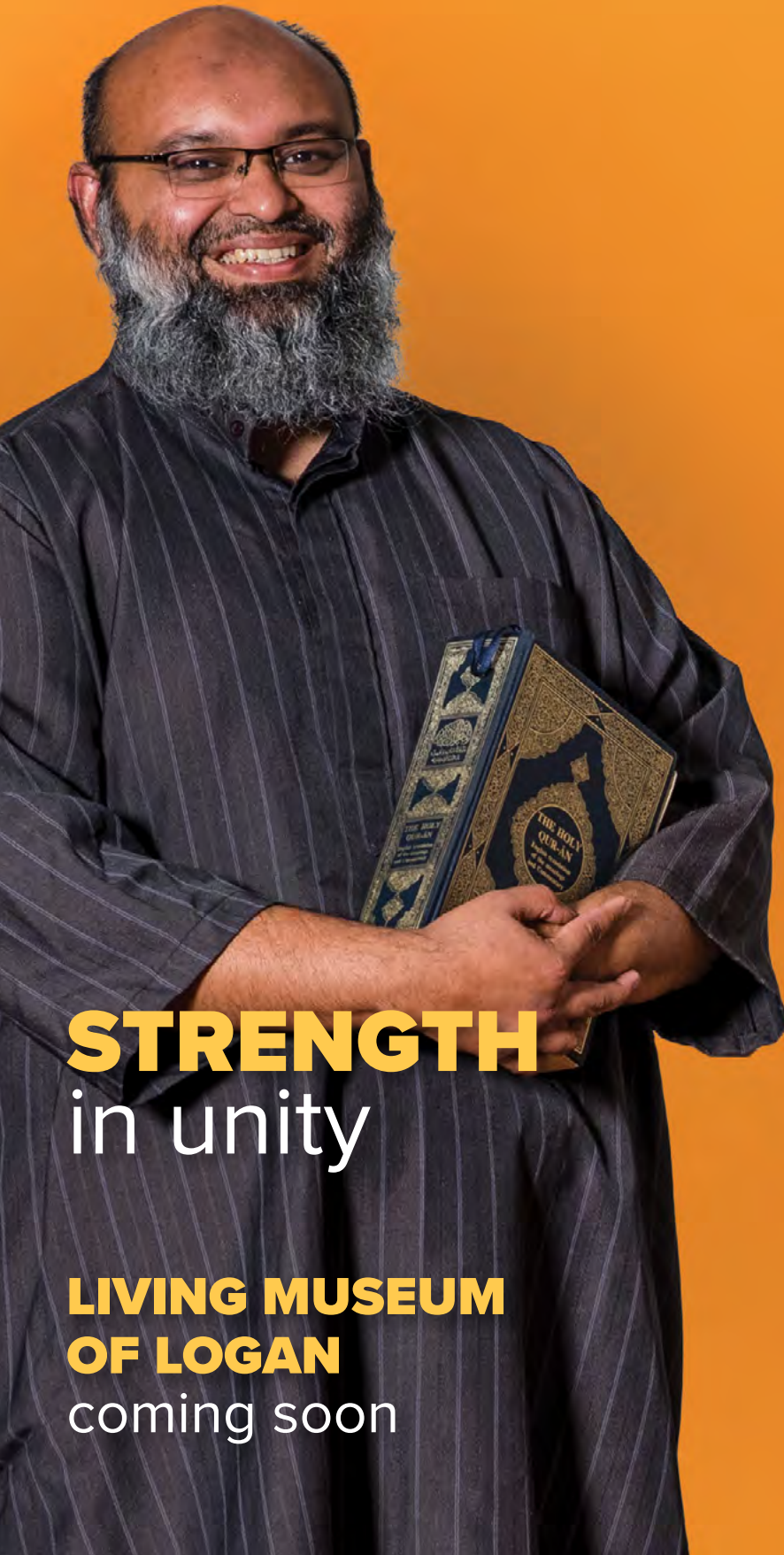


# OUR LOGAN

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**STRENGTH**  
in unity

**LIVING MUSEUM  
OF LOGAN**  
coming soon





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**Councillor Karen Murphy**

Beenleigh, Eagleby, and Mt Warren Park

# Great things ahead in 2022

There is no doubt that 2022 has kicked off a little differently to how we had all hoped.

Whether it be cancelled holidays, events postponed or businesses experiencing staff shortages, I've spoken to many people over the past few months who have been impacted by COVID.

As we move into this next phase of 'living with COVID' we will continue to navigate new challenges while pressing forward with many long-anticipated and exciting plans for the city.

As a Council, we are now 2 years into our term. In that time we have achieved a lot but there is still a long way to go.

While some of those plans have been impacted, there is still a lot to look forward to, such as the redevelopment of the Kingston Butter Factory, now scheduled to open in April. We have transformed the city's historic butter factory site into a world-class facility that will enable us to showcase vibrant arts and culture.

We'll continue our commitment to building better lifestyles by delivering vital community infrastructure. The refurbishment of the Logan North Aquatic Centre pool is well under way, and we will start construction on 2 master-planned sport and recreation parks.

Rosia Park, Park Ridge, covers 68 hectares of land and will include the first criterium track in the city and the first banked track of its kind in Australia. Waterford West District Park, Waterford, will start construction later in the year and will include water play

and adventure play areas, a wetland, and amenities. Both are designed to meet the future sport and recreation needs of some of our most rapidly growing communities.

These parks will join Council's 958-strong park network, improving and delivering family fun spaces that make a positive difference to our lifestyles and our city.

Council's planning scheme is the main tool for managing the growth of our city. Our current scheme is already 5 years old and much has changed in that time. Councils are required to review their planning scheme every 10 years, however, we are starting work early to make sure we get the best outcome for our residents.

The City of Logan is well recognised as a great place to live, with a range of lifestyles from rural right through to urban living. The planning scheme will ensure we protect those existing lifestyles and the things we value in our city, like

our many environmental reserves and recreational spaces and community safety.

We want our neighbourhoods to feature welcoming homes of different designs and interesting well-maintained streets. We want development to be well-planned, better connected and with employment areas that attract industries and businesses that will support a strong local economy.

Budget discussions are also well under way. These are just a few of the highlights that I look forward to delivering with my fellow Councillors.

**Mayor Darren Power**  
City of Logan

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**Front cover image**  
Dr Zakaria Amin and  
Annelise Hellberg  
(see story on page 4)

**Photo**  
Leah Desborough

Logan City Council acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land, pays respect to Elders past, present and emerging and extends that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the City of Logan. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are advised that images of people who may now be deceased may appear in this magazine.

Our Logan magazine reflects the Australian Government Style Manual [stylemanual.gov.au](https://stylemanual.gov.au).



# Finding strength in diversity

There has never been a more important time to embrace each other, different views and diverse cultures.

Two Logan faith-based organisations are showing how it's done by celebrating what they have in common and learning from the ways in which they differ. They are finding 'unity in diversity'.

Dr Zakaria Amin of Australian Centre for Unity Slacks Creek Mosque, and Annelise Hellberg of Eagleby's Twin Rivers Centre, which houses the Twin Rivers Church and Twin Rivers Community Care, both work tirelessly for their communities. They have joined together to better support the people who come to them for help.

It began with the Department of Employment, Small Business and Training connecting the Twin Rivers Centre with The Australian Centre For Unity for the Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) programs.

