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Budget at a glance

Annual Budget 2023/24

The total budget for 2023/24 **\$1.089 billion**, made up a

Capital expenditure \$374.5 million

Services and operating costs \$691.3 million







Councillor Lisa Bradley

Priestdale, Springwood, Rochedale South, and part of Daisy Hill



Councillor Teresa Lane

Kingston, Logan Central, Woodridge, and part of Underwood



Councillor Mindy Russell

Slacks Creek, Daisy Hill, and part of Shailer Park and Underwood



Deputy Mayor Laurie Koranski

Bannockburn, Belivah, Buccan, Cedar Creek, Kairabah, Waterford, Windaroo, Wolffdene, Yarrabilba, and part of Bethania, Logan Village and Tamborine



Councillor Jon Raven

Berrinba, Marsden, Waterford West, and part of Crestmead



Councillor Tony Hall

Bahrs Scrub, Edens Landing, Holmview, Loganlea, Meadowbrook, and part of Bethania



Councillor Tim Frazer

Boronia Heights, Browns Plains, Forestdale, Hillcrest, and part of Park Ridge and Regents Park



Councillor

Jacob Heremaia

Heritage Park, Logan Reserve, and part of Chambers Flat, Crestmead, Park Ridge, Park Ridge South and Regents Park



Councillor Scott Bannan

Cedar Grove, Cedar Vale, Glenlogan, Jimboomba, Mundoolun, Riverbend, Stockleigh, Veresdale, Veresdale Scrub, Woodhill, and part of Chambers Flat, Logan Village, Munruben, North Maclean, South Maclean and Tamborine



Councillor Miriam Stemp

Carbrook, Cornubia, Loganholme, Tanah Merah, and part of Shailer Park



Councillor Natalie Willcocks

Flagstone, Flinders Lakes, Greenbank, Kagaru, Lyons, Monarch Glen, New Beith, Silverbark Ridge, Undullah, and part of Munruben, North Maclean, Park Ridge South and South Maclean



Councillor Karen Murphy

Beenleigh, Eagleby, and Mt Warren Park

Reflecting on this year's budget

hese are challenging economic times – around the world, across Australia and here in our city.

Like many in our community, Council is not immune to soaring costs that impact almost everything we do.

Our electricity, fuel and construction costs, for instance, are biting hard – some are up by more than 30 per cent over the past year.

As we developed this budget, we were extremely conscious of improving efficiencies without impacting the quality of Council services our residents and businesses rely on every day.

That approach has delivered a budget that is fiscally responsible and forward-thinking.

To help ease cost-of-living pressure, our bottom-line rates increase is well below the Brisbane CPI of 7.4 per cent (March guarter).

Pensioners will continue to receive a discount on rates (owner-occupied properties), and we have adjusted some rates categories to ensure a fairer and more equitable method of assessment.

To assist jobseekers, funding continues for the Mayor's Local Job and Skills Taskforce, which has already provided employment opportunities to more than 300 locals.

To further support our community, this budget allocates funding to assist the numerous community groups and sporting organisations that help keep our neighbourhoods connected.

Council-run facilities, including libraries, pools and community spaces, will continue to offer free and low-cost programs and services that are important for many residents.

An extensive program of new and upgraded roads is on the way. We will also use innovation to increase recycling and reduce landfill while exploring technologies that offset costs associated with water and sewerage services.

Our safety camera network will be expanded, and Council will continue to show strong leadership in responsible pet ownership.

There are more than 960 parks and reserves across the city and this budget ensures we will continue our unprecedent program of development, upgrades and maintenance.

Our commitment to environmental preservation has earned international recognition and Environment Levy funds will help sustain a range of activities, services and projects focused on the natural environment.

Together, we have delivered a billion-dollar budget that makes decisions that are right for the current times while also putting a strong focus on the future services and infrastructure needed for a rapidly growing city.

In doing this, we have begun to put in place a framework that will ensure the City of Logan is not only a great place to live now, but positions us to be a leader of the pack when our region hosts the Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2032.

Please enjoy this Budget 2023/24 edition of *Our Logan* magazine.

Mayor Darren Power and Councillor Karen Murphy (Governance Chair)



Front cover image Leila Alexander

Photo

Matthew Bennett

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.**

No time to sleep when sporting dreams swirl

t's 6 am and 14-year-old Leila Alexander is quietly preparing herself for another training swim at Greenbank.

When most teenagers would rather be in bed, Leila is chasing her triathlon dreams.

Under the watchful guidance of triathlon coach Leanna Farrell-Thomas, Leila will clock up to 4 kilometres – around 160 laps of Greenbank pool – during an average morning of training.

Add in around 50 to 70 kilometres on her road bike each week, and 30 to 45 kilometres pounding the pavement, and it's easy to see why the junior triathlete is a star on the rise.

Leila recently returned home from the Australian Schools Triathlon Championships in Tasmania with 2 silver medals in hand, thanks to impressive performances in the individual and mixed relay events.

'Competing in Devonport was a great experience,' Leila says.

'It was my first time competing at Nationals, and everyone was so friendly.

'The racing was an awesome challenge, but the best part was definitely getting to meet everyone and travel as a team to Tasmania.'

Leila is the generation perfectly placed to dream big with just 9 years until the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games in South East Queensland.

Whether she gets there as a competitor, a spectator or a volunteer, she typifies the passionate sporting culture in the City of Logan.

The city has produced dozens of champions while, at the same time, has thousands of weekend warriors of all ages taking part in sport just for fun.

That's why Council's 2023/24 Budget allocates \$17 million for the next 3 years to be spent on sporting infrastructure.

Much of that investment will be steered towards our grassroots sporting communities with new and refurbished clubhouses and facilities, new lighting and solar systems to reduce electricity costs, improved irrigation and drainage and driveway and car park upgrades.

Major works are underway or planned at venues including Everleigh Park (Greenbank), Chris Green Park (Beenleigh) and Jimboomba Park (Jimboomba).

