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Touch of Hope**

**Colourful creatures
on Ronelle's art
journey**



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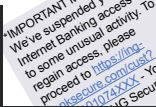
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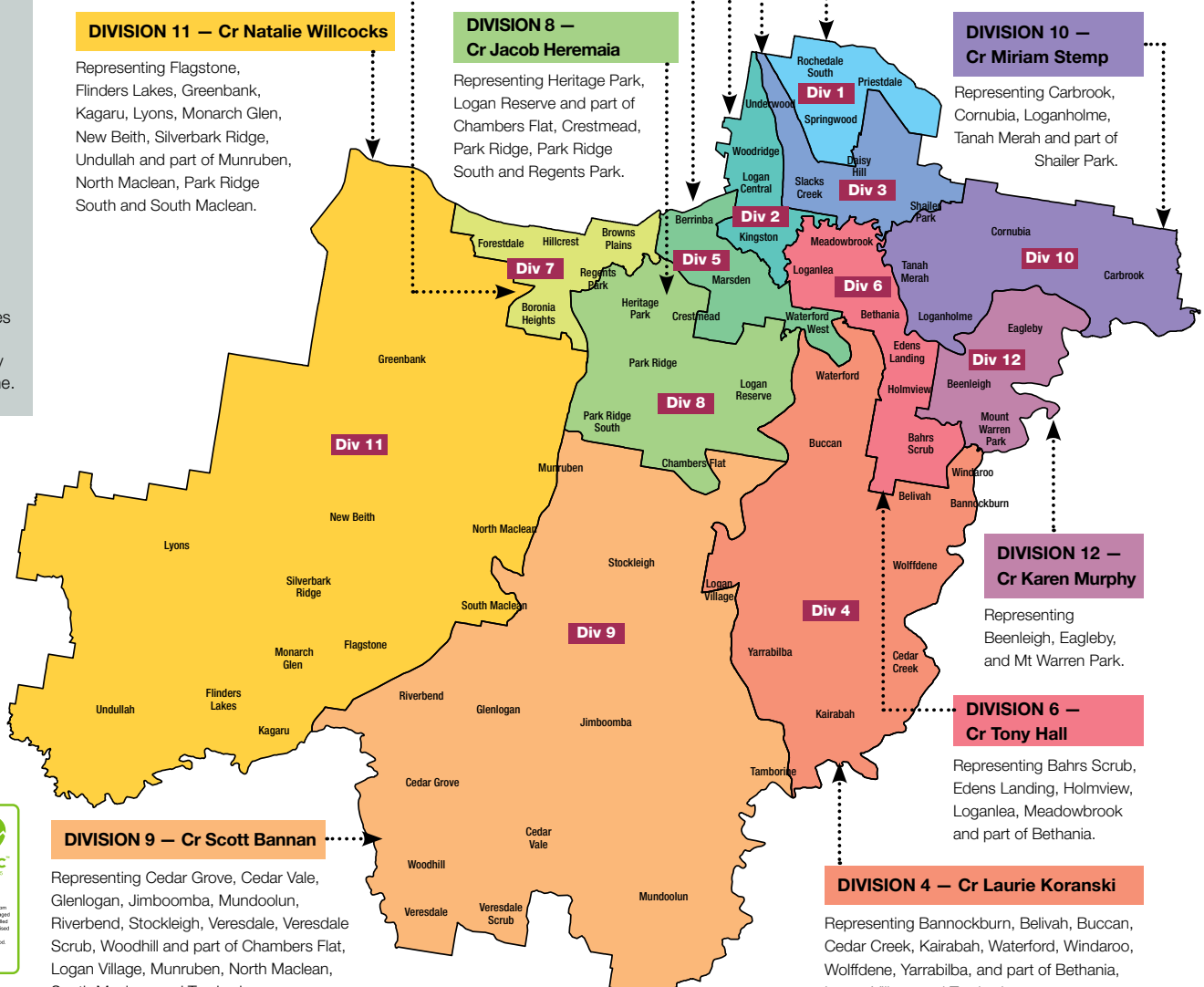
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Welcome to this edition of *Our Logan*

It's an exciting but cautious time for our city as we enter the recovery phase of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The community has done exceptionally well following all the health guidelines to put Logan in a position of being able to re-open some of our facilities such as parks and libraries.

As Logan navigates its way toward stage two of the State Government's Road Map to easing COVID-19 restrictions, opportunities will arise for residents in our resilient city.

It's important to acknowledge that people are adjusting differently to life in the shadow of a pandemic.

For many, isolation and social distancing will be an enduring memory. For people in business - particularly those in the hospitality, events, travel and entertainment sectors —the next few months will be critical to getting back on their feet.

As a community we can support our businesses and support one another. It can be as simple as buying a coffee at your local café or visiting a favourite haunt for a bite to eat. We can do this by supporting local businesses and spending here—sparking the local economy— and helping businesses to recover.

Some people will need more than our ongoing patronage. That's where community support and volunteers come to the fore.

The Anderson family have dedicated their time and their home to giving people a helping hand. Caring for homeless people in our community, they are bridging the gap between donors and people in need, while providing support (P4).

The City of Logan is fortunate to have charities and volunteers like the Andersons who donate their time to make other people's lives better. They deserve our recognition, so

please nominate someone who may have helped you for a City of Logan Volunteer Award. (Details P5).

Our recently elected councillors are also settling in to their roles to represent you and I would like to congratulate Cr Raven on his election to Deputy Mayor and acknowledge councillors Lisa Bradley, Laurie Koranski and Teresa Lane as committee chairs. (P11)

Collectively our priority will be helping the community rebound socially and economically.

investLogan, established by Council to drive economic growth, is starting to build The York office tower in Beenleigh. This development will generate 100 new jobs during construction. (P22)

Council is also investing in new technology to improve our environment. We are pioneering an Australian-first project that will turn waste into soil conditioner. It will save around \$500,000 a year in transport costs while reducing 4,800 tonnes of carbon emissions annually. (P14)

The environment remains a focus for Council. During the cooler months we will be maintaining our bushland with controlled burns. The fires last summer demonstrated the need for these low intensity burn-offs. (P19)

These fires cause minimal damage to tree canopies, allowing native species such as koalas, to survive and thrive on new growth.

With koala conservation a priority we're conducting a survey of residents to see how we're going and how to do better. If you have any suggestions please contribute to the Have Your Say on our online koala awareness survey. (P29)

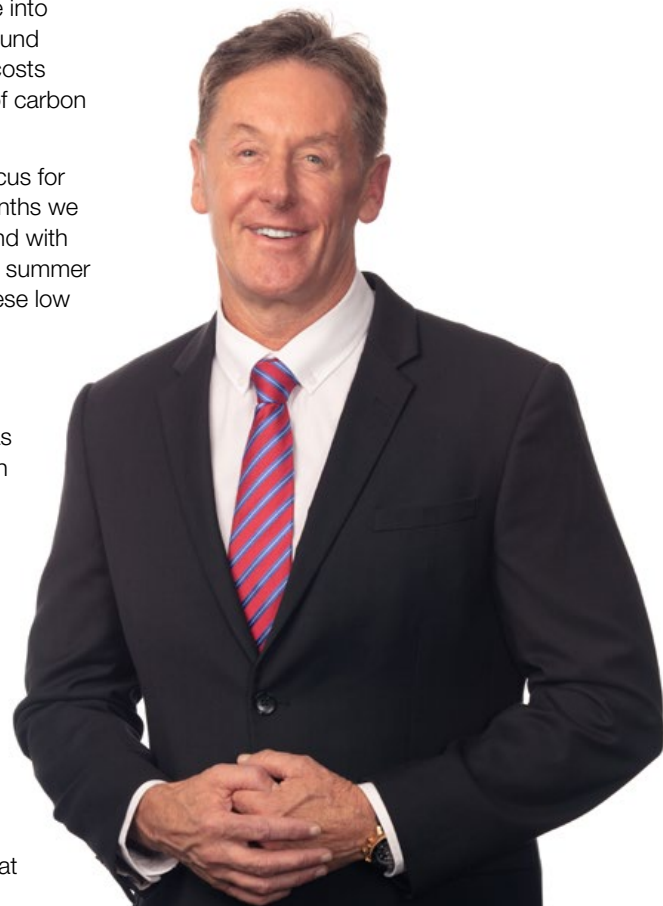
As our parks, libraries and Art Gallery reopen, please note that

social distancing is a requirement for their continuing operation.

Please do your part by washing your hands, keeping a safe distance and following the directions of Council staff and the protocols set by Queensland Health.

It's a critical time for our community and we need to work together to overcome the challenges we face in the coming months.

There is no panacea or magic solution to zap us out of this historical phase quickly, but I'm confident that together we will emerge stronger and united, as we embrace a new way of doing things.



Nominations for the 2020 City of Logan Volunteer Awards are now open.

With organisations reaching out to more people than ever before it's timely to feature some of the invaluable services our residents provide to our community as volunteers.

TOUCH OF HOPE

HELPING OUT PEOPLE EVERYDAY

It's a poignant name for a local charity that's been helping some of the most disadvantaged people in Logan for the past three years.

Founded by husband and wife, Grant and Anita Anderson and their daughter Kirstin Anderson, the home-based charity was registered when they had fallen on hard times themselves.

"I was retrenched from my job as a plumber gasfitter. I was out of work. We were down to bare bones and in danger of losing our house," Grant says.

Anybody who needs help is welcome, homeless people, needy people... We don't judge.

Rather than feel sorry for themselves Anita and Grant decided to go down fighting.

"We've always been in the situation where we've helped people. So we thought we could get out there and help. We saw the gaps and where there was a real need," Anita says.

After three months Grant secured a new job, three days a week, repairing and modifying motorhomes and caravans.

They then turned every available inch of their home into storage and set up their first outreach at the Logan Central Access carpark, on the corner of Wembley and Ewing Roads.

As a non-denominational organisation, Touch of Hope's 10 volunteers work alongside Pastor Onofa Spelini Malo and Pastor Leata Spelini from Saved United Passionate who provide cooked meals, food and ministry when required.

