautiful bushland property.

With support from Logan City Council, they are also helping the Albert River flow more naturally.

Alan and Warren received \$9,900 through Council's 2023 EnviroGrants program to restore the riverbank that borders their Plunkett Road property.

Environmental contractors will help the pair remove invasive weeds in the area to restore native habitats, support biodiversity and improve water quality.

Longer term, Alan and Warren will continue to maintain the cleared areas



Deputy Mayor and Division 4 Councillor Laurie Koranski with Cedar Creek residents Alan Kelley (centre) and Warren Condon at the site of clearing and restoration works on the Albert River.

and re-plant native species to help stabilise parts of the riverbank washed away in the 2022 floods.

Deputy Mayor and Division 4 Councillor Laurie Koranski says Council is proud to support resident-led projects that make a difference to local ecosystems.

'The dedication of eco-warriors like Alan and Warren is invaluable to Council, our environment and the wider community,' Cr Koranski says.

'It is important that we all work together to protect our natural environment and leave a legacy for future generations.'

The restoration project is due for completion in June 2024.

## MORE INFORMATION

[logan.qld.gov.au/EnviroGrants](https://logan.qld.gov.au/EnviroGrants)

# Safer journeys ahead for drivers

Veivers Road in Cedar Creek will receive an \$830,000 safety upgrade.

The road will be widened in places with new lighting installed at intersections.

Guardrails will be added to sections where there are steep road shoulders.

The thoroughfare is among 7 City of Logan roads slated for \$4.8 million of safety improvements, as part of the Australian Government's 2023-24 Black Spot Program.

The upgrade will be based on recommendations from a Road Safety Audit commissioned by Logan City Council in 2022.

Deputy Mayor and Division 4 Councillor Laurie Koranski says driver safety is a top priority.

'While any road accident is one too many, Veivers Road has unfortunately been the scene of several serious accidents in recent years,' Cr Koranski says.

'In a major boost for local road safety, I am delighted that we have secured the Australian Government's support in getting this important road upgraded.'

Similar upgrade works will be carried out along Plunkett Road in Tamborine, as part of the Black Spot Program.

## Deputy Mayor Laurie Koranski Division 4

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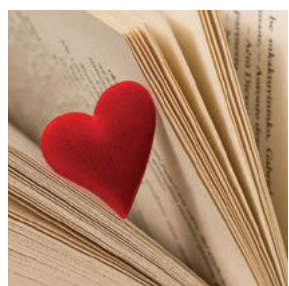
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## T'is the season for green living

Learn from expert presenters about the art of Japanese furoshiki gift wrapping, sourdough bread making and cheese making at home. For adults.

- 📍 Multiple Logan Libraries
- 📅 Various dates
- 🌐 [loglib.org/greenliving](http://loglib.org/greenliving)



## Romancing the page author event

Meet a panel of authors who will share why they love writing romance novels. Are romance novels your favourite sort of book? Come along to celebrate all things romance writing and reading. For adults.

- 📍 Logan North Library
- 📅 Thursday 15 February 2024
- 🕒 6 pm to 7:30 pm
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New lights were part of an \$800,000 upgrade to Crestmead Skate Park.

## Resilience helps neighbourhoods grow

There are plenty of positives for Division 5 residents to reflect on in 2023.

After the setbacks from the 2022 floods which impacted many parts of the local area, Division 5 Councillor Jon Raven says local businesses and residents have worked hard over the last year to get things back on track.

Council has played its part to improve neighbourhoods across Division 5, which includes Marsden, Waterford West, Berrinba and part of Crestmead.

‘The community has let me know what they wanted in their local parks and other areas and we have worked hard to deliver these important upgrades,’ Cr Raven says.

‘Improvements in our parks are giving young people safe and engaging spaces to spend their time. That is so important to a young community like ours.

‘I am also particularly proud of the work we have done to improve safety on our local roads.

‘Traffic safety is front of mind for everyone. Council can’t fix everything, but by listening to concerns from the community and focusing on hot spots, I’ve worked closely with our traffic engineers and our community safety team to deter speeding, rat running and dangerous parking in our area.’

