

Section 4

How Logan has Changed



Dairy cattle grazing at Loganlea 1968

1. How the people have changed

Task 1 – each individual- : Find out who was the first person in your family to live in Logan – was it your parents, grandparents or an earlier generation.

Task 2: - class - carry out a class survey on which generation was first to live in Logan, using the survey sheet provided. (It might also be interesting to list all the different countries where these people were born.)

Compile figures from these surveys. Draw some conclusions, thinking about:

1. Is the population of your district growing?
2. Are there a lot of newcomers to the area or have most families lived here for a long time?
3. Is your class survey likely to be much the same as one done at another school in Logan City?
4. Is your class survey likely to be much the same as one done at a school in another city?

2. How the environment has changed

This section uses the CD “How Logan has Changed: Riverdale Park”.

Riverdale Park today is a pleasant area beside the Logan River. It includes a lagoon, a playground and a pontoon. Modern houses are along the boundaries of the park. Nearby are the Logan Hospital, Logan Institute of TAFE and the Logan Campus of Griffith University. The Logan Motorway and the railway line run through the area.

It is hard to imagine now, but not all that long ago, this area was all dairy farms, including “Riverdale”, the home of the Armstrong family.

Use the CD to meet the Armstrong family, see family photos of their dairy farm and photos of the park today.

There are also three aerial photos which show the changes from the air. These aerial photos are included on the following pages, but you will be able to see them in a better quality image on the CD.

To use the CD:

The CD should start automatically after a few seconds. However some networked systems may not do so. In this case, start manually:

EITHER

(a) click START, then click RUN, browse to your CD-ROM drive, select RIVERDALE.EXE and then click OK

OR

(b) in Windows Explorer, go to your CD-ROM drive and then click on RIVERDALE.EXE

For optimum viewing, the computer monitor should be set to 800 x 600. (This is the most common setting and most computers will already be using it. It can be changed under “Settings” on the Control Panel.)

From the air 1944

Armstrong Road is marked, and there is a circle around the Armstrong farm houses.



Questions:

What is most of the land being used for?

Did many people live in this area in 1944?

From the air: 1970



Questions

Find the farm house again

What changes are taking place in the area?

From the air 1990s