"We've been community partners with them right from the start," Anita says.

"We started roughly three years ago at Logan Central – and at the suggestion of Louie Naumovski from Logan House

Fire Support Network – we later expanded to the Bethania Community Centre carpark on Tuesday nights.

"We're now opening at Logan Central on both Tuesday and Thursday nights and have discontinued providing outreach at Bethania."

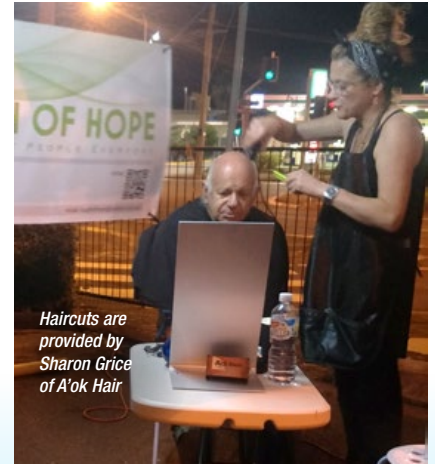
Feeding up to 130 people a night, with goods donated by Second Bite and a Beaudesert-based grocery logistics company, Grant, Anita and Kirstin load up their five by ten (foot) trailer with food, tables and chairs, hampers, clothes and care packs for their twice-weekly up to four hour outreach activities.

"We've managed to secure some tables so the elderly can sit down and 'have a bit of dignity' rather than sit on the kerb in the carpark," says Grant says.

"With up to 30 children attending we put out a big mat for the kids to play on and we provide toys for them to play with and take with them. Park Ridge Animal Hospital attends Bethania to look over pets and a hairdresser,

The outreach at Logan Central attracts up to 130 people on a Thursday night. (Photo taken before social distancing requirements)





Sharon Grice of A'ok Hair provides hair cuts at Logan Central.

"We also offer a street library with books to take home and keep.

"Anybody who needs help is welcome, homeless people, needy people, people who've come out of DV (domestic violence) situations. We don't judge.

"Anyone who says 'I need a meal tonight', 'I need a sleeping bag'

...families trying to stay together face the toughest times

or whatever, we help. We'll source furniture or whitegoods for people who have been lucky enough to be housed.

"We get referrals from various support services as well. They'll get in touch with us and we will try to source what they need," Grant says.

Most of the people who attend the 'feed' are older and each has an interesting story. Grant says he was moved by the changes he saw in people, who at the outset, would be head-down and move on like they were ashamed.

"A lot of these people have mental health problems. You can imagine how after a period of time it starts to eat away at you," he says.

"Some of the stories are amazing about how they've come to be in that predicament. We have lot of business people whose businesses have gone downhill. They tell us how they had to sell their house and all their possessions as their businesses failed, and now live out of a car.

"We've been there. We're all just a couple of pay-cheques from losing that roof over our head.

"COVID-19 has brought that a lot closer for many people. They're out of work and things are falling to pieces.

"Everybody has a story," Grant says.

Anita says families trying to stay together face the toughest times as most charities deal with men and women separately.

"We had a beautiful family with a husband and wife and four children trying to stay together.

"The man's wife was very unwell and in desperation he was contemplating having her make a false DV complaint

to the police so they would be housed while he was in jail.

"In the end there was nowhere they could stay as a family. There is help for men, women and children but not for families."

Operating from the Andersons' home, Touch of Hope is a year-round source of food, clothing and necessities while a donated Storage King shed at Springwood warehouses out-of-season clothing.

"Our gate is open until about 8pm all day every day," Anita says.

In the past six months the gate has stayed open despite the family facing its biggest challenge.

"I had a brain tumour removed which turned out to be cancer," Anita says.

"When I was in Logan Hospital in rehab after the stroke, a number of our regulars tried to visit me, but I found out later they were turned away.

"When I returned it was so touching. Just to be welcomed back.

"We have a unique community spirit with those who attend and our volunteers who give from the heart.

"They're like our family."



Nominations are now open for the City of Logan Volunteer Awards.

Please help us to recognise the efforts of extraordinary people and organisations who volunteer in our city.

Nominate online by **Wednesday 1 July** via the following link:

logan.qld.gov.au/awards/volunteers



A passion for animals

Ronelle Reid from Cedar Vale has a passion for animals. She's been painting them for most of her life and caring for them most days.

"I was one of those kids who never went through the 'I want to be an astronaut' stage," she says.

"When I was six I declared I was going to be an artist. I went to university, studied fine art and then, when I graduated, I realised there were bills to pay.

"So I went and got a job in animal welfare and worked for RSPCA Queensland for 20 years."

In February, Ronelle left that job to pursue her dream to become a full-time artist. Her artwork was exhibited in three galleries, including Logan Art Gallery, in the months before the pandemic.

"I was demonstrating live drawing at Logan Art Gallery the last day it was open, with quite a few school groups coming through," Ronelle says.

"Because I started as a full-time artist in February I don't know what normal is. Everything slammed shut, but it's given me the opportunity to make connections and to refine my work."

Ronelle was fortunate to find key people in the local arts network in those first months.

"It was another Logan arts supporter, Ali Strachan, who introduced me to the Creative Booster Pack at a Business for Creatives lesson at Logan Libraries," she says.

The Creative Booster Pack program gave Ronelle a way to connect with the Logan arts community while social distancing measures are in place.

"I'm going online, working through the process of creating a painting on a live Facebook feed, at: [facebook.com/RonelleReidART](https://www.facebook.com/RonelleReidART), which I haven't done before," Ronelle says.

"I start with a blank sheet of paper, draw it up, add colour and refine the painting. I'll be providing videos as we go. I take lots of photos and videos.

"As I work I'll be checking in, showing everyone where I'm up to.

"Anyone can join in and the video can be downloaded from the Facebook site if you miss a live streaming."

Another proposal has also worked out well for Ronelle. She has secured a solo exhibition at Logan Art Gallery in January 2021.

"I'm doing an exhibition in January called *Urban Menagerie*. It's all about the animals in our backyards in this area," she says.

"There are a lot of animals that live here that people don't think of. There's recently been an explosion in the number of butterflies, frogs, king parrots and even pelicans."

Other artists like Ronelle are invited to apply for BEMAC's Creative Booster Pack to tell their stories through their art forms and showcase their creative projects online.

For more information and to apply, visit: bit.ly/BEMACbooster



Ronelle Reid working in her Cedar Vale studio



Ronelle with her painting *Brothers*, oil and ink on canvas 2020

Women find support and solutions through online connections

If information is power, then The Centre For Women & Co. is fast becoming a force to be reckoned with in the City of Logan.

At a time when online connectivity is paramount, the Logan-based family and domestic violence support service is gaining new ground this year with its social enterprise, her.platform.

her.platform is an online subscription service designed to work hand-in-hand with the centre's ethos of educating and empowering women and families.

The project is also funding the more practical needs of those in crisis.

"her.platform is a collaboration of highly skilled women willing to share their expertise with a community," her.platform coordinator Lea says (surname withheld on request).

"It differs from social media as it offers masterclasses, blogs and live virtual events that range from wellbeing (to) personal development, mindfulness, yoga and exercise sessions.

"The paid memberships on her.platform go towards funding counselling services and essential items for women in need, such as toiletries and petrol vouchers for women escaping domestic violence situations.

"We've been shown amazing support by our community who have been supporting us on social media, connecting with us, buying our t-shirts and helping so much to get the word out."

The Centre For Women & Co. was developed in 2018 when two long-standing Logan organisations, Logan

Womens Health and Well-being Centre and WAVSS (the Working Against Violence Support Service), merged.

Centre CEO Stacey Ross says while physical support services remain vital for vulnerable people, online connection is becoming just as important.

"The presence of domestic and family violence within our community, as throughout Australia, is pervasive," Stacey says.

"Being supported and connected enhances our community."

Stacey says her staff share the concerns of support workers across Australia, who fear COVID-19 social isolation rules may have trapped at-risk people in violent home environments.

"We'd like the community to know that we are still here for them," she says.

"We've moved all of our services to an online model for the foreseeable future. This means that where we used to be working with clients face-to-face, we're now connecting with them through phone or video conferencing."

Stacey says The Centre For Women & Co., with its staff of 50, engaged with about 30,000 individuals and families



The Centre For Women & Co. Marketing and Communications Coordinator Gail, at the centre's recent Scholarship Celebration Event in Logan

across its Logan, Beenleigh and Redlands centres in 2019.

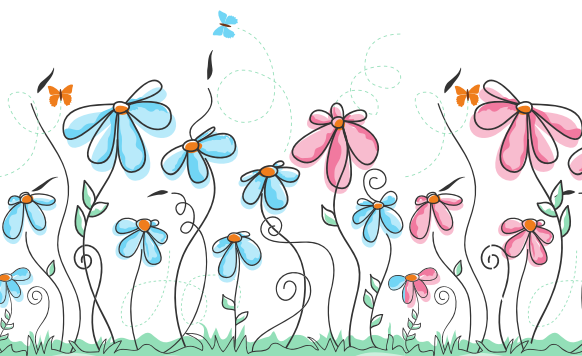
"This covered services such as specialised counselling, community education and high-risk case support," Stacey says.

"We highly recommend our communities join her.platform, and connect into our social media accounts, as we regularly promote our services, program and workshops."

For more information or to subscribe to her.platform, visit **centreforwomen.org.au/her-platform-online-community**



The Centre For Women & Co. CEO Stacey Ross and Intake Worker Kate



Rodney keeps an avid bird's eye on feathered friends

To call Rodney Appleby a 'bird brain' is actually a well-earned compliment.

As the lead coordinator of the Birdlife Australia South-East Queensland Southern Group, which includes the City of Logan, Rodney plays a role in observing and tracking our bird populations and how they react to changing local habitats.

He also organises and guides monthly bird walks that take in Logan wildlife havens including the Eagleby and Berrinba wetlands.