Key projects and updates in Division 5 include:

- > an \$800,000 upgrade to Crestmead Skate Park including new lighting, ramps and jumps, an 1800mm quarter pipe, a water bubbler and repainting of the existing toilet block
- > safety lighting around the Tygum lagoon boardwalk and lights on the bridge designed to have minimal impact on wildlife
- > traffic calming on numerous local streets including Attewood Ave (Berrinba); Fifth Ave (Marsden); Leatrice St, (Marsden); and, Bambil Street (Crestmead) with more locations under investigation
- > a \$42,000 upgrade to the Marsden scout den which included new lighting, solar panels and a coat of paint for the den
- > exercise equipment in Julie Park; a new picnic shelter in Brandon Park; water tanks and solar system at Crestmead Park; and a new picnic shelter, seating and pathway in Lansdown Park
- > streetscaping upgrades including refurbishment of the median strips and new trees on Browns Plains Road between Second and Third Avenues.

Preliminary planning for Waterford West District Park, which will be the largest park development in the city for more than 10 years, is also ongoing with construction due to start next year.

## Now it is time to celebrate

The coming weeks are some of the most special of the year for many in our community.



Councillor Jon Raven will be spreading Christmas cheer across Division 5 this holiday season.

‘The holidays and the new year mean so much to so many people in so many different ways,’ Division 5 Councillor Jon Raven says.

‘Every year I love getting out and about in December to wave good morning to people and wish them a Merry Christmas. If you see me, please give me a smile and a wave as it makes my day.

‘Whatever the holidays mean to you and your loved ones, I wish you all the very best for a happy and healthy 2024 which promises so much for us all!’



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# Park gets a dino-mite upgrade

A popular park in Meadowbrook will be roaring, quite literally, into life this summer.

The dinosaur-themed upgrade at Riverdale Park is nearing completion after works started in July. It is expected to be completed in December.

The upgrade includes a new playground, exercise equipment, picnic shelters and barbecue facilities.

The \$2.35 million project is partly funded by \$1 million from the Division 6 Local Infrastructure Program.

Students from Loganlea High School's Year 9 Signature Class will be eagerly



Division 6 Councillor Tony Hall inspects the dinosaur skeleton installed as part of the playground upgrade at Riverdale Park in Meadowbrook.

awaiting the re-opening of the playground.

They helped decide the Jurassic-era theme after being invited by Division 6 Councillor Tony Hall to be 'Councillors for a Day' as a school exercise.

Cr Hall says the theme will appeal to residents of all ages.

'It's always fantastic to see our parks revitalised with new equipment and facilities, and even more so when the community plays a role in shaping it,' Cr Hall says.

'The students from Loganlea High School did a great job settling on a fun and engaging park theme that will appeal to everyone.'

## Residents reap rewards from busy year

A number of key upgrades across Division 6 this year have helped promote active, safe and healthy living.

Works include:

- > the Noffke Farm Park clubhouse, jointly funded by the Queensland Government, Logan City Council and the Division 6 Local Infrastructure Program (LIP).
- > the \$77.7 million widening of Loganlea Road, jointly funded by the Australian Government and Logan City Council.
- > a vibrant community space (Armstrong Place), on Armstrong Road near Logan Hospital, funded by the Queensland Government, Logan City Council and the Division 6 LIP.

- > a 1 kilometre dual-lane shared pathway along Station Road.

Division 6 Councillor Tony Hall says the projects will benefit the community for years to come.

'The Loganlea Road upgrade, as well as the construction of the shared pathway on Station Road, will provide safer and less stressful journeys for motorists, bike riders and pedestrians in Division 6,' Cr Hall says.

'Residents are already reaping the rewards from revitalised outdoor spaces like the Noffke Farm Park clubhouse and Armstrong Place that encourage active and healthy lifestyles.'



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# Parks works spark summer fun

Forestdale families can enjoy snags on the barbie at a popular local park this summer, thanks to timely upgrade works.

Construction has started to revitalise Lincoln Green Park on Lincoln Green Drive, Forestdale.