Stage 2 of the Beenleigh Aquatic Centre upgrade will go into the design phase for a new outdoor 50-metre pool, scheduled to open in 2024/25.

Council's ongoing investment in sporting and community facilities, along with division-based Local Infrastructure Program funding, builds on the goals already kicked across the city, including:

- > The opening of the Jodie Henry Olympic-sized swimming pool at Logan North Aquatic Centre in Underwood.
- > The return of Queensland Rugby League club Souths Logan Magpies to their heartland at the Logan Metro Sports Complex in Heritage Park.
- The opening of a new clubhouse for Waterford Demons Rugby League Football Club at Noffke Farm Park in Waterford.

And of course, there's the Olympic and Paralympic indoor stadium proposed for Logan Central.

For aspiring athletes like Leila, having local facilities creates a sense of belonging and community.

'Part of my training as a triathlete is with Greenbank Aquatics, and I love being part of their squad,' Leila says.

For Leila and others from her generation who might have an occasional daydream about the Olympic and Paralympics, right now it's all about just having fun and doing her best.

'At the moment, I think I will just see where I can take it,' Leila says.

'Brisbane 2032 would be pretty amazing, and with hard work you never know what you can achieve.'

Top image: Greenbank triathlete Leila Alexander gets ready for a busy day of training.

Bottom image: What the proposed Olympic and Paralympics indoor venue in Logan Central might look like.









Budget at a glance

Annual Budget 2023/24

The total budget for 2023/24 is \$1.089 billion, made up as follows:

Capital expenditure

\$374.5 million

Services and operating costs

\$691.3

Debt repayments (principal)

> \$23.6 million

Minimum general rate and charges



\$118.45 (\$2.28/week)

Bottom-line rate increase after discount

The above figures do not include the Queensland Government's emergency levy and bulk water charges.

Water costs	per kL	average usage /155 kL
Queensland Government bulk water cost	\$3.3710	\$522.51
Logan City Council distribution	\$1.0224	\$158.47
Total water consumption cost	\$4.3934	\$680.98

Pensioner remission





Non-maximum rate pensioner

\$201.00 per year

Maximum rate pensioner

\$402.00 per year

The 2023/24 minimum rates and charges are:



\$1,068.44

Minimum general rate



\$94.40

Environmental levy



Community services charge



Volunteer fire brigade charge



\$318.20

Waste



\$95.34

Discount for above charges 5%



\$733.36

Wastewater (sewerage) charge



\$311.20

Water service charge



\$158.47

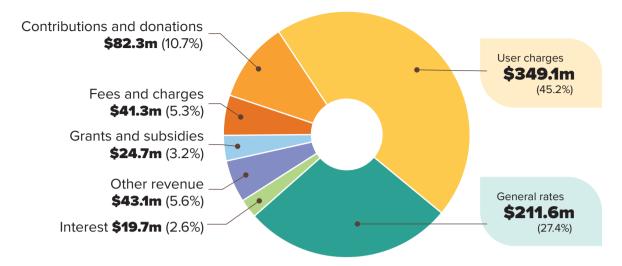
Average water consumption charge based on 155 kilolitres



\$3.014.57

Total minimum annual rates and charges after discount

Where will Council earn its income this year?



Council will also receive **\$152m** in donated assets (constructed by developers, by agreement, and contributed to Council to maintain into the future).







Mayor's Local Job and Skills Taskforce

\$194,000



Barking dog monitoring technology

\$181,000



Faster and more efficient pot hole repairs

\$644,000



River clean-up program

\$100,000



The focus in the coming months in Division 1 will be working to ensure key projects now underway are delivered and a number of other major projects are positioned for future delivery.

Projects to be finalised include the Springwood Park redevelopment, landscaping of Fitzgerald Avenue, progression of the bus turnaround on Underwood Road and the upgrade of lighting at the Rochedale Tigers Rugby League Football Club.

The LED lighting project in Underwood Park will deliver a second floodlit field for the Tigers to use for training and competition and will boost local sport opportunities in our area.

Councillor Lisa Bradley

Division 1

Library on the go



App users can borrow items, book a free library computer, submit a print job or get details about library events and activities. **&** 07 3412 5420

Four of a kind are aces on community support

very day throughout the City of Logan, a special group of people are quietly working hard in the background to support others in need.

In a city of more than 350,000 residents from 234 cultures. these community needs are diverse, span all ages and backgrounds, and sometimes are serious and urgent.

Among those who offer grassroots support in the city are 4 very different women, who in many ways. are 4 of a kind in the work they do for the community.

Esperance Nyirabarahinyuza is a director for Woodridge-based Power of Inspiration.

The organisation's volunteers - who speak 7 languages including Swahili, Rwandan and French - teach local residents how to sew, knit. crochet and basket weave as well as imparting English language skills.

They also focus on creating economic empowerment in areas not addressed by formal employment services for those from refugee and immigrant backgrounds.

Mission Possible Volunteers coordinator Gail Harrower has brought together a 500-strong army of volunteers over the past 22 years to create handmade items for people in need.

Working out of a Council-supplied building on Jacaranda Avenue at Logan Central, their highly valued handiwork includes patchwork quilts, rugs, dementia mats and aprons and satin pillowcases.

They also make wrist straps for research physiotherapists that help measure and record the movement of children with autism.

Over the past 10 years, Zada Sinn has served as a dance coordinator at the Khmer Buddhist Temple at Marsden. The group teaches traditional Cambodian dances and costuming.

Zada says participants share their traditions and culture through dance and regularly perform at community events and festivals.

Sharing culture is also the foundation of First Nations organisation Gunya Meta, based in the Council-owned Ryan's House in Logan Central.

Aunty Faith Green says the organisation helps keep local residents connected through community connection sessions, a yarning circle, open mic sessions and the Deadly Thinking youth suicide prevention program.