With his wife Sara, Rodney also volunteers to carry out quarterly bird surveys for Logan City Council in some of the city's 930 parks.

One of his most recent surveys was in Willmann Park at Belivah and surrounding areas where Council and

other groups have begun to regenerate the park to form a corridor between existing bushland areas.

"We are carrying out the surveys to see what effect this has on the types of birds that inhabit the park," Rodney says.

"We are starting to see a wider range of honeyeaters."

Rodney recently, logged an unusual sighting in Willmann Park of a royal spoonbill, more likely to be found on saltwater flats.

"Sara and I enjoy getting up early in the morning and walking through the park just observing," Rodney says.

"It is so interesting to see how things change as the plants mature and the seasons change."

Rodney says his observations in Willmann Park have reinforced the importance of preserving mature

eucalypts, one of which Council has identified as more than 200 years old.

"By the time they get to that age they are usually a bit gnarled and have a few broken branches and hollows which make essential nesting spots for many native birds such as cockatoos and lorikeets," he says.

Rodney, a former Shailer Park resident who now lives on the Gold Coast, got into bird-watching almost by accident about three years ago.

"I have always been a keen photographer and I found I was starting to take a lot of photos of birds. It got to the point where I thought I should find out exactly what it is I am photographing," he says.

His family bought him an Australian bird identification book for Father's Day and his hobby became a passion.

Rodney says his observations show that while local bird populations were reduced by the recent drought, local flocks were not greatly impacted by the bushfires early this year.

But he says there is still a lot of pressure on some bird species as their habitats are impacted by growing housing development.

"Council is doing a great job by planting a lot of native trees and shrubs in parks and nature areas across the city," Rodney says.

Although his monthly bird walks have been suspended to comply with social distancing rules, they will restart again when the time is right and new members will be welcomed.

Rodney and Sara Appleby are keeping a close eye on Logan's bird populations





A royal spoonbill, like the one above, made a rare visit to Belivah recently

The walks regularly attract between 15 and 30 people.

“We are happy for people to turn up and come along for two or three walks to see if they are interested,” he says.

“We even have binoculars you can borrow.”

In the meantime, Rodney urges Logan residents to do their own local bird-watching.

“Put the phone down and go out and have a look in your own backyard. You will be amazed at what’s out there,” he says.

For more details on Birdlife Australia and Logan bird walks email contact: **rodneya@gmail.com** or go to the Birdlife Southern Queensland website: **birdlife.org.au/locations/birdlife-southern-queensland**



Back to black a bright spot for Chambers Flat

A pair of glossy black cockatoos feeding in their favourite food trees was a surprise reward recently for a Chambers Flat property owner who is a member of Council’s Land for Wildlife and Voluntary Conservation Agreement programs.

The property owner has spent the last few years rehabilitating the land from a rundown sheep farm to a safe haven for wildlife with native trees, shrubs and grasses with support and funding through Council’s Conservation Incentives Program.

A Council officer was able to confirm the mystery ‘black birds’ as reported by the property owner were indeed glossy black cockatoos feeding on the seed pods of allocasuarina trees (she-oaks) on the property.

The glossy black cockatoo is considered a significant species and is listed as ‘vulnerable’ in Queensland and NSW.

For more information on Council’s Conservation Incentives Program go to: **logan.qld.gov.au/CIP**

Our green spaces are thriving

It is encouraging to know life goes on in the environmental world.

Newly planted saplings are thriving across the city following warm weather in April and above average rainfall at the start of the year.

Logan City Council annually rehabilitates and revegetates our riverside parks.

The regular planting of young native trees is funded, in part, through Council’s Environment Levy and further sites by Council’s Environmental Offsets.

Several species of eucalyptus, including Blue Gum and Red Ironbark, are used along with Acacias including the Blackwood, Brisbane Wattle and Black Wattle.

Several sedge and grass species, including Kangaroo Grass, are used where appropriate.

In recent months, 6,000 trees have been planted along Belivah Creek, as part of Council’s Belivah Creek restoration project. Working towards our Albert and Logan River Visions, 6,600 trees have been planted at five riverside parks this year.

More than 2,000 trees have been planted along the creek line at Timothy Park and 9,000 trees at Garoona Park, as part of Council’s Slacks Creek restoration project.

At Windaroo Creek, 1,950 trees have been planted, while 1,600 have been planted at the Wolfdene South Reserve.

Over 40,000 trees have also been planted at five Environmental Offset sites this year.

A video overview of Environmental Offsets in the City of Logan can be viewed at: **bit.ly/3d1Bnga**

Logan City Council programs ensure thousands of native trees, shrubs and grasses are planted annually across the city, funded in part through the Environment Levy



Refugees recycle to assist Griffith students

Refugee Riad Sabra knows better than most the challenges facing new arrivals to Australia.

Although having worked in his native Syria as a truck driver, design manufacturer and small business owner, Riad has found it difficult to obtain work since settling here almost 18 months ago.

As a way to further develop his skills, Riad came up with the design for a project for the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) Logan Central.

Manager Henk La Dru says the organisation has been building study pods for The Yunus Centre at Griffith University's Logan campus.

Part of the University's Business School, the centre's purpose is to equip people with the know how to create positive societal impacts.

Henk says about 600 hours had been spent to produce the pods by staff from Work for the Dole programs run by

ADRA as well as a group of Logan refugees.

Fifteen out-dated desks were cut-up and repurposed to build the new pods.

Each of the two pods includes more than 500 components.

Henk says refugee participants are being taught English skills as well as how to work with tools.

"It helps them to launch their careers in a new country and re-establish themselves," he says.

Spokesperson for The Yunus Centre Athanasia Price says it was wonderful to see the way in which the project had given Riad the opportunity to showcase his work.

"The pods are a striking physical demonstration of a research project we're running focused on the question of how we can ensure inclusive job growth with the growth of the circular economy," Athanasia says.



Syrian refugee Riad Sabra hard at work on one of the study pods



Students from Griffith University in the new study pods built as part of an innovative Logan project

"The pods show how this can work."

Athanasia says there was also a story behind the table tops as they had been created by New Earth Timber from a spotted gum tree which had fallen across a driveway in a storm.

Logan Village Community Craft Cottage sews up a storm

Logan Village Community Craft Cottage and Mission Possible Volunteers have overcome social distancing to provide positive outcomes for those in need.

The cottage's community projects co-ordinator Karren Marshall says the group's sewing members had gone from getting together twice a month to working almost daily on projects at home.

In addition to providing coverlets to the Queensland Children's Hospital and COVID units in the hospitals, they have ramped up their community projects arm and are making items for South-East Queensland's health care workers.

Karren says the 20 members, ranging in age from 35 to 80, had made face masks, scrub hats, headbands for

masks and scrub bags for workers to take their clothes home after shifts.

The group is looking for donations of materials from the community such as fabric and thread.

Offers of donations can be made by texting or calling **0409 726 430**.

The distribution of items made by the Logan Village Community Craft Cottage is coordinated by Gail Harrower from Mission Possible Volunteers.

She obtains orders for items from local hospitals and nursing homes and taps into organisations like the Logan Village Community Craft Cottage and a pool of local residents to organise whatever is needed.

Gail says normally she would carry out

distribution runs with other members but COVID-19 meant that she had to do deliveries solo and organise contact points for item collection.

She says Mission Possible Volunteers always needed more supplies of wool as well as volunteer knitters and sewers.



Receiving items from the Logan Village Community Craft Cottage and Mission Possible Volunteers are (left) Gillian Myles and Icy Poothottal Jose, Clinical Nurse Consultants at Logan Hospital

Council's first meeting

At Council's first meeting in May, the order of business was to elect the Deputy Mayor, Committee Chairs and Deputies.

City Governance Committee



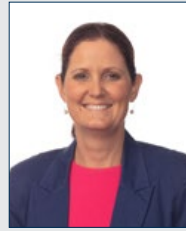
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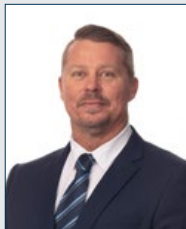


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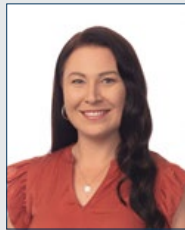
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Cr Tony Hall
Deputy



Cr Mindy Russell
Deputy

Intersection upgrade competed ahead of schedule

Work on a major intersection at Loganlea has been completed a month ahead of schedule providing safer access to and from the Logan Motorway.

The installation of traffic lights and new turning lanes at the Station Rd /Jellicoe St intersection are designed to cope with future increases in the volume of traffic.

Council has also widened the road pavement, added a cycle lane and installed new road drainage.

The \$4.5 million upgrade has improved the safety and flow of traffic, sped up commute times and improved safety for residents in peak hours.

Doval Constructions partnered with Council to deliver the works. The Federal Government contributed \$1.4 million to the upgrade from its Roads to Recovery program.

The new Jellicoe St/Station Rd, Loganlea intersection pictured from the Logan Motorway exit



Finishing touches put on Council's budget

Logan City Council's 2020/2021 Budget will be adopted on Monday, June 22, at a Special Council meeting.

The budget outlines the key services, projects and programs that will be delivered to the community over the next 12 months.

These will be crucial for the city's recovery from the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic.

In March, Council announced a financial support package to provide immediate and long-term support to the community and business owners.

Be sure to read your July edition of *Our Logan*, which will focus on the major announcements of the 2020/2021 Budget.