Dr Zakaria sought guidance from Annelise when applying for SQW funding and other grants – and that connection has turned into an ongoing collaborative and productive working relationship. The grant submissions were successful, and the relationship has flourished.

Annelise says while there are many differences between the Centre for Unity and Twin Rivers, there are many commonalities – and the organisations are learning from each other.

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You can learn so much from people from a different background, culture and faith.

'In this age it can feel like if people don't agree with someone about absolutely everything they avoid them, but in doing that you lose so much,' she says.

'I think what we have between us is wonderful and you can learn so much from people from a different background, culture and faith.

'People with different perspectives can work beautifully together and getting to know more about people can make for great collaboration – and it is so needed.

'In many ways, myself and Dr Zakaria are the most unlikely people to be working together, but we learn so much from each other and we will continue to do so.'

Dr Zakaria says that while their communities differ and face challenges for different reasons – what they have in common is being outside the perception of the 'average Aussie'.

'The communities we deal with are outside of the broad principles of 'average Aussie folks',' he says.

'What might work for middle of the road Australians is trickier for people in our communities.

'We also both have a faith foundation, so it makes so much sense for us to work together – we get stronger that way.'

While the things they have in common – compassion, faith, charity, and a deep commitment to helping







Dr Zakaria Amin of Australian Centre for Unity in Slacks Creek and Annelise Hellberg of Twin Rivers Church in Eagleby have found great value in working together.

people to live up to their potential – are profound, many of the areas where they differ are small.

An example: while Dr Zakaria takes a softer approach to difficult subjects, Annelise says her approach is more direct.

'I am Dutch so I am pretty much the opposite – I get right in there and say exactly what I think, so I'm learning

about different approaches from Dr Zakaria and the way he works too,' she says.

Meanwhile, Dr Zakaria says Annelise's interest in the Muslim faith keeps him on his toes.

'She has been doing a lot of reading and she's always one step ahead of me!' he says.

The organisations will continue

to work together in a range of ways, from securing funding for programs, to attending each other's events and sharing ideas and resources.

The Australian Centre for Unity was established in 2015. It is a joint collaboration of Iqra Academy Australia and Islamic Practice and Dawah Circle.





Entrepreneur  
Nicholas Robertson  
with his SwapU app -  
described as 'Tinder  
for swapping'.

## Why macaws are **all the rage on a new app**

**A**fter breaking his collarbone during a mountain bike accident, Waterford-based tech entrepreneur Nicholas Robertson experienced a light-bulb moment.

With his newfound spare time and an old folktale in mind, he developed the revolutionary new app, SwapU.

With \$46 billion of unused goods in Australian homes, SwapU has a focus on redistribution of goods.

SwapU, which Nicholas describes as the 'Tinder of swapping', is a fresh take on swap meets and online groups.

With this app, you could potentially swap your old iPhone for an experience with a macaw; this was a real item offered on the site, and there are plenty of other quirky swaps available.

Inspired by an age-old European folk story *Stone Soup*, Nicholas sees

the application as a conduit for something greater.

In the tale, hungry wanderers boil a pot of water containing a single stone. They convince all the villagers to share an ingredient and end up with a meal that everyone enjoys together.

'The goal is to redistribute what we have and stop throwing things in the bin. An item isn't just an item – it opens people up to new experiences. To waste it is to deny other people of that opportunity,' says Nicholas.

'The interesting thing is that swapping throws out a lot of regular shopping behaviours, where someone wouldn't normally do something because they have to spend money.'

Swapping instead of buying something new eliminates waste,

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The goal is to redistribute what we have and stop throwing things in the bin.  
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reduces costs, and cuts carbon emissions.

The app also features a swap and swipe algorithm that provides a curated selection of items based on swiping history, along with a random mystery swap item to introduce the user to something new.

With an increasing number of users and collaborations with companies like Swyftx and Red Book, Nicholas is looking to the future.

His next project is based on swap-matching chain technology, where goods are pooled together to simplify the valuation and exchange process.

**FIND OUT MORE:**  
**W:** [wapu.com.au](http://wapu.com.au)

# How boxing saved Shannon's life

For City of Logan's 2021 Sportswoman of the Year, Shannon O'Connell, boxing is more than a sport.

When she tried it for the first time at the age of 20, she says she was on a dangerous track. After a tumultuous childhood, she felt aimless.

'I was partying a lot and not really driven and I really think that boxing saved my life,' she says.

'My grandparents – who raised me for a lot of the time – took me to a boxing gym and I took to it right away.

'The connection for me was that it was a struggle and it was hard – because I had a hard upbringing I could relate to boxing in that way.'

It wasn't long before Shannon was competing as an amateur – and 9 years later, as a professional boxer.

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There is a real culture of respect in boxing and it helped me and many others, men and women.

'I probably love it even more now than I did at the start,' she says.

Most recently, she was named Women's Boxing Association's Bantamweight World Champion (Gold Division), as well as Logan's top sportswoman.

But there's plenty more ambition in Shannon.



'I'm hoping to be able to start travelling again soon and have more fights; I've probably got another 3 years left in me and I want to feel like I have achieved everything possible to achieve,' she says.

'I want to be the undisputed best in the world.'

Shannon runs her own Slacks Creek gym, Shotgun Boxing and Fitness, and says she would love to see more girls and women in boxing.

'I think it can be quite intimidating – there are more women involved than there used to be but I would love to see more,' she says.

'There is so much to gain from boxing as a woman; girls can gain so much confidence, respect for yourself and for others. There is a real culture of respect in boxing and it helped me and many others, men and women.'

 @shotgunboxingandfitness  
 @shotgunboxing

Boxer Shannon O'Connell was named Logan Sportswoman of the Year at City of Logan Sports Awards in 2021.





# Living Museum of Logan: what is it?

When the Living Museum of Logan opens its doors at the Kingston Butter Factory Cultural Precinct in April, there will be nothing else like it in Australia.

But what is a 'living museum'?

Simply put, while traditional museums are about the past, research and study, living museums are about living people and living cultures.

Living Museum of Logan Curator, Sana Balai, says that, unlike traditional museums, the Living Museum of Logan won't acquire artwork or have an art collection.

'People can come and tell their stories through art and other forms – it is a place to see, hear and learn about other cultures too – and whatever we display, people take back with them at the end of the exhibition,' Sana says.

The Living Museum of Logan includes a First Nations space, offering a place for First Nations peoples to tell their stories and for others to learn about First Nations culture and history. It is also a space for First Nations peoples to learn about other cultures of the people who call Logan home.

'Museums are often seen as a place where their cultural material is stored in some dark place,' Sana says.

'I've spent the past 6 months meeting with local people and explaining the concept of this living museum. And, yes, museums do have collections of cultural materials, but this living museum won't.'

A Bougainville Elder, Sana says Logan's living museum is a place where the community can come and tell their stories, feel safe and feel they belong.

Sana was born on Buka Island, Autonomous Region of Bougainville in Papua New Guinea, and began her museum career in the Indigenous Department of the Melbourne Museum. She went on to be Assistant Curator, Indigenous Arts, at the National Gallery of Victoria before joining the Living Museum of Logan.

'I feel really privileged to have been given this opportunity to work on this project,' she says.