Their programs involve First Nations people but are open to the entire community.

Logan City Council supports these and many other organisations through the provision of 53 general community spaces, 17 community centres and more than \$1.3 million in grants to help strengthen the city's social, environmental, cultural and economic development.

Council also supports community needs by committing \$8.78 million for vital infrastructure, while Councillors ensure their local communities thrive through division-based Local Infrastructure Program (LIP) funding.

Recent and planned works include:

- > Planning for the Park Ridge/ Logan Reserve General Community Space
- > Design and construction of the Wilbur Street youth centre in Logan Central
- > Development of a new District Community Centre for the Greater Flagstone community.

LEARN MORE AT

- logan.qld.gov.au/grants
- logan.qld.gov.au/communitycentres-directory1



Four of a kind community support workers (clockwise from top left) Aunty Faith Green (Gunya Meta), Zada Sinn (Khmer Buddhist Temple), Gail Harrower (Mission Possible) and Esperance Nyirabarahinyuza (Power of Inspiration).

KRANK it up for more fun

n expanded program of free and low-cost school holiday activities will again be offered by Logan City Council.

The 2023/24 Budget allocates an extra \$50,000 for the KRANK School Holiday Program, which provides more than 115 active and creative activities for children and teens aged 5 to 17 years.

The funding will allow the popular program to continue meeting community expectations and deliver almost 100 extra activities over the next year.

Based on 2022/23 participation data, this would result in about 1,350 additional places being offered to local children and young people.

The next KRANK program is from 16 September until 1 October. Bookings open at 9 am on 4 September.

FIND THE KRANK BOOKLET AT

Council customer service centres and libraries

& or call Council on 07 3412 3412

Councillor snapshot



Council is playing a vital role in keeping costs down for community services that do so much for our residents.

With funding from the Local Infrastructure Program, Division 2 is leading the way with solar panels on the roofs of community facilities.

These include sporting clubs, not-for-profit organisations and groups that provide social activities and services for locals.

I am pleased that we are helping them save a dollar or 2 on their power bills.

We have also been replacing old fire hydrant connections in our area to make sure firefighters have access to high water pressure in an emergency.'

Councillor Teresa Lane

Division 2

Christmas cheer

Extra festive cheer will be spread across the City of Logan this year.

New Christmas decorations

New Christmas decorations will brighten selected city streets and locations, with funding allocated in the 2023/24 Budget for their purchase, installation, maintenance and storage.

Council's Christmas decorations date to 2018 and have deteriorated with age and weathering.



I am thrilled that Council is investing in sport and community facilities for locals to enjoy.

Kiddos and their families will be excited by a splashpad being installed at Logan North Aquatic Centre.

It will be next to the 50-metre Jodie Henry Pool, unveiled last October, and the 25-metre indoor pool.

The addition of the splashpad means there's something at the facility for the whole family.

There is also a huge upgrade on the way for Mabel Park at Slacks Creek, including a gigantic play tower, bike skills track for kids and misting towers to keep us cool in summer.'

Councillor Mindy Russell

Division 3

Environment Levy projects

- > Construction of the Riverine Discovery Centre at Eagleby
- > Community-based events and activities including the Logan Eco Action Festival (LEAF)
- > Ongoing support and funding for Land for Wildlife and Habitat Connections members
- > Conservation actions and initiatives for wildlife.

Room to go wild

levy is life for our environment

ative fauna and flora is thriving in the City of Logan's green spaces under the care of Logan City Council and local conservation groups.

Bahrs Hill Park, near Belivah and Windaroo, is among the sites buzzing with biodiversity thanks to funding from the citywide Environment Levy.

A recent ecological survey of the 47-hectare property – purchased by Council in 2019 with levy funds - identified traces of more than 200 species including koalas, the short-beaked echidna and the white-throated needletail (a swallow-like bird).

Wildlife sighted during the study included the leaden delma (a 'legless' lizard), the rose-crowned fruit dove and the little bent-wing bat.

The park is also a place where vulnerable plant species can flourish.

Endangered flora species present when the park was purchased continue to grow, including the Bahrs Scrub croton, the small-leaved tamarind and the shiny-leaved coondoo.

Local environmentalist Glenn Leiper says the park is a conservation success story and its variety of ecosystems types makes it invaluable to local wildlife.

City of Logan environmentalist Glenn Leiper at Bahrs Hill Park, which is providing vulnerable animal and plant species a protected place to call home.

'[Bahrs Hill Park] is a remnant of the much larger Bahrs Scrub, which was a mix of both dry rainforest and eucalypt forest, so it is good to see the values haven't been diminished,' Glenn says.

'You can retain individual plants and you can retain individual animals in zoos and botanic gardens but a lot of these plants and a lot of these animals can only survive in their habitat.

'We need to retain these habitats so that these animals have a future.'

Glenn says Council's conservation of Bahrs Hill Park came at a critical time for the region.

'It was very timely because of the push for housing development in the area,' he says.

'Logan City Council has done a great job supporting conservation and making sure that biodiversity is retained for a long time to come.'

Council's Environmental Levy funds the protection, re-planting and restoration of natural spaces such as Bahrs Hill Park.

The levy is collected via quarterly rates notices. Under the 2023/24 Budget, the Environment Levy will increase by \$7 for the year to \$94.40 per property.

LEARN MORE AT

logan.gld.gov.au/environment





View of the Logan River running around Logan River Parklands and under the Pacific Motorway.

Rubbish removal helps rivers flow free

deep clean of the Logan and Albert Rivers is set to improve the health and amenity of the waterways over the next 3 years.

Large, flood-related debris and long-term waste will be removed from riverbanks as part of a \$100,000 clean-up program under the 2023/24 Budget.

Funding has also been allocated to continue the program over the following 2 financial years.

The project follows an extensive rubbish removal program conducted after the 2022 floods.