A live stream presentation *Pandemic Pieces*

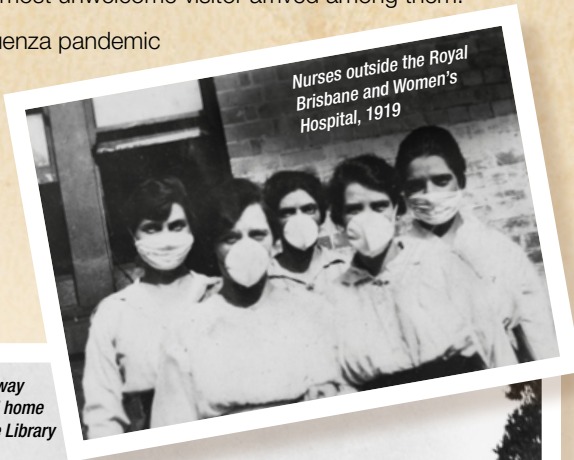
Wednesday 24 June at 10.30 am

After the Armistice was signed to end the hostilities of the Great War, the relief felt by the citizens of the Logan and Albert District was short lived. At the start of 1919, the drought was entering its third year and an outbreak of whooping cough kept the children out of school.

The tedium was punctuated by frequent gatherings to welcome home soldiers as they returned in twos and threes from the War. As the train was frequently late, the band played to keep the crowds waiting at the railway station amused. However, on one such day, a most unwelcome visitor arrived among them.

The local response to the influenza pandemic of 1919 is now all too familiar. Join the Local Heritage Specialist for a live stream presentation describing life under lock-down back then.

Register at loglib.org/panp



Typical country crowd at Helidon railway station welcoming military personnel home from the First World War. Photo: State Library of Queensland



You're invited to join our Virtual Book Chat

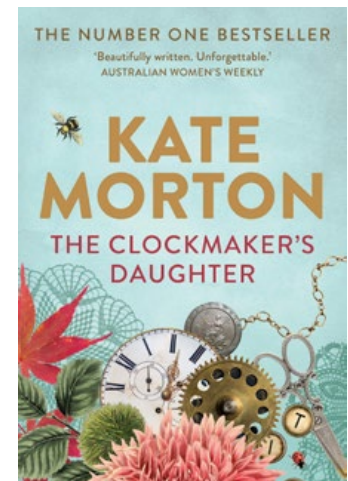
The Clockmaker's Daughter by Kate Morton

This book chat is for ages: 16+

**Saturday 27 June,
11am to 12.30pm**

If you are a Logan City Council Libraries member, register your interest now. Once you register, we will be in contact to let you know how our new virtual book club will run—and we'll guide you through the technical set up.

Register at loglib.org/vbc



All Logan City Council Libraries are open normal operating hours for limited visitor numbers.

Borrowers are encouraged to plan for short visits and to continue using Logan Library's online resources for eBooks, eAudiobooks, magazines and resources for children.

To find your closest library or the opening hours visit: loganlibraries.org or call 3412 5420.

A new hub for learning – from home

Studiosity, is a part of Logan Libraries' new Home Learning Hub.

The good news is you don't need a computer to access library resources. If you need assistance with books and research help, library staff are available to assist.

To access this service call 3412 5420 Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm to make a request.

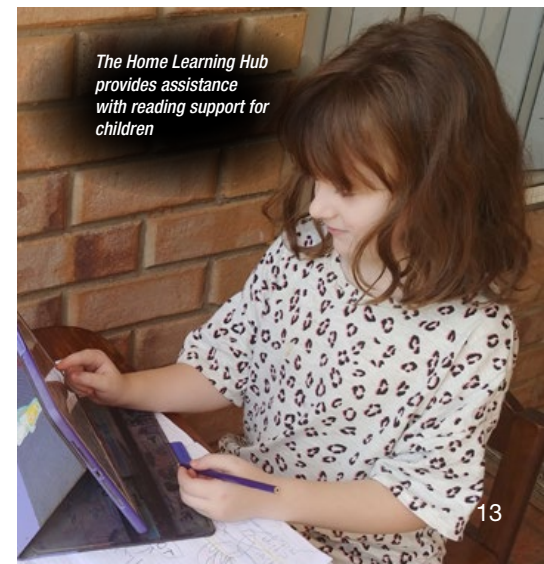
Reading support is also available for children by phone. Library staff will listen and assist with reading. Call 3412 4100 Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm for assistance.

One-on-one adult literacy support is also available by calling 3412 4100 Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm.

If you are online our new Home Learning Support service is for Prep to Year 12 students and parents. Our library staff will assist you to finding the resources you need from our e-resources collection. To use this service email: libraries@logan.qld.gov.au or phone your local library.

The Home Learning Hub is available now and will be ongoing. Visit: loglib.org/homelearn to explore the vast range of resources and support available.

If you're not yet a library member, it's free to join. Go to loganlibraries.org



The Home Learning Hub provides assistance with reading support for children

Free web tutor helps with homework and assignments



Studiosity provides assistance and personalised help with homework and assignments for school and university students

Studiosity

The take-up of the free online study help service Studiosity is skyrocketing.

Studiosity is personalised help with homework and assignments for school and university students.

The tutors help students from Years 3 to university graduate level.

They are professional teachers, tutors or university students studying in their area of expertise.

Most students use Studiosity to help them with high school maths and science. Subjects such as English, history, geography and economics are also covered.

Tutors also provide help with homework, assignments, study skills, exam preparation and research. They even provide feedback on essays and assignments for high school and university students.

Tutorials last for an average of 28 minutes. Tutorials include text, images, drawings, information on subjects and feedback on written work.

Practice exams, based on the curriculum for a particular subject/year are also provided.

Studiosity also provides feedback for adult learners and people needing help with job skills.

Advice on resumes, report writing and public speaking are part of this free service.

Access is free—and all you need to do is be a Logan Libraries member. To join the library go to: loganlibraries.org

If you are already a library member you can access Studiosity from any online device through Logan Libraries Home Learning Hub at: loglib.org/homelearn

Check out some of the online resources while you are there.

The Hub supports the learning needs of school students of all ages through online resources, personalised help and reading ideas.



Turning city waste into soil conditioner

Logan Water is pioneering an Australian-first project that will save up to \$500,000 per year in operating costs at one of our city's essential services.

It will also reduce carbon emissions, by turning sewage sludge (biosolids) into energy and biochar, a pollutant-free soil conditioner.

The Biosolids Gasification Project is based at the Loganholme Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). This plant provides services to 300,000 people and produces 34,000 tonnes of biosolids each year.

Six truckloads of biosolids are taken 300 kilometres to the Darling Downs each day for land application, which accounts for 30 per cent of the plant's operating costs.

The goal of the project is to transform these biosolids into biochar, reusing as much energy as possible. Doing this will reduce the volume of biosolids and associated disposal costs by around 90 per cent.

The trial is now underway and is at proof-of-concept stage. After evaluation it's expected that a full-scale facility will be built on site and will be operational by late 2021.

Biochar is made by feeding dried biosolids into a gasifier. There are two products released from the gasifier, the biochar solids and a resultant gas mixture. The gas mixture or biogas is itself a fuel and is a source of renewable energy in the form of heat. This energy

is recycled and used in the biosolids drying process.

There are no odours or other forms of waste generated — just a light, easily transportable, dry soil conditioner called biochar. It contains carbon, phosphorus and potassium and no persistent organic pollutants. These are destroyed during the heating process.

With additional energy generated by an on-site solar power system, the Loganholme gasification facility is planned to be energy neutral.

It will reduce carbon emissions from the plant by around 4,800 tonnes each year.

Funding for the \$17.28 million facility was provided by Council and a \$6.2m grant from the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA).

Coupled with Logan Water's innovative wastewater treatment plant at the Cedar Grove Environmental Centre, our city is leading the way in environmentally-sustainable wastewater treatment.



Family patriarch presides over Indigenous art dynasty

Preserving important cultural traditions has been the lifetime work of Greenbank resident Joseph Skeen.

The Kuku-Thaypan elder is a second generation Aboriginal artefact maker.

He makes many things, including clapping sticks and didgeridoos, but his main focus now is making boomerangs and passing on his knowledge.

His early years helped to shape him as an artist and mentor.

Joseph was a baby when he was removed from his parents and their traditional homelands in 1939.

He spent 14 years in the boys dormitory of the Cherbourg Aboriginal Mission.

On occasion his late father William was allowed to visit and during these special times he taught Joseph the traditional craftsmanship of making boomerangs from the Black Wattle trees.

At 21, Joseph saw an opportunity to earn a living from making and selling boomerangs and other traditional artefacts.

This work at one stage consisted of supplying a box of boomerangs in 1971 to singer Johnny Cash.

Johnny was in Brisbane for a concert at Festival Hall and Joseph got to meet him and the singer's wife June Carter Cash.

Today, the photograph of that meeting takes pride of place on a wall of Joseph's home.

Joseph is unsure how many items he's made in his lifetime.

"I've lost count of how many I've produced as I can turn them out pretty quick," he says.

The 81-year-old, who has lived in Logan since 1969, has passed on his expertise to all of his 14 children and their family business has been in operation for more than 50 years.

Joseph has always been passionate about sharing his cultural knowledge and today supplies many schools and government agencies within the Logan community and several tourist hot spots through the family's Skeenarang Booma business.



Passing on the traditions is Aboriginal artefact maker Joseph Skeen from Greenbank



Joseph Skeen presents singers Johnny Cash and June Carter Cash with a box of boomerangs in 1971

Families should focus on home fire safety

As the weather turns cooler and people are spending more time at home, there is one important area of your home to focus on—fire safety.

Logan House Fire Support Network founder Louie Naumovski says now is an ideal time for residents to look at their fire safety more closely and ensure things such as electrical cords around the house are not frayed.

Louie says one of the first things to establish was whether smoke alarms are working properly.

The best way is to push the test button on the alarm. If all is well the alarm should activate and switch off. If not, you should look to replace it.

Louie says homeowners should also make sure their back-up batteries were replaced and the alarms cleaned with either a duster or the brush attachment from a vacuum.

All smoke alarms only have a 10-year life span and today they must be replaced with photoelectric smoke alarms which are better able to detect smouldering fires.

Louie says fire alarm tests should be carried out monthly along with practising your household fire escape plan.

More fire safety tips can be found online at: LHFSN.org



Louie Naumovski from the Logan House Fire Support Network



Jimboomba Heritage Vehicle Club President Syd Norman and his wife Pauline Norman at the Bayside Restorers run on Australia Day in their 1910 Maxwell Model AA

Models make their marque for Jimboomba car lovers

When members of this Logan club get together, it's a car lover's dream.