The works include new play equipment, 2 shelters with picnic settings, an electric barbecue, platform seating, and a drinking fountain.

A wheelchair-accessible pathway from Lincoln Green Drive to the playground and barbecue picnic area will also be built to ensure the park is a place the entire community can enjoy.

The flagpole will be maintained but relocated within the park to make way for the upgrades.

Division 7 Councillor Tim Frazer (left) with Forestdale Neighbourhood Watch Area Coordinator Lynn Whittingham and Assistant Area Coordinator Dave Whittingham at Lincoln Green Park in Forestdale.



The upgrade complements recently completed works at nearby Zorina Park in Browns Plains and Sweetgum Park in Hillcrest.

Division 7 Councillor Tim Frazer says the works are the latest in a series of parks upgrades that will reinvigorate community spaces ahead of the warmer months.

'There's nothing better than spending an afternoon at the park with family and friends, and this summer that experience will be all the sweeter with

newly completed upgrades at several parks in Division 7,' Cr Frazer says.

'The works at Lincoln Green Park will ensure it continues to be a fun, welcoming and accessible community space for everyone.

'The park is already popular with local residents, including the Forestdale Neighbourhood Watch, and I look forward to seeing the community enjoying the refreshed equipment and amenities there once the upgrade is completed later this year.'

## Residents in the driver's seat for road safety

Road safety will be front of mind for Browns Plains motorists, with new traffic calming measures installed on 2 suburban streets.

Five speed platforms have been installed in Acacia Street and Fern Street, Browns Plains, to help improve safety on local roads.

Division 7 Councillor Tim Frazer says road safety is an important issue that affects everyone in our community.

'Speed platforms, like these in Browns Plains, play a key role in maintaining

community safety on our roads,' Cr Frazer says.

'Although it can be annoying for some to slow down for speed platforms, they are effective in discouraging dangerous high-speed rat-running through suburban streets.

'Working together as a community, we can improve safety and local amenity for everyone.'

Division 7 Councillor Tim Frazer says 5 new speed platforms in Browns Plains will improve road safety in the area.

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## ARCHIBALD PORTRAITS

**JUN CHEN**

Woodridge artist, Jun Chen, is one of a very small number of Queensland artists whose work has been accepted into the prestigious annual Archibald Prize Exhibition held at the Art Gallery of New South Wales.

This exhibition will feature all 9 portraits that have been exhibited from 2006 to 2021, as well as others that were included in the Salon des Refusés selected each year by the S.H. Ervin Gallery in Sydney.

Image: Jun Chen, *The artist – Joe Furlonger*, 2021, oil on canvas



## PAINT ON!

**ROBERT BURGESS**

Having taught art and exhibited widely in Australia and overseas, Marsden artist, Robert Burgess, presents his first exhibition of abstract paintings at Logan Art Gallery.

Image: Robert Burgess, *Before and after and over the edge (detail)*, 2022, acrylic on canvas



## REMNANTS OF THE PAST

**KATE DOUGLAS**

This exhibition of paintings and works on paper showcases Queensland's rich heritage, featuring historical buildings and artefacts which still exist today in our community.

Image: Kate Douglas, *Lost at the asylum (detail)*, 2020, acrylic on canvas



## A CORAL COMMUNITY

**WUNDER PEACH COLLECTIVE (NADINE SCHMOLL AND TESSIE LIDDELL)**

*A coral community* is an interactive installation created by artist collective wunder peach that combines sculpture and animation with art and science, to inspire wonder and curiosity of our marine environment. Visitors are immersed in an underwater world that includes sculpture by Nadine Schmoll and hand drawn animation by Tessie Liddell.

Image: Nadine Schmoll, *Coral fluorescence (detail)*, 2021, recycled waste plastic

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# Traffic light upgrade on the way

As the communities around Park Ridge continue to grow, more people and cars are travelling on local roads.

To help keep road users safe, Council plans to upgrade the intersection of Park Ridge, Clarke and Lindenthal Roads with funding from the Australian Government's 2023–24 Black Spot Program.

Ten crashes were reported at the site between 2014 and 2019 and it's likely more have gone unreported.

