



2016–2020

**CITY OF LOGAN  
SAFE CITY STRATEGY  
AND ACTION PLAN**

YOUR GUIDE

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## INTRODUCTION

It is with great pleasure that we introduce the *City of Logan Safe City Strategy and Action Plan 2016 – 2020*. The plan is a key strategic document for Council and our broader stakeholders with an aim to ensure our neighbourhoods are welcoming, inclusive and safe by delivering a broad range of crime prevention and community safety initiatives.

The City of Logan has an abundance of safe, open spaces and parks for residents and visitors to enjoy. This Strategy and Action Plan provides a strategic framework for the continued delivery of crime prevention and community safety initiatives to ensure these spaces remain safe across our city. Additionally, it outlines our key partners who work collaboratively with Council to increase community safety and prevent crime throughout the City to bring long-term benefits to the residents of Logan.

We are very proud of our Council's commitment to creating safer communities by raising awareness through the Strategy and Action Plan's five key areas of interest, which are supported by comprehensive research, analysis

and community engagement. By focusing on each of these priority areas for the life of the plan, Council can best facilitate, advocate and deliver services that will help create a safer City of Logan.

As our city's population continues to grow and thrive, the needs of our community are changing. This plan provides for an adaptable approach to ensure Council meets these needs in both the short and long-term.

*The City of Logan Safe City Strategy and Action Plan 2016 - 2020* details our innovative and dynamic approach to delivering key crime prevention and safety information and initiatives to the residents of Logan.

# OVERVIEW

2013–2018 Corporate Plan ‘We work together to make decisions to enhance the wellbeing and quality of life within our neighbourhoods so that our people are healthy, safe and connected.’

This guide has been developed to provide you with a brief overview of the City of Logan Safe City Strategy and Action Plan 2016-2020.

The City of Logan Safe City Strategy and Action Plan 2016-2020 has been

developed to increase community safety and prevent crime throughout the City of Logan. It builds upon the Creating a Safer City Strategy 2010-2015<sup>1</sup> and delivers on two actions of the Logan: City of Choice Two-Year Action Plan 2013-2015<sup>2</sup>.

## Logan: City of Choice Two-year Action Plan

Action Item	Description
Safety Action Item 4.3	Develop an overarching safety plan that explores and surveys perceptions of safety and identifies citywide hotspots and suitable local responses to perceptions and realities of safety
Safety Action Item 4.5	Prepare a safety report card comprising key safety indicators with a view to using the report to address incorrect perceptions of safety and identify areas where we need to work together on strategies to improve the city's safety performance

The strategy and action plan complements and strengthens the substantial accomplishments already made by Council in this area.

Our strategy and action plan will take a holistic approach to increasing safety and reducing crime in the City of Logan.

*1 Logan City Council (2010). Creating a Safer City Strategy 2010 - 2015.*

*2 Logan City Council (2013). Logan: City of Choice Two-Year Action Plan 2013 - 2015.*



# THE ROLE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND LOGAN CITY COUNCIL IN COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CRIME PREVENTION

Increasingly, the community safety approach focuses on local people defining local priorities for action in their community.

The responsibility for crime prevention and community safety lies with all levels of government in Australia, with local government playing a central role in the design, management and delivery of crime prevention programs and policies in every Australian state and territory jurisdiction (Homel & Fuller, 2015<sup>3</sup>).

The Local Government Association of Queensland<sup>4</sup> recognises the significance of community safety through their Community Development Policy relating specifically to community safety, which outlines the role local government must play to ensure safer communities.

We acknowledged the importance of community safety and crime prevention through the 2013-2018 Corporate Plan<sup>5</sup>, with increased priority focused on 'Building the wellbeing of our communities' and more specifically community safety.

The strategy is a testament to our ongoing commitment to preventing crime and increasing community safety. Here are just some examples of what we are already doing.



3. Homel, P., & Fuller, G. (2015). Understanding the local government role in crime prevention. *Trends and Issues* (505), 1.

4. Local Government Association of Queensland. (2010). *Community Development Policies*. Retrieved July 2015, from [www.lgaq.asn.au](http://www.lgaq.asn.au)

5. Logan City Council (2013). *Corporate Plan 2013 - 2018*.

# PLANNED OUTCOMES

The City of Logan Safe City Strategy and Action Plan 2016-2020 is the primary document that will be consulted when implementing Council-led community safety and crime prevention initiatives.

Key safety indicators will be used to measure and monitor the ongoing performance and progress of the overall outcomes of this strategy, the table (below) outlines the key safety indicators as they relate to the outcomes that have been defined.