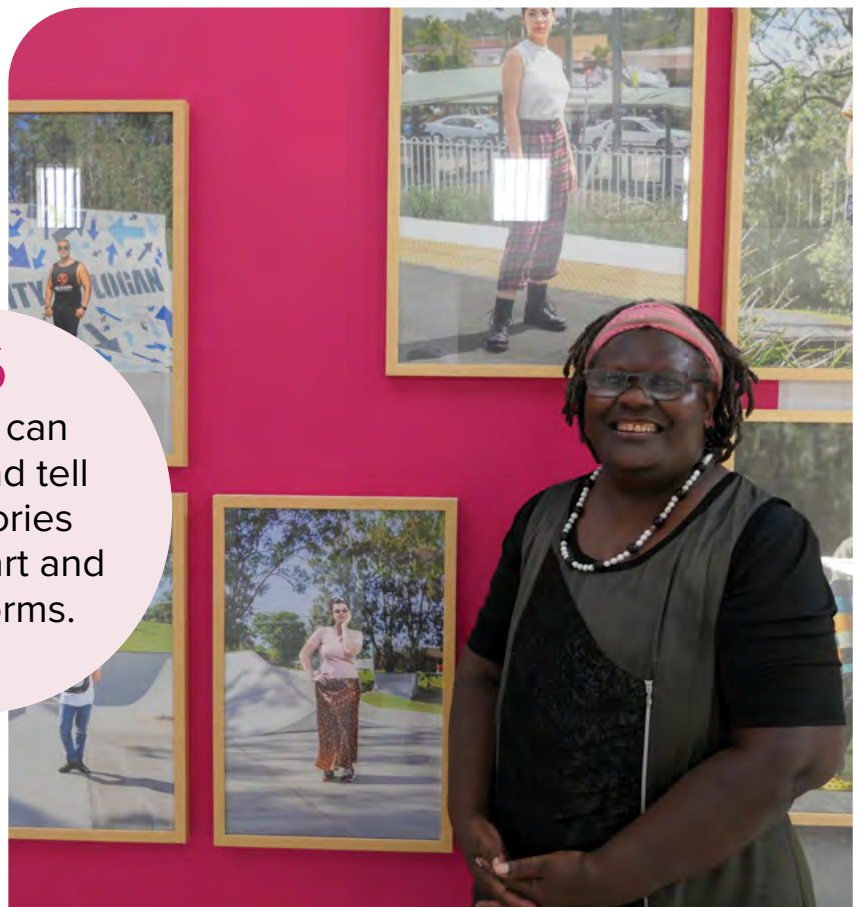
## Opening exhibitions:

- **First Nations space:** learn about First Nations' languages and culture and hear digital stories from Logan's elders
- **Nourish:** food stories connecting people, cultures and countries
- **Snapshot!:** capturing street styles of the City of Logan

W: [loganarts.com.au](http://loganarts.com.au)

Living Museum of Logan Curator Sana Balai with images from *Snapshot!*

“People can come and tell their stories through art and other forms.”





# KINGSTON BUTTER FACTORY CULTURAL PRECINCT

Logan's new cultural heartland



## OUTDOOR STAGE

The Kingston Butter Factory Cultural Precinct is home to Logan's largest outdoor stage.

Offering a spectacular 2022 program including national acts, major festivals and free community events.

## Now open



## MARKETS

Monthly Friday night markets and weekly Saturday morning farmers' markets with fresh local produce, craft, art, international foods, and entertainment.



## DEVON PIXIES TEA HOUSE

Dine-in or takeaway tasty treats with fresh coffee, tea and more.

## Coming soon



## LIVING MUSEUM OF LOGAN

A place to see, hear and experience the stories of Logan.

Image: Louis Lim, *Dave*, 2020, digital photograph. From the exhibition *Snapshot!*



## BUTTERBOX THEATRE

A contemporary black box theatre hosting drama, comedy, music, workshops and talks.

Tickets and full program of events at [loganarts.com.au](https://loganarts.com.au)



# Citizen of the Year

## motivated by empowering others

Logan is full of extraordinary people going above and beyond for each other, and Ranandy Stanley's tireless commitment to her community makes her a truly deserving winner of 2022 Citizen of the Year at the city's Australia Day awards.

Her dedication is unwavering. She provides emergency and food relief to community members in crisis, visits prisons through her role with Hope Centre, and advocates for her Samoan community on Logan Samoan Advisory Inc and Voice for Samoan People Inc. She also supports her local school as a Samoan elder and P&C member, and works as a

healthcare interpreter and community radio announcer.

In 2019, Ranandy launched Hope Centre's 'Community Connect Lunch'. It's an event that regularly attracts more than 100 people, many of whom find new pathways to other community groups, services and relationships to enhance their lives.

If that didn't keep her busy enough, Ranandy is a mum of 2.

While Ranandy wears many hats in the community, one thing drives her – a focus on empowering others. She is motivated by giving people dignity and a voice, finding their strengths and amplifying them – and Logan is a brighter place for her efforts.



Logan Citizen of the Year Ranandy Stanley.

### FIND OUT MORE:

**W:** [tinyurl.com/2p8fsw4r](https://tinyurl.com/2p8fsw4r)



Moya McKeon OAM has been posthumously inducted into the City of Logan's Wall of Acclaim.

## Moya McKeon honoured on Wall of Acclaim

A new name has joined the company of community service champions, veterans, celebrities and sports stars on the City of Logan's Wall of Acclaim.

Moya McKeon OAM was posthumously inducted for her lifelong service to the community of Beenleigh.

Moya, who passed away in February 2021, was among the founders of Quota International Beenleigh in 1973.

As a committee member, and later as president, she worked tirelessly to improve the lives of countless people in Beenleigh and beyond.

Moya was instrumental in the development of the Beenleigh & Districts Senior Citizens Centre and the Beenleigh PCYC.

She also helped start the Beenleigh Netball Association in 1977 and advocated for the construction of its Coral Street netball courts, which are still in use.

Moya's friend and former Quotarian, Division 12 Councillor Karen Murphy, nominated her for the honour.

'Moya lived a life that was full of giving to help others. Along the way she touched thousands of people's lives and made this world a better place,' Cr Murphy says.

The City of Logan's Wall of Acclaim is on Democracy Way in Logan Central.

Profiles of the City of Logan's Wall of Acclaim inductees are also listed online.

**W:** [logan.qld.gov.au/awards/wall-acclaim](https://logan.qld.gov.au/awards/wall-acclaim)



# Logan's mild-mannered change-maker

**C**ath Bartolo is proof you don't need to be the loudest voice in the room to have impact.

Her mild manner and gentle approach belie a tenacity that's helped change thousands of lives across 30 years of community sector work in the City of Logan.

If you've needed help in Logan with housing, employment or raising a family, or have been impacted by substance misuse or domestic and family violence, there's a good chance you've accessed a program Cath's had a hand in.

Starting work as a teacher in 1989, Cath soon came into contact with the organisation now known as YFS Ltd. Today, YFS is one of the most respected not-for-profit services in

South East Queensland, and Cath has been its CEO for the past 20 years.

In November, Cath's long-standing community contribution was recognised with the Stan Wells Award, the top honour at the City of Logan Safe City Awards 2021. She was surprised and humbled by the recognition, and quick to pay tribute to the people and teams she's worked with over the years.

'The award represents the work of YFS – our staff, partners and clients – rather than what I've achieved,' she says.

'The story of YFS is the story of our staff and clients. It's the story of our partners – the community, police, politicians and Council.



Cath Bartolo.

'YFS can't work with people in isolation. It's critical we work with others and help people navigate the services available, and we've been effective because of those partnerships.'

Cath received a Member of the Order of Australia in this year's Australia Day honours.