Division 8 Councillor Jacob Heremaia says the local community supports improvements at the intersection.



An aerial view of the proposed intersection improvements at Park Ridge.

The upgrade includes traffic lights, pedestrian crossings and bike lanes to improve safety.

'Safety is so important for our local roads,' Cr Heremaia says.

'This intersection needs to be upgraded and it is great to see that funding has been allocated to this important project.'

## Teen's clever shot pays off

A new basketball court has opened at Park Ridge District Park.

Division 8 Councillor Jacob Heremaia says the new facility was the result of feedback from local resident Aleks Popovic and other youth in the community.

'It was great to hear from Aleks that young people in the area wanted a full-size basketball court,' Cr Heremaia says.

'There's nothing better than shooting some hoops and having a chat with your mates, and the court has quickly become a popular addition to the park since it was completed in September.

'I'm sure it will be well used during the summer holidays, especially as we all enjoy the longer days.'

Park Ridge District Park is in Clarke Road, Park Ridge.

The new basketball court at Park Ridge District Park.



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# Jimboomba depot is boost for locals

Council support will soon be more accessible for people in the city's south-west as construction starts on a new, multi-purpose depot in Jimboomba.

The first stage of the Abell Road facility will include a workshop, a storage shed and a large space for community use.

The 6-hectare site was chosen as a future Council services hub due to its proximity to the Mount Lindesay Highway and Jimboomba town centre.

Longer term, the facility could support a range of Council operations including parks and roads maintenance, animal management and water services.

It could also serve as a coordination centre during a disaster response.

Division 9 Councillor Scott Bannan says the facility will save ratepayers time and money.

'Having more support, and more services, closer to home just makes sense for residents in our growing communities,' Cr Bannan says.

'The first stage, which will include a large community space, will be welcomed by our hard-working community organisations who are more than deserving of any assistance we can provide.'

The project received \$3.5 million from the Queensland Government's South East Queensland Community Stimulus Program.



Mayor Darren Power (right), Division 9 Councillor Scott Bannan (centre) and Federal Member for Wright Scott Buchholz at the soon-to-be-upgraded 'Thunderdome' in Jimboomba.

## Upgrade helps Thunder storm ahead

The cheers will be thunderous next year as Jimboomba's rugby league stars storm onto the field from a fearsome new facility.

A multi-million-dollar upgrade to the home of the Jimboomba Thunder Junior Rugby League Football Club is now underway.

Division 9 Councillor Scott Bannan says Jimboomba's 'Thunderdome' will be barely recognisable once works are completed.

'This project is about giving our dedicated Thunder players, officials, volunteers and club members, the home they deserve,' Cr Bannan says.

'Sporting clubs like the Thunder do so much to promote and support active living in our local communities and this upgrade will put them on the path to even greater success.'

The upgrade includes a new clubroom, 2 additional changerooms, a new outdoor viewing area, a modern canteen and a referees' facility.

The club's office, storage rooms, toilets and first-aid room will also be upgraded.

The Australian Government provided more than \$3.9 million in funding from its Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

Logan City Council also contributed more than \$400,000 towards the project.

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# New-look 'koala park' is a huge hit

Work on the first 2 stages of the \$6.34 million upgrade of Alexander Clark Park is completed and the park is set to reopen soon.

Upgrades within the much-loved recreation park in Loganholme include:

- > new main playground that features water play equipment
- > flying fox, slides and swings, a volleyball court and basketball court
- > circular track suitable for bikes, scooters and rollerblading
- > shade sails, park shelters and furniture
- > sensory garden.

A koala-shaped play tower that is almost 5 metres tall is the centrepiece of the park.

Division 10 Councillor Miriam Stemp says the inspiration for the tower came from the koalas that live in the bush areas of the park.

The new playground area is set to open in early December and community members will be invited to celebrate with a free sausage sizzle, coffee van, face painting, giveaways and Council information stalls.

'We wanted to include a feature in the park design and the tower reminds us of how lucky we are to live with koalas in suburbia,' Cr Stemp says.

Cr Stemp is looking forward to the community enjoying a fun and inclusive space once the multi-staged upgrade works are completed.