Salvage equipment was used to remove 13,360 kilograms of rubbish including water tanks, pontoon segments and other plastics.

Thirty kilometres of the Logan River and 10 kilometres of the Albert River were cleaned, but significant items of debris remain.

The new program, funded through the Environment Levy, will focus on bigger and bulky items that could not be lifted in the initial clean-up.

LEARN MORE AT

logan.qld.gov.au/environment/logan-rivers-and-wetlands-recovery

Councillor snapshot



Funding to improve access to properties at Buccan and Waterford is welcome news for residents of 'Buccan Island'.

About 190 properties are at risk of being isolated when Waterford-Tamborine Road is inundated at Waterford and Logan Village.

An upgrade to the existing emergency access trail from Waterford-Tamborine Road to Veronica Court, via the Logan Village railway corridor, will provide all-weather access for these residents.

It is also pleasing that more than \$121 million will be spent on roads and drainage as part of the 2023/24 Budget.'

Councillor Laurie Koranski

Division 4

Rapid crackdown to keep our city clean

new taskforce will be introduced in the City of Logan to keep local neighbourhoods clean and safe.

The Rapid Response Taskforce, which has been implemented in response to growing community demand, has been funded for the next 3 years in the 2023/24 Budget.

The taskforce will swiftly remove abandoned and burnt-out vehicles,

unlawful advertising signage and dumped shopping trolleys, to improve safety and visual appeal of the city.

The Taskforce will continuously patrol the city to fix these issues on a proactive basis, also responding to complaints within 24 hours.

The new initiative will help ensure the City of Logan can become an even safer and more liveable place. A new taskforce will help clean up our neighbourhoods.





Just like families across the city, Council has been hit hard by inflation.

In this budget we have done everything possible to keep costof-living pressures down while still delivering the services our community relies on.

I know how important it is to get the basics right and Council is doing that with a \$121 million investment in roads and drainage upgrades.

We've also committed significant ongoing funding for parks, community facilities and environmental initiatives.'

Councillor Jon Raven

Division 5

Explore our art gallery Logan Art Gallery offers a dynamic and diverse exhibition program, as well as regular inspirational and educational public programs. Open 10 am to 5 pm from Tuesday to Saturday Admission is free loganarts.com.au

New rates categories share the load

ot all properties are the same when it comes to rates.

There are more than 20 different categories used to reflect the different types of rateable land in the City of Logan, including residential, industrial, commercial and farming.

As part of the 2023/24 Budget, some existing categories have been refined to ensure a fairer and more equitable method for assessing rates.

These changes include:

- The multiple residential dwellings category will be split into 3 new categories based on the number of units in a complex.
- The commercial and office category will be split into
 new categories based on rateable valuations.

- The drive-in shops or carpark category will be split into
 new categories based on rateable valuations.
- > The industrial category will:
 - > be split into 3 categories based on rateable valuations
 - > have a new heavy industry category
 - > also include an offensive and extractive industry category with properties from the existing noxious/offensive industry and extractive industry land use categories.

Information on rating categories is provided with quarterly rates notices.

LEARN MORE AT

logan.qld.gov.au/rates/chargescalculation-land-valuations

Support in times of need

ogan City Council recognises that cost-of-living pressures are hitting hard for some in our community.

Pensioners continue to receive a discount on rates charges for owner-occupied properties.

Those on a full pension receive a concession of \$402 per year, while people on a part pension receive \$201.

For those experiencing financial challenges, Council offers rates payment plans, or more time to pay rates and charges.

Payment arrangements can also be put in place to help people stay within household budgets.

LEARN MORE AT

logan.qld.gov.au/rates

GET RATES NOTICES ONLINE

Council's rates portal is a convenient way to get rate notices online or by email.

logan.qld.gov.au/rates/ online-rates-notices

Support is available for Logan ratepayers.





Council road crews working at night to help avoid disruption to daytime traffic.

Getting smarter on road upgrades

nnovation - including artificial intelligence that helps monitor bitumen wear and tear - is helping Logan City Council combat the soaring cost of road construction and materials.

Council's 2023/24 Budget provides \$121 million for capital projects as part of a \$265 million investment in roads. drainage and engineering services.

This will fund a busy program of upgrades to ensure the city's growing local road network stays in top shape.

The costs of building and materials for roadworks have increased by up to 30 per cent in the past 12 months, mainly due to massive price increases to petroleum-based bitumen and quarry materials, while road and drainage project costs have increased around 18 per cent. Council uses more than 97,500 tonnes of asphalt every year.

In a bid to get as much road or repairs as possible for each dollar spent, Council has trialled new technology and machinery. Budget funding will allow this to continue.

High-tech camera equipment, using artificial intelligence-based computer programs, has been used to 'map' hundreds of kilometres of the city's roads.

Vehicle-mounted cameras scan the roads and the Al program assesses and identifies pavement issues that can be addressed and fixed before they deteriorate to a point where major works are required to fix problem areas.

Council's road crews have also been trialling a specially fitted-out truck, known as a Jet Patcher, which allows for faster, safer and more efficient repair of potholes.

Since January last year, Council has fixed 30,000 potholes across the city.

A 4-stage repair process with the Jet Patcher includes a high-pressure air cleaning of the pothole, then mechanised spraying and layering of bitumen and aggregate (loose stones) to fill and seal the hole - all done from the safety of the truck cabin with just one other crew member supervising outside.

Key road and drainage-related projects underway, or in the pipeline include:

- > \$73 million upgrade at Loganlea Road to 6 lanes between Logan Motorway and Pacific Motorway
- > \$38 million upgrade of Chambers Flat Road, from Mt Lindesay Highway to Kings Way
- > \$32.6 million master drainage upgrade at Eagleby to improve flood resilience
- > \$6.8 million second stage of Jimboomba local road upgrades
- > \$4.7 million in Australian Government funding to help fix accident blackspots including the Logan Reserve Road and School Road intersection at Logan Reserve, and Browns Plains Road and Waller Road intersection at Browns Plains.