#### READ MORE:

**W:** [ourlogan.com.au](https://ourlogan.com.au)

## Celebrate Neighbours of Logan – Sunday 27 March

Getting to know your neighbours creates feelings of belonging, a safe place to live and a wonderful space for friendships to grow.

**Share your Neighbours of Logan good news story for your chance to win a \$50 voucher!**

Send us a one minute video describing your connections with your neighbours to enter. Your video may also feature in Logan's Neighbour Day campaign.

Competition open until 13 March 2022.

For information and resources, visit [logan.qld.gov.au/neighbours-of-logan](https://logan.qld.gov.au/neighbours-of-logan)



 neighbour day

# Gardens great for wellbeing

Community gardens are as good for wellbeing as for the environment – and the groups that run Logan’s community gardens are truly passionate about what they do.

Jimbelungare at Sturdee Park in Loganlea and the Jimboomba Community Garden based at Hills College are no exception, with the members saying the hard work and challenges thrown up by COVID are worth it for the rewards.

‘It’s my little piece of paradise,’ says Jimbelungare group member Debra Maher.

‘We have 17 full members, and the people who tend the garden come from all walks of life and all cultural backgrounds,’ she says.

‘There is a real social side.’

President of Jimboomba Community Garden committee Beth Cook agrees community gardens are just as great for friendships and connection as the environment.

‘It is a place where you can go and see beautiful things, feel peaceful and mindful and get in touch with nature – there’s so many benefits,’ she says.

‘I think COVID has led to people really wanting to feel connected again and this is a nice way to do that.’

Both gardens have Skilling Queenslanders for Work participants. They also have community groups and local university students as well as regular meet ups and swap events for members and supporters.



On Jimboomba Community Garden’s Crop Swap Sundays, local gardeners share and exchange information and produce.

**W:** [ourlogan.com.au/environment](http://ourlogan.com.au/environment)

**f** @JimbelugareCommunityGarden

**f** @JimboombaCommunityGarden

## Beekeeping family puts bees first

In the 8 years since they bought their first beehives, the Roebig family has created a thriving local cottage industry.

Selling raw honey and a wide range of lush honey-based body care products, the business has grown from an honesty system – where

people collected a jar of honey and dropped the money off at their front door – to sales via their farmgate and online store.

Today, the family of beekeepers has 15 hives on their property and around 125 more spread across the region.

With original products under their core brand Bee All Natural, the Roebigs also have an expanding range of natural lip balms, body balms, and moisturisers, all without parabens or other synthetic products. These sit under the brand, Bee You.

Jason Roebig says the way they keep bees is as important as the products they produce. ‘We’re going back to how bees were kept generations ago,’ he says.

‘You need to be ethical, sustainable and respectful of the bees. Our bees come first.’

Jason and wife Natasha have lived in the City of Logan since they were teenagers and are enthusiastic about the future for those like themselves operating small to medium businesses.

**READ THE FULL ARTICLE:**

**W:** [tinyurl.com/3nhbaut6](http://tinyurl.com/3nhbaut6)

Natasha, Miranda and Jason Roebig from Bee All Natural.







# LEAF

LOGAN ECO ACTION FESTIVAL



## SUNDAY 5 JUNE 2022

## 9 AM TO 3 PM

GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY, LOGAN CAMPUS, MEADOWBROOK

### World Environment Day

Three stages with talks from world-class environmentalists, eco-exhibitors, plant sale, sustainable cooking demonstrations, hands-on workshops, eco-markets, fun kids' activities.

For the full program go to [leafevent.com.au](http://leafevent.com.au)

and keep up to date on the  
Facebook site  [leafevent](https://www.facebook.com/leafevent)



## Foodie family brings all-day desserts to Jimboomba



Crunchy's owner Matthew Tonnaer with some Crunchy's customers.

**C**runchy's Café opened in October, and it's already established a reputation for offering something a little out of the ordinary – which is just what the foodie family who run it had in mind.

Matthew and Mary-Ann Tonnaer moved to Australia from the Netherlands in 2015 with their daughters. From 2017, they toured events with their double-decker bus, serving waffles to event-goers.

The idea of Crunchy's Café came when COVID saw many events cancelled and their business struggle.

The family found the perfect location – in the centre of Jimboomba – and Crunchy's Café was born.

'We really couldn't find anywhere else like this – and now we get people coming here from Brisbane and the Gold Coast, especially the Dutch community,' says Matthew.

Specialising in breakfast, the café also opens in the evening, serving grazing platters and wines from local wineries or locally-brewed beer.

'We always buy from local suppliers

when possible, companies who pour their heart into their product,' says Matthew.

'That fits with our philosophy – and I think that's what makes people come here and makes it a vibrant place.'

Crunchy's is located at Jimboomba Central Shopping Centre.

**W:** [crunchys.com.au/crunchyscafe/](http://crunchys.com.au/crunchyscafe/)

**f** @crunchysaustralia

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## Winning the battle on water leaks

**W**ater leaks can be costly, hard to repair, tough to detect – and they're quite common.

Luckily, there are some simple things you can do to ensure you don't get any nasty surprises.

One of the most important is checking your water meter regularly to identify concealed leaks early. You'll be able to track any unusual increases in water use that could indicate a leak on your property.

**To locate your water meter:** check the nature strip outside the front boundary of your property, near the left or the right boundary. Some properties may even have the water meter within the property boundary.

**To read your water meter:** lift the meter box lid and the protective cap on the water meter. You'll see black digits that register kilolitres. Other coloured digits (red/white) register litres. The number displays should be read from left to right.

Depending on the type of meter, red digits may be set around a few small dials. These dials should be read from right to left.

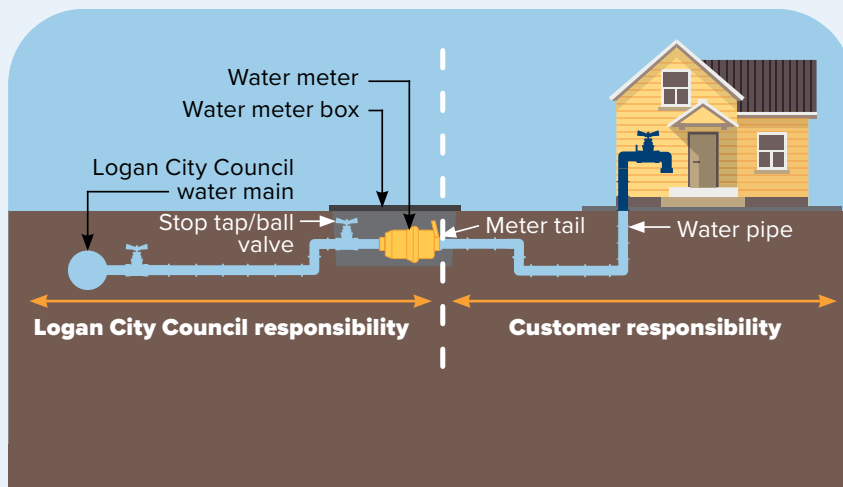
Other ways to check for unaccounted water use in and around your property are:

- Fix visible leaks as soon as they occur.
- Repair dripping taps.
- Check hot water systems and solar heaters regularly.
- Check the swimming pool and toilets for leaks.

**TIP:** Get into the habit of checking your water meter regularly - check it when you put the bin out each week!

To find out how to use your water meter to check for a leak on your property, visit the link below.