The Jimboomba Heritage Vehicle Club features an array of vehicles—not just one type or model.

In the sheds and garages of members, there's everything from cars to prime mover trucks and motorcycles.

The list of vehicles owned by its 90 registered members covers popular and rare models including Holden's FJ and Monaro models, Ford's Mustang and Galaxy marques along with vintage Chevrolets and American muscle cars.

Club president Syd Norman says the club always puts on a diverse and interesting display.

The only prerequisite is that members must enjoy classic motor cars.

"We all enjoy one another's cars," Syd says.

The COVID-19 pandemic has temporarily curtailed the club's activities which include monthly meetings, regular sausage sizzles and club runs.

This club is not just about the cars. It is also about spending time with people with a similar passion.

Syd says the club will be back in action as soon as it was practical.

"Members are currently at home doing up their homes and carrying out maintenance jobs."

Syd is passionate about his fleet of vehicles which includes a 1910 Maxwell and a 1924 Fiat.

He has also taken his love of cars international with a two-month trip around both islands of New Zealand in 2016 in his 1938 Morris 8/40, towing a teardrop roadster caravan which he built.

Not one to rest on his laurels, Syd is now eyeing his next project—the building of another caravan to go with his wife Pauline's 1955 FJ Holden utility which is currently being restored.

In this together

National Reconciliation Week
2020

27 MAY – 3 JUNE

reconciliation.org.au/nrw
#NRW2020 #InThisTogether2020



National Reconciliation Week 2020, like many other events, will be a little different this year. The theme is poignant in highlighting whether in crisis or reconciliation we are 'In this together'.

To mark 20 years since the reconciliation walks of 2000, if possible we encourage you to get out and walk with your household or a friend (abiding by COVID-19 restrictions) to reflect on the importance of reconciliation and working together for a shared and connected future for all.

For more information on reconciliation, and ideas for joining in on the conversation online, please visit Reconciliation Australia's website: reconciliation.org.au

The future for *Our Logan* magazine

An independent survey of more than 700 residents by IRIS Research is shaping the future of how Logan City Council informs the community.

The survey found 77 per cent of residents said they read the printed *Our Logan* magazine. Five per cent said they read the online version.

Readers said the topics of interest were about were Council events and workshops, as well as information and updates on Council services.

The main improvement area from readers relates to content. Readers would like a broader range of content related to seniors.

Profiles on suburbs and regions, promotion of upcoming events and feature stories on local community members were also suggested.



Other content recommendations were stories about the community and local businesses.

Readers said they were interested in: future plans for the area, updates on roads, crime reports, travel information, environmental issues, local facilities, community groups, gardening news/tips, schools and children.

In March 2020, Council made the decision to make *Our Logan* a bi-monthly publication from August 2020.

A new online newsletter CONNECTING LOGAN now provides additional content. The newsletter is free and is now available. To sign up go to bit.ly/connectinglogan

CONNECTING LOGAN

Subscribe to our Connecting Logan eNewsletter to keep up-to-date and stay connected with what's happening in your local community. bit.ly/connectinglogan



Beware of COVID-19 Scammers

Since COVID-19 restrictions were introduced by the Federal Government, our use of online shopping and social media sites has significantly increased. Sadly, the number of COVID-19-related scams have also significantly increased during this time.

Below are some examples of what to look out for to keep yourself and others safe online.

Online shopping scams

Scammers have created fake online stores claiming to sell products that don't exist such as cures or vaccinations for COVID-19 as well as products such as face masks. Tips to protect yourself from these types of scams include:

- Remember to trust only COVID-19 information that is coming from official government sources. There is currently no vaccine or cure for COVID-19.
- Research the store or seller through online reviews before purchasing.
- Be wary of sellers requesting unusual payment methods such as upfront payment via money order, wire transfer, international funds transfer, pre-loaded card or electronic currency, like Bitcoin.
- Check for the appearance of a padlock and https at the beginning of a url web address as these are two examples of legitimate website indicators to keep a look out for.
- When making purchases online, use a secure payment method such as PayPal rather than entering your credit or debit card details directly.

Phishing – Government impersonation scams

Scammers are pretending to be government agencies providing information on COVID-19 through text messages and emails, which often contain malicious links or attachments that are designed to steal your personal and financial information. Tips to protect yourself from phishing scams include:

- Do not click on hyperlinks in text/ social media messages or emails, even if they appear to come from a trusted source.
- Never respond to unsolicited messages and calls that ask for your personal or financial information, even if they claim to be from a reputable organisation or government authority.
- If you need to contact a government authority, access their website directly rather than following hyperlinks in emails or messages. For example, to access the MyGov website type 'my.gov.au' into your internet browser.

How you can help others stay safe online:

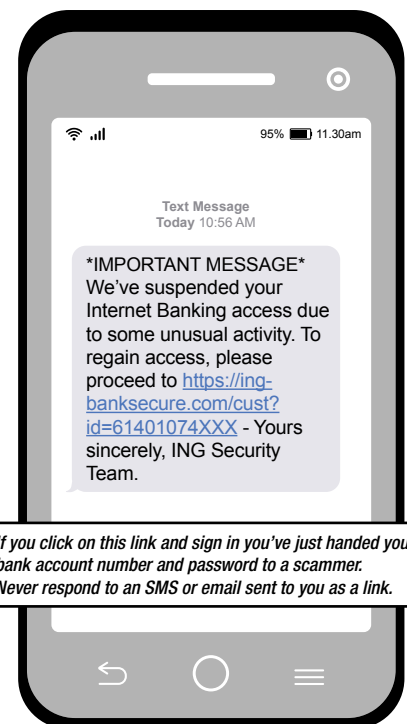
- Keep informed about the latest scams at: scamwatch.gov.au where you can also choose to register to receive email updates about new COVID-19 scams.
- Let your friends, family and colleagues know about new scams as you become aware of them.

- Ask the businesses you connect with regularly about scams they know of, how they can protect you and how you can protect yourself.

Report suspected scams to:

scamwatch.gov.au and/or notify PoliceLink online at: police.qld.gov.au

We encourage your feedback so together we can keep Logan a safer city for all of our community. Contact: council@logan.qld.gov.au



If you click on this link and sign in you've just handed your bank account number and password to a scammer. Never respond to an SMS or email sent to you as a link.



Use online reporting for non-urgent incidents

One of the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic has been an increase in calls to Police Link. This has created delays for people trying to report incidents to police. Police are encouraging residents to use online reporting to report non-urgent matters. If an offender is still present, or there is imminent danger to life or property, residents are still encouraged to dial triple zero (000). To access the online reporting option, please go to: police.qld.gov.au/reporting

For more crime prevention tips visit: logan.qld.gov.au/communitysafety



Prepare yourself and your property

You don't have to live in the bush to be threatened by bushfires, as fires can occur in suburbs where houses are surrounded by grassland, bush or parkland.

When there is a bushfire in or near your area, you and your home may be affected by burning material, embers and smoke.

As private landowners, residents are responsible for maintaining their own property safety and preparedness for bushfire.

There are a number of steps that residents can take to minimise the impact of bushfires:

- Prepare a Bushfire Survival Plan and contact your local fire brigade for more information and advice
- Trim low-lying branches and native shrubs growing too close to the house
- Remove all rubbish, leaf litter, firewood and fuel containers near the house
- Mow your grass regularly to keep it short
- If possible, make a firebreak around your home (use mower, rake, spade)
- Some landowners may benefit from conducting controlled burns on their land with appropriate weather conditions, planning and advice.

Landowners must seek information and approvals from their local fire brigade before conducting any burning on private property.

For more information on preparing for a bushfire, visit Council's website: logan.qld.gov.au/bushfire

Planned burns taming fire with fire

The large bushfires experienced last summer are a reminder that even bushland needs maintaining.

Logan is fortunate to have large areas of native bushland near suburban areas, but the bushfire risk in these areas needs to be managed.

It happens when undergrowth and fallen trees and logs dry out and become fuel.

Research has shown that one of the most effective ways to reduce the danger of bushfires is through 'planned' or prescribed burns.

These happen in the cooler months, between April and July, when fire danger is low to moderate.

Planned burns reduce the amount of ground vegetation, which helps to maintain biodiversity.

They reduce ground level flora, such as dead and fallen trees and scrub. They don't get into the tree-top canopy, allowing native animals to retreat to safety.

These burns benefit native bushland and fauna. It encourages new growth and helps many native plants need a fire to germinate.

Before a planned burn residents living in adjoining properties are notified in writing.

Council also uses social media and our website to notify the community.

Burns are generally given the go ahead only 12 to 24 hours in advance.

Approval is based on forecast weather conditions. If the weather changes a burn will be rescheduled to the next suitable day.

Each burn is planned and monitored with resources kept on hand to keep the community safe.

If you are concerned about a fire in your area you should call 000.

If you want to check the status of a fire you can go to the Current Bushfires page on the Queensland Rural Fire Service Website at ruralfire.qld.gov.au For information about bushfires go to our disaster dashboard at: disaster.logan.qld.gov.au



Fire crews make detailed preparations before prescribed burns in bushland

Business owner backs Vinnies' charity effort

A Logan business owner has thrown his support into a special annual fundraiser for the St Vincent de Paul Society, better known as Vinnies.

Ken Beissel, the managing director of Loganholme-based building company David Reid Homes, is supporting the Vinnies CEO Sleepout on Thursday, June 18 which is the organisation's biggest fundraising event each year.

All funds raised allow Vinnies to continue their homelessness services, providing a hand-up to people across Australia.

COVID-19 has led to the 2020 sleepout, now in its 15th year, being transformed into an interactive online event.

Rather than gather together as has happened in the past, participants have been asked to nominate an alternate sleeping option during the registration process such as their car, outdoors in their backyard or on their couch.

This will connect participants with some of the realities of the men, women and children experiencing homelessness in Logan and across Australia every night.

