











Leadership Team 2017-2019 (as of 24 June 2019)

Member		Role	Expertise
<p>Matthew Cox</p> <p><i>(Logan Together Director)</i></p>		<p>Chair</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After chairing the working party that established the Logan Together initiative during 2014/2015, Matthew Cox was appointed its Director in July 2015. Prior to this role, Matthew spent a decade at the Australian Red Cross, heading the organisation's human services and community and economic development program in Queensland. • Matthew was an adviser to the Every Child Deserves Every Chance campaign developing a collective impact initiative in Central Queensland. Matthew was also a member of the Inclusive Brisbane Board, advising Brisbane City Council on community issues from 2011-2015. • Matthew was a member of the inaugural City of Choice Leadership Team.
<p>Gail Ker OAM</p> <p><i>(Access Community Services CEO)</i></p>		<p>Deputy Chair</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over the past 20 years, Gail's industry experience and expertise in the Australian multicultural, humanitarian and community sectors has seen her change countless lives for the better. • A nationally lauded and award winning visionary, Gail is the CEO of Access Community Services Ltd where she leads her nearly 300 staff in pursuit of their organisational vision; to create social, cultural and economic experiences and opportunities that transform the lives of individuals and communities globally. • Renowned for her expertise in innovative service solutions for newly arrived migrants and humanitarian entrants, Gail is a recognised thought leader in needs-based community planning, innovative business models, social cohesion, strategic partnerships, employment pathways, funding opportunities and strategic direction. • Gail was a member of the inaugural City of Choice Leadership Team.

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<p>The Hon. Shannon Fentiman MP</p> <p><i>(State Member for Waterford)</i></p>		<p>Queensland Government representative</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shannon was appointed as the Minister for Employment and Small Business, and the Minister for Training and Skills. • Her previous portfolio was as Minister for Communities, Women and Youth, Minister for Child Safety, Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family violence. • Prior to her election to the Queensland Parliament, Shannon worked as a solicitor and also worked as a Judge’s Associate in the Supreme Court of Queensland to her Honour Justice Atkinson. • With considerable experience in employment law, Shannon is committed to the creation and protection of quality jobs in Queensland, and is a passionate advocate for quality education and training opportunities for all members of the community. • Shannon was a member of the inaugural City of Choice Leadership Team.
<p>Bert van Manen MP</p> <p><i>(Federal Member for Forde)</i></p>		<p>Australian Government representative</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bert represents the Australian Government on the Leadership Team, particularly regarding relevant initiatives, pilots and place-based approaches in Logan • Bert grew up in Logan and attended local schools. • Prior to entering politics he worked for a major bank for 15 years before he and wife Judi started their own business in the financial services sector. • Bert believes that strong families are the basic building blocks of our society. He is committed to fighting for and developing policies that will assist individuals, families, businesses and community organisations. • Bert was a member of the inaugural City of Choice Leadership Team.

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<p>Cath Bartolo (YFS CEO)</p>		<p>Member</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cath has worked in the Logan community almost 30 years, with extensive experience and contact in Logan’s non-government organisation sector, particularly in family, housing and legal support, domestic and family violence, social enterprise, mental health. • Cath is the CEO of Logan not-for-profit YFS, a key partner in the Queensland Government's Integrated Services Response to Domestic and Family Violence. • Cath is also a member of the Logan Together Cross Sector Leadership Table. • Cath was a member of the inaugural City of Choice Leadership Team.
<p>John Perry OAM (Former Employment, Education and Training General Manager at BoysTown/yourtown)</p>		<p>Member</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John established BoysTown's regional school-to-work transition and work preparation training programs, youth specialist employment services and BoysTown Enterprises. • He spent 20 years in the training and employment area of the federal government in a range of areas including regional operations management, business development, labour market management, industry training reform, community resource management and place-based approaches to employment creation. • John is a member of the several government and not-for-profit Boards in the employment, education and training sectors and a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. • John was a member of the inaugural City of Choice Leadership Team.

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<p>Pro Vice Chancellor Linda O'Brien</p> <p><i>(Head of Logan Campus Griffith University)</i></p>		<p>Member</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linda was appointed as Pro Vice Chancellor and Head of Logan Campus in September 2017, having previously been Pro Vice Chancellor (Information Services) since October 2008. • She is passionate about the value of information as the foundation for learning, research and innovation. She is engaged in a number of international and national initiatives aimed at leveraging innovative information technologies to make research outputs and data more findable, accessible, interoperable and useable. • Linda has published and presented, both nationally and internationally, and contributed to a number of state and national initiatives. Linda is currently a board member of Open Researcher and Contributor ID and of the Queensland Cyber Infrastructure Foundation, Chair of the Open Data Institute Australia Network, and a member of the Queensland Public Records Review Committee.
<p>Belinda Drew</p> <p><i>(CEO, Community Services Industry Alliance)</i></p>		<p>Member</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Belinda was this year appointed as a board member of Social Enterprise Finance Australia (SEFA), which, provides tailored finance solutions to help clients build their capacity to manage debt and become financially sustainable. SEFA is currently focused on the issue of homelessness. • She has more than 20 years' experience in the community sector, in fields including homelessness, child protection and housing, as well social enterprise, social entrepreneurship, community finance and social investment.

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<p>Bruce Wolfe</p> <p><i>(Australian Institute of Architects - Queensland Chapter President)</i></p>		<p>Member</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bruce is Company Chair and Director for Conrad Gargett. • He is also Adjunct Professor - University of Queensland. • He is chair of Vision South Bank and of the Queensland College of Art Industry Advisory Board. He has won awards in fields of design, construction and master planning. • Bruce has designed world leading facilities for universities as well as health and defence sectors.
<p>Conor O'Brien</p> <p><i>(Executive Director and CEO of Multikraft Probiotics Australia)</i></p>		<p>Member</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conor has been involved with several successful start-up businesses, including environmental companies in Australia, Asia and the Middle East, as well as some innovative niche markets including the Australian communications and health sectors. • In 2006, Conor was the Founding Director and CEO of Microbiologic Pty Ltd, for wastewater, odour control, animal husbandry and large scale waste reuse and composting internationally. • In 2014, he became Executive Director and CEO of Multikraft Probiotics Australia, focusing on sustainable development working with probiotic treatments. • Conor is an entrepreneur with an executive MBA who is passionate about sustainability, and striving for a healthier, better world.

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<p>Lynda Ford <i>(CEO, Enterprising Partnerships Group</i> <i>Director, iGen Foundation)</i></p>		<p>Member</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lynda is an Intercultural Expert with the Council of Europe’s Intercultural Cities Programme and the convenor of the DiverCities Network of Australasia. • She works in Australia and internationally to assist local governments to deliver programs in entrepreneurship and design policies and programs which build intercultural relationships between their residents. • Lynda holds a Bachelor of Social Science in Human Services and a Master of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice.
<p>Nikki Chenoweth <i>(National NDIS Manager, Maxima Group)</i> <i>Indigenous artist, designer and founder of Bush Therapies, Jimboomba)</i></p>		<p>Member</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nikki is a descendant from the Nyamal Nyamal, Kalkadoon and Guugu Yimidhirr Language groups. • With over 20 years' experience designing jewellery and millefiori-clay art, her works is now being recognised Australia wide, with Bush Therapies recently appointed an Official Sub-Licensee supplier to the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games. • Nikki is also the Indigenous Mentor with The Salvation Army Employment Plus and the Cultural Competency Trainer for KPMG Arrilla Indigenous Services. • In 2019, Nikki was appointed as National NDIS Manager, Maxima Group.