**W:** [logan.qld.gov.au/waterleaks](http://logan.qld.gov.au/waterleaks)





**6 MAY TO 11 JUNE**

## **ALTERED STATES**

### **Migaloo press artist collective**

*Altered states* is a print collaboration between members of Migaloo Press Artist Collective in Queensland and members of Firestation Print Studio in Victoria.

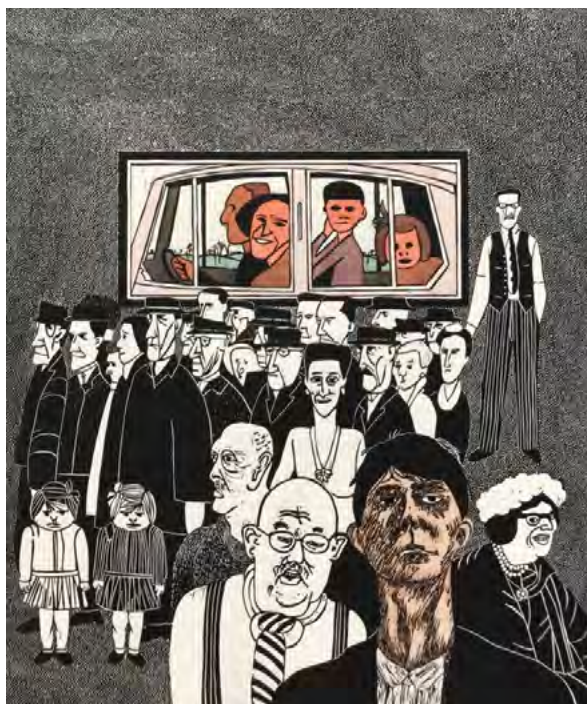


Image: Sue Poggioli, *The car*, 2018, handcoloured linoprint

## **INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE IN ART**

### **Queensland Artists Society:**

The Queensland Wildlife Artists Society Inc. presents an exhibition of paintings, pastel works, drawings and sculptures of wildlife.



Image: Sandi Lear, *Bracken (Sweet Faced Wallaby)*, triptych, watercolour on paper (2020)  
Best overall Wildlife Art on Exhibit



## **THE SHINING MOON**

### **Lien Jansen**

Kuraby artist Lien Jansen, presents illustrations and text from her new children's book *The shining moon*.

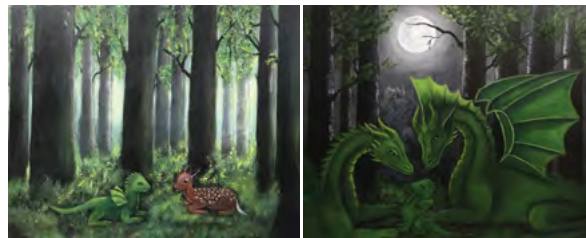


Image left: Lien Jansen, *Friendship*, 2020, acrylic on canvas  
Image right: Lien Jansen, *Loving parents*, 2020, acrylic on canvas

## **Arts grants**

Do you have an arts project to bring to life?  
Applications for the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) open on Tuesday 22 March with up to \$8000 per project on offer. Submit your grant application before Tuesday 19 April. Find out more at [logan.qld.gov.au/RADF](http://logan.qld.gov.au/RADF). You'll need to contact the RADF Liaison Officer to discuss your grant eligibility by phone on 3412 5426.

*RADF is a partnership between the Queensland Government and Logan City Council to support local arts and culture in regional Queensland.*



Image: Kell Lindsay and Rachael Lee in Rachael's studio

# Playground set to spring to life

The playground in Barbaralla Park at Springwood is getting a \$304,000 upgrade.

Councillor Lisa Bradley says the new playground has been designed with a natural theme to reflect the park's large existing trees.

'There will be 4 main playground spaces to cater for different ages and abilities to deliver a fresh new look to this popular park,' Cr Bradley says.

Work has begun on the project and it's expected to be completed mid-year.

The new play equipment will include large and small climbing towers with slides, a basket swing, a timber sounding drum and native animal spring rockers.

A mixture of bark mulch and rubber soft fall will be placed under the play spaces.

Connecting the spaces will be an adventure circuit made up of timber balance logs, large stone boulders and a timber rope run.

A semi-circle pathway loop will surround the new playground and offer seating spaces to accommodate wheelchair and prams and allow parents to sit nearby as they watch their children play.

A picnic space will also be constructed with seats, tables, rubbish bins and a drinking fountain with a dog bowl. It will be connected to the existing barbecue area via a concrete slab.



“There will be 4 main playground spaces to cater for different ages and abilities.”

Cr Lisa Bradley in Barbaralla Park ahead of the playground upgrade.

## Road safety measures under way

Traffic calming measures are under way on a busy Springwood street.

The 2 existing pedestrian refuge crossings on Magellan Rd, opposite Chatswood Central Shopping Centre and near Chatswood Hill State School, are being upgraded.

The elevated pedestrian crossings will improve user safety while reducing the speed of general traffic on this street.

Councillor Lisa Bradley says the works will make the road safer for residents and students at nearby Chatswood Hill State School.

'This is a busy area with lots of traffic and pedestrians and it is important to encourage and educate drivers not to speed through this location,' Cr Bradley says.

Council has also marked 18 new parking bays on Bergion St at Rochedale South near Springwood State School and upgraded line-marking.

Cr Bradley says the works will better manage the space and make it clearer for everyone on where to park safely near the school.

'We want to improve the traffic flow during peak hours,' she says.



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## Tidy town awards on the horizon

**D**ivision 2 recently hosted a pilot program to reduce illegal roadside rubbish dumping and the results show the local community wants to help tackle this issue.

‘When we think of illegal dumping, we picture trucks offloading commercial waste. Residents throwing their furniture and rubbish onto footpaths has become the biggest issue and we are offended that our ratepayers’ dollars are spent cleaning up their mess,’ Cr Lane says.

In just one month of the pilot, 79 residential waste-related offences were identified and more than 55,000

litres of waste dumped in a public space was removed at no cost to ratepayers.

Plans are under way to make this a full-time program.

‘The program relies on community members reporting illegal footpath dumping, and council has made it easier to report dumpers,’ Cr Lane says.

‘If you see a neighbour or anyone dumping rubbish onto the roadside - don’t let it slide, please scan the QR code on this page and report it straight away.’



## Play time in Division 2

**T**ucked away at the rear of a leafy park at 35A North Road, Woodridge, The Family Place community centre is a local family favourite.

The centre is run by the Salvation Army, where parents can bring their children to explore, play and create – and it’s free.

Division 2 Councillor Teresa Lane says that from Messy Play Mondays to creative craft with nature and risk play, The Family Place provides a healthy environment for children to explore and for parents to participate in the fun.

‘From chickens to forts, tractor tyre play areas to an old Queensland Rail train, if you’re a parent looking for great programs to access for your toddler, there’s something for young children of all abilities to enjoy,’ Cr Lane says.

‘As part of our commitment to funding great local initiatives, Council

has funded a water pump play area through the Community Benefit Fund.

‘Kids love using the recycled water feature which will last a long time – so thanks Division 2 residents!’

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There’s something for young children of all abilities to enjoy.



Cr Lane participates in messy play.

# Community at the heart of new centre

The Cronulla Park Indoor Sports Centre has joined the ranks of the best sporting facilities in the City of Logan – but it's so much more than that.