Participants are asked to share their sleepout experience through an interactive live stream program, logging in with others around the country.

Ken says he was looking to sleep in the backyard during his first year taking part in the sleepout.

The father-of-eight says he is looking forward to being part of the 2020 event and supporting Vinnies.

"It's a great cause," he says.



Logan business owner Ken Beissel will be sleeping rough on June 18 as part of the annual Vinnies CEO Sleepout event

Ken says he's done a lot of charity work and is currently heavily involved with MS Queensland supported by the David Reid Homes franchise group Australia-wide.

"We try to do our bit and put a bit back."

Ken says he believes homelessness should not exist in Australia and wants to make a difference to people experiencing, or at risk, of homelessness.

Anyone wanting to be part of the 2020 Vinnies CEO Sleepout can register via: ceosleepout.org.au



St Vincent de Paul Society Regional President Bruce Laker has helped set up the local Phone Buddies service

Phone buddies available for a friendly chat

Anyone feeling isolated, disconnected or alone can reach out to a special group of Logan volunteers from St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland.

The Logan Phone Buddy Program gives the community access to a friendly voice and someone they can chat with.

St Vincent de Paul Society Regional President Bruce Laker says the service is available between 9am and 3pm from Monday to Friday by calling the Vinnies Helpline on **1800 846 643** which is a free call.

Callers should press '1' to access the menu options and then will be asked for

their postcode. This allows the service's call centre to put callers in contact with a local phone buddy.

Bruce stresses it is important Phone Buddy callers press '1' upon being automatically answered to ensure they are not channelled into other Vinnies services.

The service is run by volunteers who want to support those needing connection in their community. It is not a crisis line.

"Our volunteers are used to dealing with people from all walks of life and circumstances," Bruce says.

Gallery gazing goes online for Miriam

When Edens Landing artist Miriam Innes brought her rambling New York City streetscapes to the Logan Art Gallery just a few months ago, she sparked a swell in foot traffic through its doors.

The Irish-born mother-of-two has just held her largest Australian exhibition to date but this time, her success has been measured not so much in people through doors, as clicks online.

Unequivocally New York, held at Sydney's May Space Gallery, featured 20 of Miriam's charcoal pieces, including five of the large panels exhibited as part of her Logan Art Gallery *NY Rambling* exhibit in February.

Sydneysiders were able to book private viewings of the exhibition during May but for everyone else—including Miriam—the showing was a strict online affair.

"COVID-19 changed the course of everybody's plans for 2020, I was no exception to this," Miriam says.

"Initially it threw so many spanners in the works, including the travel restrictions, which prevented me from attending.

Unequivocally New York altered to not only a regular onsite exhibit (of still images), but a virtual exhibit too.

"It offered people from all over the globe the opportunity to view and be a part of the exhibition, including my Irish family and friends in the UAE and across Australia.

"It also offered me an opportunity to engage with the people who had supported me and followed my work for years."

Miriam says in the lead up to the exhibit, she made the most of time in isolation by filming the creation of her newest pieces, and sharing the videos on her social media channels.

"I stepped out of my comfort zone and began to talk about my drawing process, the self-criticism, including the mistakes I made while creating an artwork," she says.

"People appreciated it and it gave me confidence to engage more and offered an escape for viewers to watch and listen to my daily ramblings."

Despite her continued successes here at home, Miriam says it has been difficult to see such suffering in the city that inspired her.

"One of the most asked questions about my drawings has been why I excluded people from my cities, as it is not a normal city view," she says.

"The reason for this was to give the person viewing the drawing their own journey through the work, without compromise.

"Then the coronavirus spread across the globe and hitting New York in particular incredibly hard and my New York urban streets, void of people, became the normal.

"It was surreal to think of my drawing as a regular capture of 'the city that never sleeps'.

"I'm looking forward to seeing it once more as its full bustling, noisy and colourful self again."

A virtual walkthrough of Miriam's Sydney exhibit can be viewed at: bit.ly/2KSMYC8

Edens Landing artist Miriam Innes is celebrating her largest Australian exhibit to date, albeit in a very different way



Job-creating development breaks dirt in Beenleigh

Construction has started on a major commercial office development in Beenleigh—the first in a decade.

Known as “The York”, the development is being driven by investLogan and Alder Developments at 96-98 York St.

It comprises a seven-storey commercial building, four SOHO (small office or home office) apartments, ground floor retail space and an underground carpark.

The ground level integrates small-scale commercial and retail spaces, linking York St to John Lane via a pedestrian laneway that will connect directly to Beenleigh Town Square.

The streetscape will be enhanced by cascading greenery.

The project is expected to create up to 100 construction jobs at a time when the local economy and local construction businesses are attempting to recover from the impacts of the pandemic.

In 2017, Council hosted the Beenleigh Summit to unlock the area’s economic potential. From there, the Beenleigh Implementation Plan was unveiled to guide the planning and delivery of priority projects and programs in Beenleigh.

Council established investLogan in the same year to drive economic growth in Logan’s key business centres, including Beenleigh.

investLogan Chair Steve Greenwood says the start of construction on The York signifies the next stage in the evolution of Beenleigh.

“The design and delivery of catalytic projects like The York will contribute to the revitalisation of Beenleigh and encourage further private sector investment,” he says.

“The York is delivering more than 4000 sqm of commercial space as well as the SOHO apartments, which will provide a contemporary tenancy space for small businesses that are the engine room of the economy to evolve and grow.”

The York is due for completion by late 2021. Access to John Lane and York St will remain open to pedestrians and vehicles during construction.

Investment in Beenleigh over the years

Logan City Council has invested in important infrastructure in Beenleigh’s CBD since 2008 when local government boundaries changed. Some of the highlights include:

- Installing signals at the James St/ Zander St intersection
- Completing the Beenleigh Ring Road (Showgrounds Dr) to ease traffic congestion in the CBD
- Developing the Beenleigh Town Square, including removing the notorious six-way roundabout from the heart of the CBD and building a new 55-space car park
- Hosting the Beenleigh Summit to share ideas on unlocking the area’s economic potential
- Developing the Beenleigh Town Centre Master Plan and Beenleigh Implementation Plan to guide the delivery of priority projects and programs, with \$5m so far allocated to those projects
- Installing a big screen in Beenleigh Town Square for free movie nights and other community events (which will resume once mass gathering rules are eased)
- Redeveloping the Beenleigh Aquatic Centre to include an all-inclusive new indoor heated pool and children’s water play area (re-opening when conditions allow)

The York in numbers

During construction:

- 100 construction jobs
- \$4.1m of direct benefits and \$10.6m of indirect benefits

When complete:

- 140 new full-time jobs
- \$16.5m of direct benefits and \$8.5m of indirect benefits

An artist’s impression of The York development

Business connections are the key to survival

A Logan printer is using an innovative idea to connect local businesses so they can navigate the COVID-19 economic impacts.

Minuteman Press at Slacks Creek believes turning to other businesses is the key to making sure everyone stays afloat.

They've set up a website called Bounce Back which allows companies to hawk their wares free of charge to other businesses.

The owner of Minuteman Press at Slacks Creek, Fiona Macdonald, describes the website as similar to a directory that allows businesses to post their details and news of any specials.

"We're encouraging them to have a special for each other," she says.

"Ours is buy 250 business cards get 250 free, it doesn't have to be anything more than they usually do.

"We're just providing them with a place to go where we can all do business with each other."

Minuteman Press is a full-service design, print and marketing business, therefore it may seem a bit risky to be essentially providing marketing at no cost.

"If other businesses go under then we won't have any customers," Fiona says.

"Businesses need to consider if price is the only driver of



Fiona Macdonald, from Minuteman Press, with a COVID-19 awareness poster that is provided free to participating businesses

marketing decisions and should we just help each other in these tough times.

"Our preference is to help local businesses in particular."

She says the website has already managed to connect Logan businesses.

It can be found at: bouncebackaustralia.minuteman.com/locations/qld/slacks-creek

Commercial radio station Rebel FM has also launched a similar site that aims to help the local restaurant and takeaway industry.

Hunger Jungle is a free opportunity for those businesses to promote their wares: hungerjungle.com.au/sign-up

Determined Zac completes a Jigsaw of digital records

A Mundoolun teenager has played an important role in bringing Logan City Council's records into the digital age.

Zac Dallinger, 18, is vision impaired. Despite completing a Certificate III in Business and receiving high marks, he struggled to find employment after finishing high school when many employers focused on his impairment rather than his skills.

As a New Zealand citizen, but long-time Australian resident, Zac does not qualify for the NDIS.

Hope was not lost though when an opportunity opened up with social enterprise Jigsaw Australia, which has just opened its first Queensland office.

The organisation trains and transitions people with a disability into award-wage employment.

Community Engagement Manager Tammie Usher says Zac's work ethic and intelligence were just some of the shining qualities he could bring to a workplace.

Zac is completing a work experience position to increase his skillset and will then become a paid trainee.

He has excelled in file management, which has led to work digitising 200 boxes of long-term physical records for Council.

"While Zac has been with Jigsaw, he has been leading the way with file management and mentoring other trainees, and has been our shining star," Tammie says.

"We are very excited to see what opportunities and pathways we can try to find for him in the future."



Zac Dallinger has helped transform physical records from Logan City Council into digital files through a social enterprise

Relaunching your business

Over recent months, there have been a number of changes required by our business community to maintain community safety in response to COVID-19. While many industries have maintained their operational abilities, others have closed or made significant changes to their way of conducting business on the fly. As plans for easing of restrictions are put in place, it is important that all business owners get ready to accommodate the public in the 'new' normal operating conditions.

Create or update your business plans

Now is a great time to create or update your business plan. Plans can be as simple as a single page with dot points with a popular version of this being the "business model canvas". A quick web search will provide templates and how-to videos.

The following questions will assist the process and guide how your business will generate revenue. Consider recent changes to your business that may become part of your new normal, i.e.:

1. Have you made any changes to how you operate to cater for restrictions? (e.g. Delivery options, changes to product offering)
2. Will these changes be a permanent contribution to your revenue generation?