Councillor snapshot



Council is committed to fostering active and healthy communities, which is why I am pleased to see \$63 million committed towards the maintenance and upgrades of our parks.

Division 6 residents can look forward to a \$1 million playground upgrade at Riverdale Park at Meadowbrook, complete with new picnic shelters, barbecue facilities and exercise equipment.

Roads and potholes are always a top priority for the community, and I welcome Council's \$121 million investment on crucial road upgrades.

This includes the much-needed widening of Loganlea Road from Meadowbrook to the M1, alongside other important road repairs and upgrades across the city.'

Councillor Tony Hall

Division 6

Disaster Dashboard



Logan City Council's Disaster Dashboard provides information to help residents before and during disaster events and includes road closures, weather warnings, power outages and useful contacts. disaster.logan.qld.gov.au

LEARN MORE AT

logan.qld.gov.au/roads-and-infrastructure



These are challenging times and Council has worked hard to find a balance that minimises financial impacts on residents and local businesses while continuing to deliver important services for the community.

Everyone will benefit from the investment of more than \$121 million on road upgrades, including a new cycleway link in Browns Plains.

Our parks and community spaces are also important and that's why we have made a significant budget allocation for maintenance and upgrades.

This includes a new nature play area for Boronia Bushland Reserve, among other exciting upgrades across Division 7.

Councillor Tim Frazer

Division 7

Rural fire brigades play an important role across the City of Logan.



Motoring towards a strong workforce

ogan City Council's 2022
Apprentice of the Year has oil,
grease and petrol in his veins.

JD Christ – a heavy commercial vehicle mechanic apprentice – is following in his father's footsteps to become a second-generation mechanic.

He says the hands-on nature of his job is calming.

'I work on everything from whipper snippers to trucks and compactors at the dump,' JD says.

The 17-year-old completed a Certificate II in Automotive Technology through Council as a school-based trainee and began his apprenticeship in March last year.

He is one of 35 young people employed each year through Council's trainee and apprentice program, which offers valuable workplace experience and nationally-recognised qualifications to the next generation of the city's workforce.

Council is committed to improving employment outcomes in the City of Logan to ensure a prosperous economy for decades to come, especially as the population edges towards half a million residents.

This year's Council Budget also provides funding to continue the Mayor's Local Jobs and Skills Taskforce, which launched in November 2021.

JD Christ is Logan City Council's 2022 Apprentice of the Year.



It focuses on delivering practical solutions in the fields of employment, job placement, youth unemployment, workforce skills, career pathways, training and further education.

Through the program, more than 300 job seekers have been employed and 7 skills shortage programs have been developed with business and network providers.

In the 2022/23 financial year, 70 new and 60 repeat businesses were supported, reducing their burden to fill vacancies in a tight job market.

A range of stakeholders contribute to the successful delivery of the taskforce, including all levels of government, industry groups, local businesses, local, regional, state and international chambers of commerce, schools and training organisations.

LEARN MORE AT

logan.qld.gov.au/careers/ traineeships-and-apprenticeships Local job vacancies are posted on:

loganjobs.com.au

Investment in fire protection

he cost of protecting property
from bushfires will now be spread
across the entire community.
Funding to help support the
city's 7 local rural fire brigades has

city's 7 local rural fire brigades has traditionally been levied on those in rural areas.

But the work of rural fire brigade volunteers spreads much wider than the organisation's name suggests.

They regularly assist fighting urban fires, perform flood rescues,

attend serious road accidents and participate in livestock rescues as well as issuing local fire permits.

From 1 July, \$1.64 per year will be spread across each quarterly rates notice on all rateable properties to support these services through a new Volunteer Fire Brigade Charge.

The funds collected will also assist local brigades replace ageing or damaged equipment and vehicles and purchase additional protective clothing.

HIGHLIGHTS at Logan Libraries

FREE EVENTS Bookings essential



Help your child learn to read, write and spell confidently

Learn simple, fun and low-cost activities to optimise your child's learning. These tips and activities are ideal for Prep to Year 5 students.

Presented by Melissa Savonoff, a paediatric occupational therapist.

Visit **loglib.org/whats-on** or scan the QR code to find August and September workshop dates, library locations and to book in.





Helping children with sensory issues adjust to learning environments

Do you have a child who avoids sitting still and loves to fidget? You're not alone. Be empowered with simple, inexpensive therapy tips to maximise learning. Presented by Melissa Savonoff, a paediatric occupational therapist and creator of Ricardo Reading Mouse® educational resources.

Visit **loglib.org/whats-on** or scan the QR code to find September and October workshop dates, library locations and to book in.





Keeping backyard chooks

Explore the ins and outs of keeping backyard chooks. Find out about regulations, breeds, housing and feed options. Presented by horticulturalist Claire Bickle.

- Marsden Library
- 🗂 Saturday 12 August 🕓 10 am to 11:30 am
- **Representation** Representation Rep





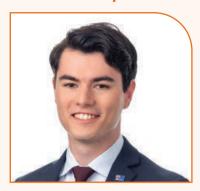
How to create a backyard food forest

Find out how to set up and maintain a thriving garden ecosystem that is in harmony with nature. Discover permaculture and design principles to help you establish your new garden. Presented by horticulturalist and permaculture consultant, Doreen Jachmann, from Bloomfield's Homestead.



- O Logan Hyperdome Library
- 🗎 Saturday 9 September 🗓 10 am to 11:30 am

Join the library for free: loglib.org/signup



With some of the fastest growing suburbs in the city in Division 8, it is important that local infrastructure can support this growth.

In particular, our major roads and busy intersections are being upgraded to make travel easier and safer.

There are some great upgrade works happening on Chambers Flat Road, as well as the intersections of Clarke Road and Park Ridge Road, and School Road and Chambers Flat Road.