Councillor Mindy Russell says the multi-purpose venue, which opened late last year, is already a popular place for the community to connect, learn and relax.

'One of the key features of the centre is the outside school hours care service and wide range of youth programs, which have already been a great support to local families,' Cr Russell says.

The centre is managed by the Logan PCYC.

A range of youth and community programs are held at the venue, while

Cr Mindy Russell with gymnasts (from left) Lucy Auton, Melisa Lawrie, Ella Gonthier, Jessica Kent and Karleah Griffin at the new Cronulla Park Indoor Sports Centre in Slacks Creek.



several rooms of different sizes are available for hire.

For the fitness fanatics, the centre includes a 24-hour gym and a boxing ring.

It also has a large gymnastics facility built to regional standards.

'The huge gymnastics venue is the first thing you notice as you walk through the doors,' Cr Russell says.

'The second thing is the many talented young gymnasts already

achieving amazing things in this new space.

'It's certainly easy to imagine that some of Queensland's next Olympians will come from here in the City of Logan.'

The Cronulla Park Indoor Sports Centre is on the corner of Kingston Road and Compton Road in Slacks Creek.

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## Closer eye on Daisy Hill streets

Residents of Daisy Hill will be able to sleep more soundly as new eyes in the sky will be keeping watch over the suburb's streets.

Three CCTV safety cameras are being installed at 'pinch point' intersections on Chatswood and Daisy Hill Roads, to monitor traffic movement through the area.

A pinch point is an intersection through which most vehicles, including any would-be offenders, must travel to access local streets.

Councillor Mindy Russell worked closely with the Queensland Police Service and Daisy Hill Neighbourhood Watch to identify prime locations for surveillance.

'I'm very glad to be able to give the community of Daisy Hill some more peace-of-mind when it comes to the safety and security of their homes,' Cr Russell says.

'The installation of new CCTV safety cameras is an important strategy that aims to not only capture, but deter crime in our loved neighbourhoods.'

Neighbourhood Watch President John Devaus says the installation of the cameras was a good start towards improving community safety.

'What we're looking for is a safe and secure and friendly place to live and the cameras should aid in doing that,' John says.

Cr Mindy Russell with Daisy Hill Neighbourhood Watch president John Devaus.





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# Family adventure awaits on the rail trail

One of the most enjoyable ways to experience some of Logan's best kept secrets is on a bicycle, taking in the natural serenity along the Logan Village to Yarrabilba Rail Trail.

Walkers, joggers, hikers and cyclists are enjoying the scenery along the 3.5 km trail, which has become popular with families and residents with active lifestyles.

City Lifestyle Chair and Division 4 Councillor, Laurie Koranski, says the Rail Trail and the recently completed Logan Village River Link pathway better connects the local community.

'This is one of the best ways to explore nature in our city's big back yard,' Cr Koranski says.

'Walkers and cyclists can now enjoy the old Canungra spur line, which connects the oldest areas of our city with the newest.'

The trail has a watercourse crossing, wayfinding and custom-designed signage.

The repurposed ironwork on the entry sign is an artwork originally crafted by local blacksmith Alan Ball for the old bandstand at the Logan Village Green.

Other parts of the ironwork reference the original train line, river barges, a nearby former World War II army base and local fauna and flora.

The \$2.6 million project is a joint initiative of Logan City Council and the Queensland Government and included \$2 million in funding from the Queensland Government's Unite and Recover Community Stimulus program.

The project also attracted \$200,000 for the feasibility study and design stage from the Queensland Government's Rail Trails Local Government Grants Program.

Cr Koranski enjoys the rail trail.



## Councillor Laurie Koranski

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## Plenty of Buzz at Yarrabilba

Council asked for your input and you responded to help name the Yarrabilba community hub as The Buzz at Yarrabilba.

Currently under construction on Basalt Dr (between the Yarrabilba State Secondary College and San Damiano College), the centre will open mid-year.

It's a great partnership between Council, the Queensland Government, Brisbane Catholic Education and Lendlease.

'Thanks to everyone in the Yarrabilba community who provided feedback. We look forward to launching the hub and providing a space that will benefit everyone,' Cr Koranski says.







Deputy Mayor Jon Raven (right) with Matu Community of Queensland president Lal Ram Nghet at the new entry to Melissa Street Oval.

## Kicking goals with park upgrades

**P**opular Melissa Street Oval, in JJ Smith Park in Marsden, has undergone a \$338,000 upgrade.

A new gazebo/undercover multifunction area has been built along with a new toilet block. An existing building has been refurbished into storage space.

A safety camera has also been installed, along with additional parking spaces for people with disability and a new entry pathway.

Melissa Street Oval, off First Ave, is leased by City of Logan's Matu Community of Queensland for soccer, volleyball and other recreational, fund-raising and community-building activities.

Deputy Mayor and Division 5 Councillor Jon Raven says the Melissa Street Oval upgrade was jointly funded by Division 5 and Division 2 (Cr Teresa Lane) via divisional funding.

Matu Community of Queensland President Lal Ram thanked Councillors Raven and Lane and Logan City Council for the works.

'This will help our Matu community grow and make it easier for us to get youth and other local community groups involved in our activities there,' Lal says.

Cr Raven says the upgrade is just one part of an extensive program of works in parks across Division 5 this year.

'Our area has never seen investment of this scale in parks, which is great news for the local community,' he says.

Other Division 5 parks projects (completed or planned) include:

- the \$13 million new Waterford West Sports Park, including a water play area and wetlands walk (Stage One), which includes \$500,000 in divisional funding
- community consultation for a \$670,000 upgrade of the Crestmead Skate Park, including new lighting and a safety camera
- new safety cameras in Marsden's Brandon Park and Kim Park, with works planned this year for a new gazebo and lighting in the Brandon Park dog off-leash area
- lighting and a water bubbler for the basketball court in Pauline Park at Marsden.

## Makos take bigger bite for sporting success

**A**n expansion of the grandstand on the main field at Marsden State High School is a boost for Makos fans this season.

The grandstand is named after the school's best-known alumnus, former Australia, Queensland and Melbourne Storm captain Cameron Smith, who retired last year after a career that featured a record 433 NRL games.

Smith returned to his hometown late last year when he was guest speaker at the 2021 City of Logan Sports Awards and is scheduled to be involved in the opening of the new grandstand.

Deputy Mayor Jon Raven supported the expansion of the Makos grandstand with \$100,000 of divisional funding over 2 years.

'The Marsden Makos are a powerhouse in school sport and the upgrade to the grandstand will allow more fans to cheer them on to new triumphs,' Cr Raven says.

Marsden SHS Executive Principal Andrew Peach thanked Cr Raven for supporting the grandstand upgrade project.

'This is a wonderful investment for the future of our school sports program and our local community,' he says.

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# Mexican stand-down at Bethania

One of the city's more challenging intersections is a step closer to being fixed.

The upgrade to Albert Street, Station Road and the Logan River Road off ramp intersection at Bethania, which includes traffic signals, is expected to be completed next month.

The upgrade was part of the record \$147 million roads expenditure in Logan City Council's 2021/22 budget.

The upgrade also received funding from the Australian Government's Roads to Recovery and Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

Councillor Tony Hall says the intersection generated complaints from frustrated motorists.

'It used to be like a Mexican stand-off and there were accidents and near misses on nearly a daily basis,' Cr Hall says.

'The traffic lights will take all the guess work out of who has right of way which will make a big difference.'