3. Will you choose a different value proposition? (e.g. Implement a 'buy local' policy to improve your local community's economic outcomes)
4. Who are your customers? Have they changed from your original business or have you found a new market from changing your business model under restrictions (e.g. Restaurant adding take-away as an option opens a new market to customers).
5. How will you market your business? For many, this will be the most important aspect of their plan, with businesses requiring a relaunch of sorts to remind customers that you are back to serve their needs. With many people working and educating at home and on devices, a digital marketing plan is a great starting point. To assist with this, there is a Federal Government program which provides low cost, high quality digital advisory services to Queensland Small Business which includes one-on-one consultations with a dedicated advisor starting from \$44.00 inc. GST. For more information: **asbas.rdadbristbane.org.au**
6. Create a budget and cash flow forecast with the help of your trusted finance professional.

Don't know where or how to start? Council has a range of business support services including dedicated

business advisors that can be contacted on **(07) 3412 4888** to arrange a free confidential discussion.

Through planning ahead, the business has the best chance of successfully relaunching.

For a list of useful websites to assist your business through COVID and beyond:

loed.com.au/coronavirus or Queensland Government's Small Business Hotline on **1300 654 687** (available 24/7)

Relief assistance

Read more about the COVID-19 Relief package to assist businesses. Go to: **bit.ly/3cqjPIe**

Internet

NBN Co has established a \$150 million financial relief and assistance fund to help internet providers support residential and small and medium business customers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

It ensures that no home or small business gets disconnected because they can't afford to pay their broadband bill.

To find out more, please visit: **nbnco.com.au**



B&C Plastics - Pushing the boundary of discovery

B&C Plastics in Underwood is much more than just a manufacturer.

Committed to a closed loop circular economy— the re-use, recycling, repair and renewal of their products — the company is focussing on developing new products.

CEO Royston Kent, says being part of the innovation economy is something the company has been part of for 30 years in Logan.

“One in four customers are start-up businesses and entrepreneurs who come to us with this new idea which they want to take to market.

“We help with the initial design and prototyping, which makes it easier and more efficient for us to eventually manufacture the product,” he says.

One of the main considerations that is often missed by the inexperienced, according to Royston is that products are often designed without a thought for manufacturing.

“We have a vast amount of experience that we share throughout the process,” he says. “We’ve spent a lot of time developing our team culture to assist our customers with new product designs that we can manufacture efficiently that make other products obsolete,” Royston says.

“We develop three dimensional (3D) concept designs and 3D cad (computer aided drawing) files. We’ve used 3D printing for prototyping for 25 years.”

The company then makes its own injection mouldings and manufactures the products on site.

Well known products made by B&C include Fishing Rod Holders and Roof Rack accessories marketed by ARB and water saving devices sold in Bunnings.

The biggest market segment is in building and construction, where the company is working to develop ‘smart’ (internet connected) devices by adding IoT (Internet of Things) technology.



Rebecca Lange and Royston Kent, CEO of B&C Plastics on the factory floor

“This technology is improving week on week. We’re manufacturing robust components fit for many industries. This is the space where we are spending time and money developing additional products,” says Royston.

“We employ 10 people plus four specialist contractors for design and product development.

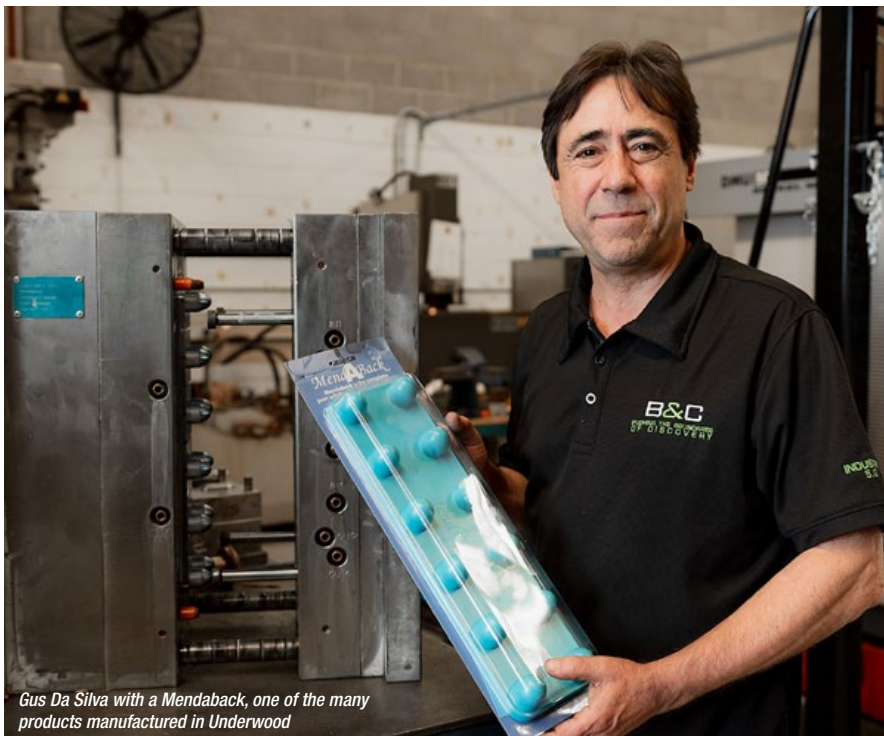
“The future for us is leading the way through product design and technology within a closed loop circular economy, using recycled plastics which will eventually be reused or recycled with Commercial Outcomes.

“This is obviously the right thing to do from an environmental perspective and at the same time it aligns with our three year painted picture/business plan and growth strategy.

“This will add value on many tangible levels for our customers and in-Turn our business.

“It’s a pretty exciting space,” he says.

bcplastics.com.au



Gus Da Silva with a Mendaback, one of the many products manufactured in Underwood

Python program puts 'eyes' inside pipes

Imagine having to sift through hours of CCTV footage, scanning for any faults within Logan's vast network of underground wastewater pipes.

That's what Logan Water's engineers do to prevent things such as grease build ups, cracks and root intrusions becoming costly problems.

Technology honed in Logan has dramatically reduced the time spent on this vital but slow task.

Machine learning sounds like something out of science fiction.

But a small team at Logan Water and partners WSP have used it to develop a computer program that uses automation to speed the assessment process.

Project Manager Kiran Gokal was part of the team that undertook a trial run last year.

"The project assessed the viability and efficacy of using image classification with artificial neural networks and deep learning," Kiran says.

"We used the Visual Object Tagging

Tool (VoTT) to 'tag' the defects so that they would be automatically recognised by the machine.

"In most cases we found that what would normally take around 60 minutes to detect could be found in under 10 minutes.

"Although machine learning is nothing new we are probably one of the few Councils in Australia that is using it in this way."

The trial had a 90 per cent success rate in detecting the four most common problems that plague wastewater pipelines.

"There is potential for this to be used in our above-ground assets and other parts of Council as well," he says.

Since 2009, the Logan Water Partnership has delivered new and improved water, wastewater and



Project Manager Kiran Gokal shows how machine learning works. Inset the view inside the pipe



recycled water infrastructure to benefit Logan's economy, environment and community.

The Water Partnership is a public and private sector enterprise involving Logan Water (Council's water business), WSP, Downer and Cardno.

It supplies consumers with drinking water, wastewater collection and treatment, and trade waste management services.



Logan Water has relined 30km of pipes in the last year

Full steam ahead for renewal program

Logan Water has been going underground to give the city's wastewater pipes a new lease of life.

Its wastewater (sewer) relining program has seen 30km of pipes relined across Beenleigh, Mt Warren Park, Loganholme and Rochedale this financial year.

Relining extends the life of the wastewater pipes and maintenance holes to more than 50 years.

The works are also being done without the need to dig up footpaths and roads.

In most cases a PVC pipe is used to form a tight-fitting liner within the current host pipe.

The PVC pipe is then folded and formed into a circular pipe thanks to heat and pressure applied by a steam truck.

Most relinings can be completed within a few hours.

Although it sounds like a tricky job, relining the pipes is cheaper than replacing them.

Wastewater pipeline relining is typically about a third of the cost of constructing a new asset.

In urban areas where construction has to be conducted around services, roads and footpaths, relining can save up to 70 per cent of the cost of new construction.

The relining program, which has run for five years, has laid around 175 kilometres of new pipes across Logan.

For more information about Logan Water, call **3412 3412** or visit: logan.qld.gov.au (search for Logan Water).

Miss Diamond contestant shining light for sick kids

Priestdale's Ella Mienert has witnessed firsthand the life-changing work done by Radio Lollipop.

Broadcasting live from children's hospitals around the country, the charity radio station has just one simple goal — to make sick kids smile.

Ella is joining that mission this year as an entrant in the 2020 Miss Diamond Australia pageant.

Her task is to raise as much money and awareness as possible for a community cause.

Ella volunteered for Radio Lollipop in 2018 and saw the pageant as an opportunity to promote its work.

"One of my favourite moments (volunteering) was when myself and another volunteer brought a young girl down from the wards who was diagnosed with a chronic medical condition," Ella says.

"This girl loved singing, so she got to go live and sing her favourite song from Disney's Frozen, *Let it Go*.

"Her parents assured us this was the first time they had seen her smile in weeks."

Ella, 20, has a heart for serving others.

She is completing her Bachelor of Nursing and hopes to eventually enter psychiatric care. She works as an assistant nurse in aged care.

"I love to make people feel valued," she says.

The pageant, now scheduled to be held at QUT's Gardens Point campus in October, requires contestants to compete in fashion wear, formal wear and charity.

In the charity round, contestants must wear an outfit of their own design.

"I sourced a second-hand wedding dress from the Salvation Army, which



Ella Mienert, of Priestdale, is competing in the Miss Diamond Australia pageant in 2020 to raise funds for Radio Lollipop

has been embellished with lollipops," Ella says.