These are just a few of the great wins for our area in this year's budget!'

Councillor Jacob Heremaia

Division 8

Lizzie and Liam McLennan enjoy Alexander Clark Park in Loganholme, where a range of fun new facilities will be installed.



Clever projects make parks more popular

n unprecedented program of parks development and upgrades will continue into next year under funding in the 2023/24 Budget.

The works reflect innovation and safety in design while also incorporating features to ensure hands-on engagement and increased accessibility.

Popular features in many upgrade plans include basketball half-courts, ninja fitness courses, adventure playgrounds, flying foxes, dry creek beds, nature play areas, swings and slides.

Barbecues, picnic shelters and water bubblers are also being installed, while new dog off-leash areas and additional dog waste bins are planned.

The City of Logan is home to more than 960 parks and reserves.

An \$18 million development program is currently underway, up from a \$10 million delivery the previous financial year.

The 2023/24 Budget allocates \$63 million for management and maintenance of all our parks and reserves over the next 12 months.

Many park upgrades are also supported by Councillors through divisional Local Infrastructure Program funding. Works under the City Beautification Program also will be rolled out soon.

Big projects in the pipeline include:

- Alexander Clark Park (Loganholme): The playground and water play area will be upgraded with a play tower, flying fox, basketball and volleyball courts. Stage 2 includes new toilets and additional parking.
- Waterford West Park: Works are expected to start this financial year on what will be one of the biggest parks developments in the city in more than a decade. Features include a water play area and recreation hub along with barbecue and picnic facilities.

- > Riverdale Park (Meadowbrook): Upgrades include replacement of the playground and exercise equipment along with new picnic shelters and barbecue facilities.
- Eridani Park (Kingston): The existing playground is being upgraded with a nature play area and dry creek bed. Other enhancements include a fitness station, bike skills track, flying fox, takraw, volleyball and handball courts and new shelters and seating.
- > Flindersia Park (Logan Reserve): This new park includes a playground, flying fox, basketball half-court, picnic shelters, barbecues and toilets.

Other park upgrades, planned or underway, include:

- Springwood Park: New ring road is being built with additional lighting and parking.
- Mabel Park (Slacks Creek): New features include a play tower, shade sails, nature play elements, bike skills track, fitness station, seating, shelters and an upgraded dog off-leash area.
- Boronia Park (Boronia Heights):

 A new nature-inspired play area
 will be created. The masterplan is being finalised.
- Doug Larsen Park (Beenleigh): The existing play areas will be updated. The masterplan is being finalised.

Playground upgrades are also planned for KJ Asling Reserve (Windaroo); Woodlands District Park (Waterford); Wearing Park (Munruben) and Crystal Brook Park (New Beith) while the car park at Rotary Park (Jimboomba) will be upgraded.

FIND YOUR LOCAL PARKS AND COMMUNITY GARDENS AT:

logan.qld.gov.au/parks-andcommunity-gardens-1

Sweet dreams in recycling initiative

iscarded mattresses are being shredded and their metal spring coiling recovered as Logan City Council continues to explore innovative and efficient ways to improve recycling and reduce waste to landfill.

About 10,000 mattresses are dumped each year in the City of Logan with each one taking up nearly a cubic metre of landfill space.

The new recycling process harvests nearly 8 kilograms of scrap metal from each spring-coiled mattress along with shredded fabric and foam which may also have recycling potential.

Significantly, the processing of mattresses means the landfill space needed for a discarded mattress is reduced by up to 90 per cent.

While the new recycling technology comes at a cost, the reduction in waste going to landfill is invaluable.

Costs associated with waste and resource recovery have increased enormously in recent times while landfill space continues to reduce.

New waste fees introduced by Council from 1 July reflect those soaring cost increases as well as an increase in the Queensland's Government waste levy to \$105 per tonne for all waste that goes to landfill.

Council currently gets a 95 per cent rebate on the levy but that will now reduce annually.

City of Logan ratepayers will still get 4 free tipping vouchers annually.

Discarded mattresses are shredded at the Browns Plains Waste and Recycling Facility.



New domestic waste disposal fees from 1 July, for Logan ratepayers and residents. include:

- > Residential green waste (garden vegetation only) can still be dumped for FREE at all Council waste facilities.
- > Optional green waste wheelie bin annual fee: \$60 (140 litre); \$65 (240 litre); \$99 (360 litre)
- > Domestic waste loads (where no free waste voucher is presented)
 - > Small (up to 240 litres similar to a full wheelie bin): \$10
 - > Medium (up to 1 cubic metre
 a full sedan boot, trailer or
 utility tray): \$19

Large (up to 2 cubic metres

 a full utility and full trailer or overfilled trailers): \$30

Residents can save money by sorting their load before they leave home, ensuring recycling materials are separate from general rubbish and green waste.

Going to the tip during off-peak times, such as early morning or late afternoon, also lessens the likelihood of delays and traffic congestion.

Commercial general waste disposal fees have also increased to cover rising costs and the Queensland Government's waste levy increase of \$10 per tonne.

Fees differ across general and green waste, load size and those facilities with a weighbridge (Browns Plains and Carbrook) and non-weighbridge sites (Greenbank, Logan Village and Beenleigh).

LEARN MORE AT

logan.qld.gov.au/waste/ waste-facilities

Councillor snapshot



Whether it's driving on suburban streets or in rural areas, roads keep us connected.

Regular maintenance is essential and I am rapt that this budget allocates more than \$121 million for road upgrades.

We also know potholes are a plague after wet weather and flooding. Our dedicated road crews do a terrific job in trying to fill them as quickly as possible and now help is on the way.

This budget provides funding for a specially fitted-out truck with a mechanism that automatically fills potholes, quickly, efficiently and more importantly, from the safety of the truck cabin.

Councillor Scott Bannan

Division 9

Jimboomba set to sizzle again

Logan City Council's FLAME Festival is set to fire up again, thanks to funding in this year's budget.