Council manages more than 2,322 km of sealed roads, 1,317 km of footpaths, 32,000 streetlights and 1,293 km of stormwater pipes.

## Artists fired up for pottery

Surely this is the hottest thing in Loganlea right now.

The Logan Artists Association has a new kiln building thanks to a funding grant from the Division 6 Local Infrastructure Program (LIP).

It will enable the kiln firing process to be conducted without the need for more extraction fans, making the process safer and more efficient.

Councillor Tony Hall says demand for pottery classes at the Logan Artists Association was the catalyst for the new building.

'It's a very popular art form here and anyone who has visited the gallery or seen an exhibition from here will have seen some high-quality works,' Cr Hall says.

'The association has grown from a small collective to a major community hub and the kiln is another step forward for the association.'

LIP funding is designed to address specific local infrastructure needs in each division.

Logan Artists Association President Di Flack says her organisation provides a range of regular classes, short courses, special workshops and social activities to support and encourage the development of artistic skills.

Its headquarters in Coral Street, Loganlea, is also home to the Able Gallery, named after former Councillor for the division, Graham Able.

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The association has grown from a small collective to a major community hub.



Cr Tony Hall with Logan Artists Association president Di Flack in the pottery room.



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Cr Tim Frazer with Bev Martin, Maggie Palanca and Kathy Smith.

## Kathy defends hope by helping to break the cycle

**K**athy Smith, alongside daughters Tina and Tomeeka and daughter-in-law Elise, are dedicating their lives to supporting victims of domestic violence through their charity, Defenders for Hope.

The tragic death of their friend Doreen Langham in February last year empowered them to act.

Feeling a sense of hopelessness, and with big hearts and a commitment to make a difference, they set out to honour their late friend by supporting families affected by domestic violence.

Defenders for Hope also helps underprivileged families, the homeless and teenagers in challenging circumstances.

'Doreen was such a beautiful person who did so much for her community,' Kathy says.

'Domestic violence has a devastating impact on families, and we thought this was the best way to help those affected.'

'I say families because we also try to help the perpetrators through counselling and support.'

Defenders for Hope set up its first hub in Logan Village in March last year and has opened a new support

service in Hillcrest, which Kathy manages.

'Defenders for Hope and the work that Kathy and her family is doing is remarkable,' Councillor Tim Frazer says.

'To pull it all together in such a short space of time is testament to her dedication.'

'If you need affordable clothing or homewares please consider dropping by to help them continue their wonderful work.'

Defenders for Hope is funded by op shops that sell donated items.

You can help Defenders for Hope through its Facebook page.

 @defendersforhope

## Footy season kicks off

**T**he Ashes are over, the good guys won, so now it's time for the footy to begin.

Division 7 is home to 4 teams across 4 codes and all clubs bring a sense of community to local suburbs.

The Browns Plains Bears, the local rugby league team, fields teams from under 6 through to the INTECH Open Men's Division 2 South competition. The senior team beat Beenleigh in the final last year and it looks like another big season is in store from them.

The Browns Plains Mets are Division 7's rugby union team in the 15-a-side game, and it plays on the grounds of Browns Plains State School.

Logan City Bears, based at Regents Park, compete in the 9-team Queensland Grid Iron competition.

Meanwhile, it's all aboard the pirate ship, with training under way for the Park Ridge Pirates AFC youth side. The Juniors will start training on 17 March 2022.

'I'd like to wish all our sporting teams the best of luck this season,' Cr Frazer says.

'I encourage residents of Division 7 to show their support by getting along and watching a game, or registering the kids to play, as these teams contribute enormously to the community and are all run on the awesome efforts of volunteers.'

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# Good signs ahead for **iconic koala mural**

**A**n institution in Division 8 is on the way back.

Works are nearing completion to repair and repaint a well-known entry sign on Bayliss Rd, Heritage Park, after a traffic accident damaged the structure last year.

The blockwork sign, which featured a mural depicting a koala, was one of 2 built when the area was developed in the late 1980s.

Councillor Jacob Heremaia says repairs have been completed and a new mural won't be far away.

'This mural is well-loved by the community and many people were saddened when it was damaged in August,' Cr Heremaia says.

'Division 8 Local Infrastructure Program funding was provided to

**“**  
Our beloved koala will be back to welcome people into this beautiful part of Division 8.  
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rebuild the sign as it was structurally unsound after the accident.

'Unfortunately, the old sign had just been painted with fresh new colours, which had been well-received by locals.



Cr Jacob Heremaia at the rebuilt entry sign on Bayliss Rd.

'The rebuilt sign is now a blank canvas ready for repainting and I can't wait to see the new mural.

'I'm excited that our beloved koala will be back to welcome people into this beautiful part of Division 8.'

## **Stay connected** with your **community**

**L**ocal residents are invited to attend regular community meetings to learn about what's happening in the area.

Cr Heremaia says the gatherings will help locals to stay updated.

'The meetings will feature guest speakers including community leaders, Council officers and local police officers, and we welcome questions from the floor,' he says.

'It's also a great opportunity for people in our neighbourhoods to meet and connect with each other.'

The next meeting will be held on 19 May at Logan Metro Sport and Events Centre, 357 Browns Plains Rd, Crestmead, from 6 pm to 7 pm.

Light refreshments will be served.

Details about these meetings will also be posted on Cr Heremaia's Facebook page.



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Sam Escobar, Senior Constable Damian Jones, Claudia Escobar, Senior Constable Matt Down, Cr Jacob Heremaia at a recent community meeting.



# Mustangs riding high on **facility upgrades**



Cr Scott Bannan with Mustangs Rugby League Football Club president Geoff Burr.

**M**ustangs Brothers Rugby League Football Club is ready and raring for the 2022 rugby league season after a series of facility upgrades.

Improvements at the Chambers Flat club include a re-turfed field, a lighting upgrade and a new irrigation system with large capacity holding tanks.

Councillor Scott Bannan welcomed Local Infrastructure Program (LIP) funding for a security gate and a surveillance camera overlooking the community hall and carpark.

The works have come at an ideal time for the growing club.

'The mighty Mustangs have gone from strength to strength in recent years,' Cr Bannan says.

'I wanted to help the club keep its grounds and its young kids safer, so we can all get out there and enjoy some top-notch rugby league.'

A further \$80,000 of LIP funding was provided so the proudly sun-smart club could install shade sails and complete concreting.

Mustangs president Geoff Burr says the club's committee, including treasurer Nicci Martin and secretary Belinda Burr has worked hard to future-proof Mustangs RLFC.

The club appreciates Cr Bannan's efforts. 'He's just got sport in his blood and he knows it's good for kids,' Geoff says.

He says Mustangs Brothers RLFC is also focussed on youth development.

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We use rugby league as a stepping stone to just make better human beings in the Logan area.

The club runs regular mental health seminars and this year has provided office facilities for the Reclink and Link and Launch employment services.

'We use rugby league as a stepping stone to just make better human beings in the Logan area,' Geoff says.

## Jimboomba sporting clubs all get a win



### Councillor Scott Bannan

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**H**ow do you excite Jimboomba's cricketers, equestrians, athletes, footballers and tennis players all at once?

Build a footpath to better connect their clubs to the local community, that's how.

A concrete pathway has been constructed along Henderson Rd to improve access between Glenlogan Park, Jimboomba Equine Carriage Club, Jimboomba Tennis Club, and Jimboomba Athletics Centre.

Glenlogan Park is home for the Jimboomba Cricket Club and the Jimboomba Redbacks Australian Football Club.