Stage 3 includes upgrades to the park entrance, additional parking and toilet facilities.



Councillor Miriam Stemp celebrates the park upgrades with brothers Carter (left) and Flynn Jack and some furry friends.

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Councillor Miriam Stemp with the masterplan for Murrays Environmental Reserve.

# Long-awaited nature playground for Tanah Merah

Learning and play opportunities will be included in a 2-stage addition to Murrays Environmental Reserve in Tanah Merah, scheduled to begin early next year.

Councillor Miriam Stemp says the masterplan for the reserve reflects the community's feedback for a fun nature-based playground.

'The works have been designed to complement the site's existing natural environment and the local area's biodiversity,' Cr Stemp says.

'The playground will feature areas for discovery and play while maintaining important habitat spaces.'

A wetland with log habitats and stone steppers will be developed for local frogs and birds and the park's design will conserve habitat for existing wildlife like koalas, flying foxes, wallabies and possums.

The first stage includes an upgrade to the park entrance, a shelter and seating, a high-energy playground with a ropes course and climbers, a swing set, tepee play structure and a bush track connection to Sewell Road.

Stage 2 includes completing the wetland area, outdoor learning spaces and interpretive and explorative nature play areas as well as the installation of information signage and more covered seating.

# Parks are perfect for summer memories

With long summer days on the way and families wanting to spend time together on the school holidays, some timely improvements have been made at Division 11 parks.

Division 11 Councillor Natalie Willcocks says residents will notice changes at New Beith's Crystal Brook Park, Greenbank's Leaf Park and Munruben's Wearing Park.

'Council invests millions of dollars into parks across the City of Logan every year,' Cr Willcocks says.

'The longest-lasting memories are usually the small moments in life, like playing on the swings or running around on the grass, and I'm thrilled to see these upgrades come to fruition.'

Improvements at Crystal Brook Park include a new double swing, an active play structure, digger and rocker, as well as sandstone block seating and a drinking fountain with a dog bowl.

Young cyclists can learn road rules with traffic signage and line marking installed on the pathway at Leaf Park. A new barbecue is also in place for people to enjoy.

The improvements at Wearing Park include a new play structure, double swings and fencing. Further works are planned.

All of the improvements have been funded through the Division 11 Local Infrastructure Program.

- > Crystal Brook Park is at Loch Ness Circuit, New Beith.
- > Leaf Park is at Everleigh Drive, Greenbank.
- > Wearing Park is at Greenhill Road, Munruben.

## MORE INFORMATION

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The new playground at Crystal Brook Park at New Beith.



Mayor Darren Power (holding football) with (from left) Mirvac General Manager Residential Queensland Warwick Bible, Division 11 Councillor Natalie Willcocks, Head of AFL Queensland Trisha Squires and Mirvac Residential Queensland Project Director Mark Clancy at the sod turning for the Everleigh Sports Park Clubhouse in Greenbank.

## Greenbank clubhouse supports aspiring footy stars

A \$6 million investment into local sports facilities will give a home-ground advantage to up-and-coming AFL players.

Work has started on the Everleigh Sports Park Clubhouse, which includes a clubroom, 4 changerooms, spectator amenities, storage rooms, first-aid room, office, kitchen and commercially-operated café to service the club and local residents.

Division 11 Councillor Natalie Willcocks says the clubhouse complements the recently completed full-sized AFL field and warm-up oval.

'The young families who live in and around the area will enjoy the benefits of these facilities for years to come,' Cr Willcocks says.

'We already have some fantastic clubs and sports grounds in Division 11, so I'm excited about what will be achieved when this clubhouse opens in 2024.'

The project is co-funded by Logan City Council, Queensland Government, Mirvac Queensland Pty Ltd and AFL Queensland.

Council's \$5.2 million contribution includes \$175,000 from the Division 11 Local Infrastructure Program. Mirvac Queensland will provide \$290,000 towards the project. AFL Queensland will contribute \$250,000 through its Grand Final Facilities Fund and the Queensland Government will contribute \$200,000 through the Priority Infrastructure Projects Program.