Last year's inaugural street-based event was a huge success with more than 18,000 people packing Cusack Lane.

The next FLAME Festival will be held in 2024 and then annually for at least the following 3 years.



As part of a green focus, Logan City Council will continue to ensure Division 10's natural areas are maintained and enhanced.

This will be achieved working in collaboration with community groups such Cornubia TrailCare and BushCare, funded through Council's Environmental Levy.

I am also looking forward to an expanded waste education program which will deliver tips to cut the amount of waste we bring into our homes – a move which is good for both the hip pocket and the environment.'

Councillor Miriam Stemp

Division 10

Pets for elderly

Seniors looking for companionship can adopt a free pet and enjoy lifetime registration under the Senior Pets for Senior People program.

Residents with a seniors card interested in providing a loving home for a cat or dog over 5 years old can register online or visit Council's Animal Management Centre at 213 Queens Rd, Kingston.

Iogan.qld.gov.au/senior-pets-senior-people



Council's Animal Management Centre re-homes hundreds of animals every year.

Sound monitors tackle excessive barking

Technology is on the way to help residents regain some peace and quiet from constantly barking dogs. Logan City Council's 2023/24 Budget allocates more than \$180,000 over the next 3 years to expand the use of special sound monitors that support investigations into animal noise complaints.

The technology has been successfully trialled in the City of Logan. Finding quick and innovative solutions to long standing issues is among the drivers within Council's new Animal Management Plan.

The plan will shape and evolve animal-related regulatory services over the next 3 years, including making it easier to report irresponsible pet ownership.

Electronic monitoring of excessive barking will remove the need for written records to be logged over many days and will provide more accurate data for noise complaint investigations.

These specially-made devices are not only designed to record dog barking, but will also help with investigating other animal noise complaints such as crowing roosters.

This new technology will be used after initial investigations are conducted to prove if the animal noise is excessive, with the data being analysed by an automated system. Council's local laws govern when barking is considered excessive.

Some barking is natural as it is how dogs communicate. But when it is persistent, it can impact the amenity of others in the community.

Sometimes, pet owners are unaware of how much their dog or dogs bark when they are not home.

Council encourages anyone with concerns about a barking dog to speak first with the pet's owner.

If the issue remains unresolved, the matter can be reported to Council by email **council@logan.qld.gov.au**, or by phoning 3412 3412.

Use of barking monitors is part of a new era for Council's animal management services, which also includes the opening soon of the first stage of a \$17.5 million upgrade and redevelopment of the Animal Management Centre (AMC) site on Queens Rd at Kingston.

The five-stage project includes a new animal customer service centre, long-stay kennels with individual exercise yards and enclosed kennel bays, and a new cattery which will enhance the experience for those wanting to adopt a new pet.

Thousands of animals come through the AMC each year. Animals are often reunited with their owners, placed with rescues or are placed up for adoption at the AMC. In the past 12 months, Council has facilitated a massive 400 adoptions of cats, dogs, birds and other animals through its sales and rehoming programs.

LEARN MORE AT

logan.qld.gov.au/ pets-and-animals



WHERE ART COMES ALIVE

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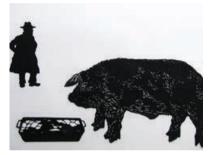
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Young Woodridge artist, Imman Grashuis, has created a series of paintings using the central image of an astronaut to explore human emotions. Striving for an inclusive response, the artist has created a character with unspecified age, gender and race.

Image: Imman Grashuis, ${\it Biutyful}$, 2020, digital print





THE PRIDE OF LOGAN

PAMELA SEE

The Pride of Logan is the name of a schooner, built near the Logan River in 1872. Using silhouette portraits and paper effigies, this exhibition investigates the ship, some of its occupants and cargo.

Image top: Pamela See, The Duchess of York in her cloche hat with calla lilies, 2021, Cansons Mi Teintes paper and cotton rag paper Image bottom: Pamela See, John McGuiness Williams and one of his old spots, 2021, Cansons Mi Teintes paper and cotton rag paper

This project is supported by the Regional Arts Development Fund, a partnership between the Queensland Government and Logan City Council to support local arts and culture in regional Queensland.







CONFLATED

Conflated brings disparate artists together to explore bodies, environments and cultures through contemporary art.

Image: Christoper Langton, *Breath In Breath Out* (detail), 2021, mixed media installation

National Exhibitions Touring Support (NETS) Victoria is supported by the Victorian Government through Creative Victoria, by the Australian Government through the Australia Council, its arts funding and advisory body, and through the Visual Arts and Craft Strategy, an initiative of the Australian, State and Territory Governments. NETS Victoria also receives significant in-kind support from the National Gallery of Victoria.





















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More than \$1.5 million has been invested in Division 11 parks and community facilities over the past year.

Our city continues to be a great place to live, work and play and there is plenty more to come for our residents and businesses.

BMX riders will love the pump track being constructed at Ison Park at Greenbank and work is progressing on the new AFL field and infrastructure at Everleigh.

I am excited Council is now able to start the design work for the community centre in Flagstone.

Once built, this will be a fantastic piece of infrastructure for our community.

Councillor Natalie Willcocks

Division 11

Learn to swim

The Aqualogan Laurie Lawrence Swim School teaches safety, confidence and skills for children in the water.

Lessons are in indoor heated pools at the Logan North and Beenleigh Aquatic Centres.

10 of the best ... for our community

ouncil's billion-dollar budget funds high-quality facilities, programs and services that make the City of Logan a wonderful place to live, work and visit. These offerings for our community include:

- **1. Eat Safe Logan:** When you go out for a bite to eat, it's reassuring to know that restaurants and other food businesses have good food safety and hygiene practices.
- 2. Growth management and development: The Logan Planning Scheme (a revised version is being developed now for 2025) and Queensland Government legislation help Council manage growth and development in the city.
- **3. Community safety:** To increase community safety, Council monitors more than 1,100 cameras in public spaces across the city in real time, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- **4.** Free trees: If you want to give your garden a boost, Council's Free Trees program has a range of native and non-native plants.
- **5. Immunisations:** Our community clinics are held across the city at convenient times and locations to make it easy for residents to stay healthy.