The path also connects the clubs to the nearby Riverton housing development on Cusack Lane.

Councillor Scott Bannan says the footpath, which extends to the intersection of Victoria Dr and St Jude Cct, is a win for community safety.

'Our great Henderson Rd sporting clubs have always had fantastic support from the Jimboomba community and we're expecting that to grow as more people move to the area,' Cr Bannan says.

'As the road gets busier, this footpath will let our athletes, families and young kids travel safely from sport to sport.'

The new footpath is 810 metres long and 1.5 metres wide. All up, \$130,000 of LIP funding was allocated to the project.

Cr Scott Bannan with Jimboomba Cricket Club president Melissa Benstead, Fiona Strachan and Will Turner, 6, from the Jimboomba Equine Carriage Club.







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Cr Stemp with Kim Wright, Geoff Leeming and Emma Glencross from KENG, who have been given a lease to operate Tudor Park Community Recreation Centre.

## Fresh focus for **Loganholme community centre**

A range of activities and programs will soon be available for the local community at the Tudor Park Community Recreation Centre, Clarks Rd Loganholme (formally PCYC Tudor Park).

There are wellbeing activities, playgroups and educational, employment and parenting programs planned for the centre.

Kingston East Neighbourhood Group, better known as KENG, has been given a 2 year lease from Logan City Council to operate the recreation centre.

Councillor Miriam Stemp welcomed KENG to the local community.

'They have 36 years' experience running the highly successful Kingston East Neighbourhood Group and we look forward to seeing the wonderful programs and activities they implement in Loganholme,' Cr Stemp says.

KENG Manager Kim Wright says the centre will be the focal point for members of the community of all ages to experience a variety of activities.

'We plan to consult with the local community about their needs as it's their centre,' Kim says.

“ We look forward to seeing the wonderful programs and activities they implement in Loganholme.

'Our aim is to provide a welcoming and inclusive environment working alongside community partners.'

The centre will operate Monday to Friday with some weekend activities planned later.

KENG also plans to build a community garden and establish a social enterprise activity around employment opportunities to improve the skill sets of the community.



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## Dog-friendly facility sets tails wagging

A new dog off-leash area has opened in Tansey Park at Tanah Merah with separate areas for large and smaller dogs.

Each area contains a shelter shed with a picnic table, dog waste bin with bag dispenser, dog-friendly drinking fountain and information signs.

Councillor Miriam Stemp says the facilities are a great addition to the community for local dog owners and carers.

'Dogs play an enormous role in many people's lives and it's great we can give them access to dedicated areas to race around and burn off energy in the fresh air,' she says.



Cr Miriam Stemp and her pet pooch Cocoa.

'Off-leash dog parks offer a place where dogs can exercise, play games and socialise with other dogs as well as practise training techniques.'

Cr Stemp encouraged residents to check out tips for using off-leash dog areas online before using the park.

**W:** [logan.qld.gov.au/off-leash-dog-parks](http://logan.qld.gov.au/off-leash-dog-parks)





Cr Natalie Willcocks at the intersection of Teviot and Middle Roads, Greenbank.

## Upgrade plans for **Greenbank intersection**

**T**he Teviot Road and Middle Road intersection is set for a series of upgrades to cater to the expected increase in traffic demand.

Stage one improvements will be delivered in mid-2022, while a new larger roundabout will be built in a second stage of works as part of the Teviot Road upgrade.

A longer-term solution will involve constructing an elevated interchange at the intersection as well as a new bridge over the railway line.

Councillor Natalie Willcocks says these upgrades will make a big difference to traffic flow.

'I know people are frustrated when travelling through this section of road, because the current roundabout no longer meets the needs of our

growing population,' Cr Willcocks says.

'That's why there will be 2 interim projects to improve the current roundabout before the ultimate design is delivered.

Cr Willcocks thanked residents for participating in the community consultation period late last year and says early planning for the road network around Greenbank State School will get under way this year.

"With our population set to almost double by 2041, we have committed a record investment in roads to keep up with our city's growth," Cr Willcocks says.

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

**W:** [logan.qld.gov.au/roads-upgrade-plan](http://logan.qld.gov.au/roads-upgrade-plan)

## **Improved facilities** on the way **for popular parks**

**L**ocals may have noticed recent enhancements in some Division 11 parks, including:

- 2 electric barbecues at Flagstone Park, which is a popular venue with families thanks to its water play area, adventure playground and picnic area (signage is also planned in the near future to help visitors move around)
- the completion of the Spring Mountain Reserve trail signage project, which included 74 new signs to help people safely navigate the walking trails.

Works are under way at New Beith's Richard Wilson Park for an all-access toilet connected to the bus stop, along with 2 car park bays and a drinking fountain. In addition, works are planned later this year for:

- Lavelle Park at Greenbank to replace existing picnic shelters and wood-fired barbecues
- an all-access two-cubicle toilet facility at Homestead Park, Flagstone

- new playground equipment at Settler's Park, Flagstone
- Ison Park — new Pump Track to be delivered.

Other improvements are in the planning and design phase for Lavelle Park and Punter Park, Greenbank.

New barbecues have been added to Flagstone Park.



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Cr Karen Murphy hands over the keys to renovated 1 Bishop St, Eagleby to BHDC Chief Executive Officer Will Davis. Also pictured are (from left) Zaine Daylight Davis, Maxine Hilt, Amanda Rachow, Uncle Peter Eather and Randall Wardell.

# Renovation delivers new base for **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander housing charity**

**T**he Beenleigh Housing & Development Company (BHDC), known as Jinndi Mibunn, has quickly settled into its new premises in Eagleby.

BHDC, founded in 1994, is a not-for-profit registered community-based charity that 'aligns with Indigenous ways of knowing and Indigenous ways of doing'.



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It strives to support, enhance and transform the lives of its members in culturally supportive and regenerative ways, including assisting them to find sustainable housing.

Councillor Karen Murphy handed over the keys to the renovated property at 1 Bishop St, Eagleby, to BHDC members at a small ceremony late last year.

'The property has been painted inside and out, with new flooring, new fencing and air conditioning,' Cr Murphy says.

'We hope that BHDC enjoys many years to come in their new office and I look forward to working with them for our community.'

BHDC Chief Executive Officer Will Davis, a Cobble Cobble man who grew up in Eagleby and still has family there, says the new office provides a visible presence in Eagleby for local First Nations people.

'We are a community-focused organisation, so to have a base within the community we serve is very special for us,' Will says.

'We appreciate the support Council has given us to provide a space our whole community can be proud of as we search for more community development and housing solutions for those most in need.'

## **Rebuilt boardwalk** showcases wetlands wonders

**V**isitors to Eagleby Wetlands can now better enjoy the surrounding natural environment thanks to an upgrade of the boardwalk network.

The network weaves around and through the popular site, which is home to hundreds of endemic and migrating wildlife species. The wetlands also have local indigenous heritage significance.

More than 160 metres of the wooden boardwalk has been replaced or upgraded, including a section (pictured) which gives a panoramic view of the protected site.

Councillor Karen Murphy says the Eagleby Wetlands are an important environment and tourism destination.

'The upgraded boardwalk allows our community and visitors to safely access and enjoy the Wetlands,' she says.

'This is just the beginning of some big plans we have to ensure this special part of our city is protected and enhanced for generations to come.'



Upgraded boardwalk at Eagleby Wetlands.



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