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Division 12 Councillor Karen Murphy gives a glimpse of the concept plan for Duck Park to the Bensley kids of Mt Warren Park (from left) Thea, 3, Ella, 10, and Nate, 8.

## Ducks in a row for park upgrade

A \$1 million playground makeover is on the way for Beenleigh's Doug Larsen Park – known affectionately by locals as 'Duck Park'.

A master plan has been developed that will see the existing playground updated and a new one created at the back of the park, adjacent to the lake.

New lakeside jetties, picnic shelters and seating are also part of the longer-term concept plans.

Division 12 Councillor Karen Murphy says the master plan was developed based on community consultation in May last year.

'Duck Park is very popular with local families and this upgrade reflects the features and facilities that those residents who use the park regularly told us they wanted,' Cr Murphy says.

'The long-term master plan also provides a concept blueprint for development across Doug Larsen Park as well as upgrades and new facilities for the adjacent Bill Norris Oval and Chris Green Park.'

The Doug Larsen Park upgrade will start in the playground near the car park fronting Logan Street.

Play equipment will be cleaned and repainted while the existing shade sails, shelters and bins will be refreshed with a thorough cleansing.

Following works will consolidate features and equipment at the back of the park into a new, larger play area.

This space will include a giant slide along with new shelters, bins, picnic areas and seating.

The opening stages of the upgrade are jointly funded through the Division 12 Local Infrastructure Program and Council's Major Parks Program.

A timeline for the works is still being formulated.

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## Helping to fix the world, one repair at a time

A group of skilled, passionate volunteers is helping ease cost-of-living pressures for locals – and that's great news with Christmas just around the corner.

Repair Café Beenleigh offers a walk-in service for repairs to a range of items including replacing a button, repairing a bicycle, fixing a broken toy, sharpening a knife, restringing a guitar and much more.

Any consumables needed for the repairs may be charged, but mostly the service is free. Some battery-operated items can be assessed, but repairs are currently not available for items that need to be plugged into mains power. The group is hoping to recruit volunteer licensed electricians to help change that policy.

Division 12 Councillor Karen Murphy says Repair Café Beenleigh is an important support service.

'As well as helping residents avoid the cost of having to buy something new, getting it fixed helps prevent items going into the rubbish and becoming landfill,' Cr Murphy says.

Community Development Officer for Beenleigh Neighbourhood Centre and Repair Café Beenleigh organiser Anthony Ketland says about 10 volunteers of all ages are involved.

'Friendships have developed as people want to learn from each other,' Anthony says.

The Repair Café is at Beenleigh Neighbourhood Centre, 10-12 James Street, Beenleigh. It operates 1 pm to 4 pm on the first Saturday of each month (excluding public holidays and January).

### MORE INFORMATION

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Division 12 Councillor Karen Murphy (in pink) with Repair Café 'fixers' (from left) Sharon Byrnes, of Loganholme, Liz Rivans, of Tanah Merah, and Sally Cherry, of Holmview.

# Keep your home safe over the holiday season

Here are some important and helpful tips for keeping your home safe if you are travelling this summer.

- › Double check doors and windows are locked before leaving.
- › Bring in mail and bins to make it look like someone's home. Ask neighbours or friends to help if you are away.
- › Use sensor lighting around your home so lights come on at night.
- › Install a security system or if this isn't an option, use signage that shows surveillance is installed.
- › Keep presents and valuables out of sight.
- › Store keys in a drawer or safe place.



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## Bulky waste kerbside clean-up services

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<b>4 Dec 2023</b>	Hillcrest, Boronia Heights, Forestdale
<b>8 Jan 2024</b>	Munruben, Park Ridge South, North Maclean, South Maclean, Greenbank, New Beith
<b>29 Jan 2024</b>	Jimboomba, Riverbend, Glenlogan, Flagstone, Veresdale Scrub, Veresdale, Cedar Vale, Mundoolun, Cedar Grove, Woodhill
<b>19 Feb 2024</b>	Stockleigh, Logan Reserve, Tamborine, Cedar Creek, Logan Village, Buccan, Chambers Flat, Yarrabilba, Kairabar

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