- 6. Animal care: Council encourages microchipping and desexing the Combined Vets of Logan City clinic at our Animal Management Centre at Kingston offers these services at a discounted rate. And remember, all cats and dogs over the age of 12 weeks must be registered with Council.
- 7. Entertainment: Council venues, including the Logan Entertainment Centre, Kingston Butter Factory Cultural Precinct, Beenleigh Entertainment Centre and Logan Art Gallery, keep our community connected and entertained.
- **8. Wildlife care:** Council supports the RSPCA Animal Ambulance to rescue and rehabilitate wildlife in need.
- **9. Staying active:** Pools, gyms, parks and sports facilities can be found all around Logan.
- **10. Graffiti:** To keep local neighbourhoods clean and tidy, Council offers a graffiti removal service at areas where it is visible from the street.

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Ahmad Fadaei and Somayeh Sadeghizadeh enjoying the heated indoor pool at the Beenleigh Aquatic Centre.





Checking your water meter regularly is a good way to detect leaks.

Pressure eased by new water leaks policy

he cost of lost water due to a concealed leak is now less of a burden for residents.

Council is covering more of the bill, for more households, after making changes to its Concealed Leak Remission Policy, which came into effect from 1 July.

Eligible residents will now receive financial support for 50 per cent of the total leak. Council will continue to write off their portion of the consumption charge associated with a leak. Additionally, Council will cover more than 25 per cent of Queensland State Government charges to help customers facing large and unexpected bills due to concealed leaks.

To benefit the community, all residential properties that receive a water bill and meet the concealed leak criteria will be eligible for support.

Previously, only owner-occupied properties were covered for Council's component of the leak-related bill. This helping hand for householders comes on top of a \$159 million capital works program in the 2023/24 Budget that will deliver new and upgraded water and wastewater infrastructure for the community.

The program, delivered by Council's water business, Logan Water, will include the completion of the next stage of the city's largest wastewater treatment plant at Loganholme.

A new membrane bioreactor. an environmentally-safer and more efficient way to treat wastewater, will increase the plant's capacity of from 42 to 67 megalitres per day. This will help it prepare for future growth.

Wastewater from Beenleigh will also be diverted to the Loganholme Wastewater Treatment Plant in 2023/24, with a further \$15 million allocated to finish the major transfer project.

While Council's portion of water consumption charges remain the same in 2023/24 for the 7th consecutive year, a 3 per cent increase will apply to water and sewerage base charges (connection fees).

The Queensland Government has increased its bulk water price by 2.12 per cent which will be reflected in the water component of local rates notices.

LEARN MORE AT

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Councillor snapshot



This budget invests in growth while taking all steps possible to minimise impacts on household budgets.

Despite current economic challenges, we have worked hard to ensure residents and businesses continue to receive the Council services they rely on.

This includes upgraded roads and footpaths while new builds start soon on the Beenleigh pool, the Riverine Discovery Centre (Eagleby) and Chris Green Park (Beenleigh). A nature play area is also on the way at Eagleby Wetlands.

We will also continue to provide amazing services at Beenleigh library, KRANK school holiday programs and community event funding for the Beenleigh Cane Parade and Gala Ball.'

Councillor Karen Murphy

Division 12



LOGAN WATER 2021/22 **SNAPSHOT**



Provided water to **125,924** properties **5,658** commercial/ industrial properties



Handled wastewater from **113,610** properties 4,872 commercial/ industrial properties



Maintained 2,439 kilometres of water mains 2,460 kilometres of wastewater mains



Performed more than **450,000** water meter reads **Handled 16,536** customer queries

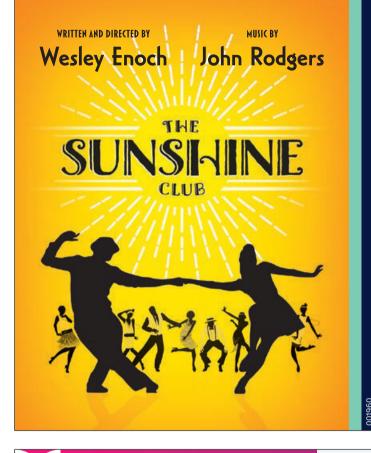
Set in Brisbane, the musical's storyline revolves around Frank Doyle, an Aboriginal serviceman who has come home from World War II to find that although the wider world may have changed, attitudes back home are just the same. Filled with defiant energy and ambition for a better life, Frank starts *The Sunshine Club*, a place where black and white can meet and, most importantly, dance. Here he dreams of a future where he can dance in step with Rose, the girl next door, the girl of his dreams.

Book tickets at loganarts.com.au









THE END OF WINTER

By Noëlle Janaczewska.

Will climate change erase winter leaving it to exist only in fairy tales, paintings, and historical accounts?

In hot, bushfire-prone Australia our winters are becoming warmer and shorter. The End of Winter is about loss and resilience. It's about the places one can search for cold weather—places that can be reached via public transport and the imagination.

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Kingston Butter Factory Cultural Precinct 270 Jacaranda Ave, Kingston



















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Bulky waste kerbside clean-up services

Collection starts week commencing:

17 July	Eagleby
31 July	Bethania, Edens Landing, Holmview, Bahrs Scrub, Belivah, Wolffdene
14 August	Beenleigh, Bannockburn, Windaroo, Mt Warren Park
28 August	Woodridge and North Logan Central (north of Wembley Road including the northern side of Wembley Road)

Please ensure waste items are placed out no sooner than the weekend before the commencement day. Hazardous and unacceptable items will not be collected. Not sure what items are accepted?

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