Outcomes	Key safety indicator
Our residents feel safe	Increased number of City of Logan residents that feel safe  Increased positive attitudes and perceptions towards living, working and investing in the City of Logan
Our residents enjoy strong neighbourhood connectivity, share a sense of community pride and enjoy using our abundance of open spaces	Increased number of City of Logan residents that feel strong connectivity with their neighbourhood  Increased number of City of Logan residents that feel a sense of community pride  Increased number of City of Logan residents who disclose use of open space
Our residents are aware, understand and practice strategies that increase safety and prevent crime throughout the community	Increased number of City of Logan residents that are aware, understand and practice crime prevention and safety strategies  Increased residents satisfaction with community safety programs





# WHERE ARE WE NOW?

## Perceptions

We engaged with our community to help us accurately understand what the key issues in crime and safety are perceived to be and how we should aim to prevent crime and increase community safety. We completed a number of engagement activities that provided a clear view of the perception of Logan and crime and safety in the city.

The information gathered throughout the consultation process indicates there is a negative perception relating to crime and safety attached to the City of Logan. This perception needs to be addressed.

## Actual crime occurring

City of Logan <sup>6</sup>			
Compared with the State of Queensland		Compared with 10 years ago (2004/2005)	
FACT: In 2013/2014, Logan recorded lower in offences against the person	↓	FACT: Offences against the person have decreased 1.3%	↓
FACT: In 2013/2014, Logan recorded higher in offences against property	↑	FACT: Offences against property have decreased 9.7%	↓
FACT: In 2013/2014, Logan recorded lower in other offences	↓	FACT: Other offences has seen an increase of 10.8%	↑

## How do we compare?

Overall crime in the City of Logan continues to trend downwards. The comparative gap between the overall Queensland offence rate per 100,000 persons and the offence rate of the City of Logan still exists.

Council will address these issues, both perceptions and actual crime occurring, through the implementation of the action plan.

6. Queensland Police Services, (2015). Official Data.  
Retrieved March 2015.



## WHERE ARE WE GOING?

Community safety and crime prevention is a dynamic environment and it is important that priorities remain flexible to address emerging issues. The “action plan” part of the Safe City Strategy and Action Plan has been designed to allow for flexibility while also being responsive to emerging and future influences. The strategy and action plan also identify a number of proactive initiatives that will be delivered over its lifespan.

Local government is often the lead agency in the development of local crime prevention plans, which identify and prioritise priority offences in a local government area, and identify key action areas and responsibility for these actions (Morgan, Boxall, Lindeman & Anderson, 2012)<sup>7</sup>

7. Morgan, A., Boxall, H., Lindeman, K., & Anderson, J. (2012). *Effective crime prevention interventions for implementation by local government*. Research and Public Policy Series (120), 1–165



# KEY AREAS OF INTEREST

Five key areas of interest have been identified for our focus to improve the city's safety performance including increasing community and personal safety and preventing crime.

## 1. Strategic Approach

We are dedicated to identifying emerging crime issues. We will focus our resources more strategically on coordinating projects and initiatives that address these issues.

## 2. Community Confidence

We aim to build stronger relationships throughout our communities to promote local pride and generate social networks.

## 3. Places and Spaces

We understand the importance and the essential role Council plays in creating safe and friendly open spaces.

## 4. Partnerships

We will continue to proactively partner with organisations to address crime and to widen the community safety and crime prevention message throughout the city.

## 5. Communication

We are committed to promoting a safe and liveable community by keeping Logan residents informed of strategies that promote community safety.



STRATEGIC APPROACH



COMMUNITY CONFIDENCE



PLACES AND SPACES



PARTNERSHIPS



COMMUNICATION

# HOW ARE WE GOING TO GET THERE?

Suitable local responses have been compiled to address the key areas of interest forming the action plan of the City of Logan Safe City Strategy and Action Plan. The action plan is divided into five sections representing the key priority areas. Each action item aligns to a strategy and also outlines a desired outcome and how the outcome will be measured.

# REPORTING AND EVALUATION

Progress against key indicators in the plan will be regularly monitored and reported to Council annually.





## Further information

Visit [logan.qld.gov.au/safecity](http://logan.qld.gov.au/safecity) to download a full copy of the Safe City Strategy and Action Plan

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### Did you know?

Anytime you would like to report a non-urgent crime or incident, or for general police enquiries you can phone Policelink on 131 444. Some examples of the types of non-urgent incidents you can report by phone include; wilful property damage and break and enters. For more information visit:

**[police.qld.gov.au/programs/policelink/](http://police.qld.gov.au/programs/policelink/)**

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