"My grandma (Sybil Mienert) has assisted me—she was a home-economics teacher (and) her skills are definitely something to aspire to!"

Donations to Ella's fundraiser can be made by searching for 'Radio Lollipop' at: everydayhero.com/au

National recognition for Rochedale South teacher

Creating a safe, happy and engaging atmosphere in her classroom has earned national recognition for Rochedale South State School teacher, Rebecca Lambrose.

She was nominated for an ASG National Excellence in Teaching Award.

Class parent Janet Sutton, who helps out in Rebecca's class every Wednesday, led the nomination. And it seemed everyone knew except Rebecca who was surprised when she received notification.

"I had no idea of who or why and went to our principal to let her know, only for her to tell me she already knew," Rebecca says.

Janet describes Rebecca as an exceptional teacher.

"I trained as a teacher myself so I know what it is like to get kids involved," Janet says.

"I was in the classroom once a week and was blown away with how well she (Rebecca) was able to engage with the kids and get them learning

"She builds a relationship with the kids and there is a real sense of safety in the room."

Although teaching came about only later in life for Rebecca after having her own children, she says it was something she was born to do.

"My mum was a teacher," she says.

"I had been in the corporate world doing adult training and decided I didn't want to go back to that — it didn't fulfil me.

"I really didn't think I'd receive something like this only four years into teaching, it was an honour just to be nominated."



(From left) Rochedale South State School teacher Rebecca Lambrose was nominated for an ASG National Excellence in Teaching Award by Janet Sutton, pictured with her daughter Ella

Pandemic preparedness helped drive TransitCare

The past few months have been a remarkably smooth ride for community transport provider TransitCare.

COVID-19 restrictions have had little impact on the business's day-to-day operations, thanks to lessons learned from the 2017 floods.

TransitCare CEO Terry O'Toole says his business has always had a disaster management procedure.

After parts of Logan flooded in 2017, in the aftermath of Cyclone Debbie, he realised plans had to be made.

"That was the moment I thought 'we need to be prepared for anything, we need to be able to work from home'," Terry says.

The business's ease of adapting to COVID-19 work-from-home arrangements was a combination of



TransitCare CEO Terry O'Toole

having purchased the right software and regularly testing its capabilities, Terry says.

"Our strategic preparedness and planning literally allowed us to adapt the way we do business and the transition was seamless," he says.

The business was also able to quickly change the way it serves its clients, who are among the most vulnerable in Logan.

"Instead of taking vulnerable clients to the pharmacy, we brought their medicines to them," Terry says.

"We picked up groceries, glasses from the optometrist, items from Bunnings, you name it, we have been doing it.

"Drivers and support staff have also been calling clients to check they have everything they need and have a chat with the more lonely amongst us.

"All in all, I am proud of how the staff have rallied to adjust to changing conditions and help those in our community who need the most looking after."



Rubbish collection etiquette

Vehicles parked at the side of the road, while people are at home during the day, can create a problem on rubbish collection day.

Bins cannot be collected over or around parked cars. Trucks require kerbside access to use the mechanical arm to lift and empty bins.

To ensure your bin is collected, please place bins out on the footpath by 6am on your nominated day. You can put your bins out the night before, but no more than 24 hours earlier.

Place the bins on the footpath no more than 1m from the kerb or edge of the road. Make sure the handle faces towards the house.

Don't place your bin under low-hanging trees, overhead wires and do not block footpaths or traffic.

Remove bins from the footpath within 24 hours of being emptied.

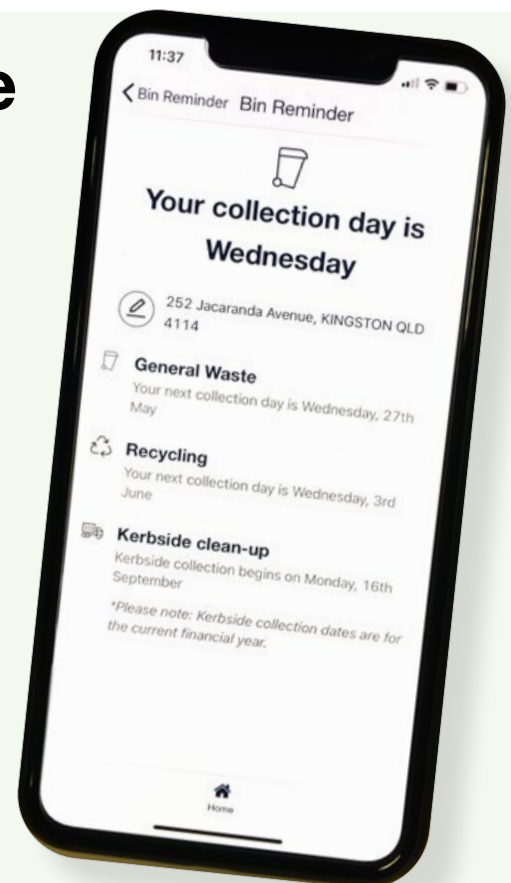
When returning your bins, they should be stored in an area within your property that does not cause a nuisance.

Council provides a Rubbish Collection Schedule feature on our website at logan.qld.gov.au

By downloading the City of Logan App from the Apple Store or Google Play you can receive an alert to put your bin out.

If you don't have internet access call **3412 3412** and we will confirm your collection day

Never miss another bin day. Download the City of Logan App and receive a weekly reminder



What do you know about me?



Here's your chance to provide feedback to Council about the conservation of koalas in Logan.

We're conducting a survey to gauge if there has been a shift in perceptions and an increased knowledge of koalas.

It will be the second survey. The first community awareness survey was conducted in 2012.

Since 2013, Council has been implementing actions from Logan's Koala Conservation Strategic Plan.

Our aim is to ensure the long-term viability of koalas in the City of Logan. Some things Council has done to help koalas include:

- Planting 60 hectares of koala habitat, mostly along the Logan and Albert River corridors.
- Delivering domestic dog training workshops with RSPCA
- Conducting koala presence surveys using professionally trained koala scat detection dogs, and
- Acquiring conservation land, protecting core habitat areas and enhancing key corridor connections.

We plan to use the information from this survey to understand what the community knows about koalas in Logan. It will also refine the koala education and awareness campaign.

By completing this survey you can contribute to the direction of koala conservation and management in Logan.

haveyoursaylogan.com.au/koala-awareness-survey-2020

Your participation will also qualify you to be in the draw for one of three EFTPOS gift cards valued at \$100 or \$50.

The survey will close at 11.45pm, 21 June 2020.

THERE IS HELP OUT THERE

Phone 000 if:

- domestic and family violence is happening now
- a life is threatened.

If there is no immediate emergency, you can report domestic and family violence to the police by phoning **Policelink** on **13 14 44**.

Phone **DVConnect** on **1800 811 811** if you are escaping domestic and family violence and **need a place of safety**.

If you have concerns about the safety of children, contact **Child Safety Services** in the greater Logan area on **1300 679 849**.

NOT NOW, NOT EVER in Logan

Is your home sewage treatment plant a mosquito breeding ground?

If you're being bothered by Brown House Mosquitoes (*quinquefasciatus*) there's a good chance they are breeding on your property.

They are frequently found in the high nutrient wastewater found in sewage effluent tanks, septics, wastewater and home sewage treatment plants (HSTPs).

Although these tanks are regularly inspected by contractors, mosquito breeding is usually unreported.

A nuisance biter of humans and pets, these mosquitoes generally gain access to wastewater through the breather above your roofline and the tank lids.

To prevent this the breather should be covered with mosquito gauze and the tank access cover should be covered with fine sand.



Home sewage treatment plants are a breeding ground for Brown House Mosquitoes

This allows for the required regular inspections while sealing gaps between the concrete surfaces. The sand only needs brushing away during an inspection and replacing afterwards.

Most people with an HSTP don't realise that the mozzies come from their sewage plant because it is inspected regularly.

They also see a big dam next door and assume that has to be the source of such a large number of mozzies – but it is rarely the case. The dams usually have fish and other predators that thrive on mosquito larvae.

Adults harbour in shady places such as patios and doorways. A surface spray, Bifenthrin, applied as a barrier around the home, can be obtained from hardware or produce stores to reduce their numbers.

Quinquefasciatus can carry dog heartworm so make sure your pets' heartworm prevention is up to date. For more information go to:

logan.qld.gov.au/pest-management/mosquitoes



You've got mail!

Animal registration renewal notices

Over the past few years, we've been changing how we deliver annual registration renewal notices.

If you haven't opted in to receive your renewal notice by email, please contact the Animal Care team today on **3412 3412**.

Emailed notices mean significant cost savings and a more efficient process.

Paying your notice is quick and simple with our online payment options.

As soon as you've made payment your pet is registered (plus you won't even need to leave the house).

Email recipients will also receive a reminder SMS closer to the time of renewal.

We'll be emailing your new renewal notice from **14 August 2020**.

Logan.qld.gov.au/animals

** Pet owners who don't have an email will still receive their notice by post.*

Kerbside clean-up

- Daisy Hill, Shailer Park
1-12 June 2020
- Carbrook, Cornubia, Loganholme, Tanah Merah **15-26 June 2020**

Wonderful Me!

Wonderful me is a guided journal for kids 9–12 years to explore about themselves. It puts them in charge of their life's journey and invites them to dream for the future, make things, do things and change their world.

It's a free 56 page book, available by contacting Council on 3412 3412 or emailing communityservices@logan.qld.gov.au. The book and a companion guide, to help parents and caregivers guide meaningful conversations about mental health, is also available on Council's website at: logan.qld.gov.au/wonderful

One of the activities from *Wonderful Me* is below, take a moment and give it a try.

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A fruity vege wordsearch!

Find the words below on the hidden among the random letters above



Apple



Berry



Banana



Vegetable



Orange



Dragonfruit



Kale



Grapes



Tomato



Lettuce



Olives



Mango



Spinach



Grants and Funding

Logan City Council offers a range of grants and funding options to support community organisations, individuals and clubs in Logan.

Please visit logan.qld.gov.au/grants for further information.