

Flagstone Focus

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**NEW
SALES CENTRE
& DISPLAY
VILLAGE**

**What's On
Flagstone**

**PRIMARY
SCHOOL
NEW BUILDING
OPEN FOR
BUSINESS**



Lots more inside...

Hello Flagstonians!

A message from Troy Thompson
Flagstone Project Director



Happy New Year! Welcome to the first edition of Flagstone Focus for 2024.

The last few months have seen significant progress at Flagstone. Development has been ramping up on the back of record sales volumes, with buyers taking advantage of the State Government's \$30,000 first home owner grant. Visitation to our new Display Village and Sales Centre has been very high.

With our latest land releases in the Latitude neighbourhood selling out well before construction completion, we are accelerating the development of the next releases here at Flagstone to keep up with demand. These will feature elevated lots close to the recently completed Latitude Park and the Sandy Creek green corridor, and are also conveniently positioned close to the future private school, proposed shops and the new childcare centre and swim school currently under construction.



Latitude Park.



Display Village.

New Commercial Land Ready for Business

Peet's latest commercial land release behind Coles was completed late last year and we are pleased to announce there are some exciting new businesses coming to Flagstone.

From the middle of the year residents will be able to access a new Midas Tyre and Auto Service and a Lifeline Shop, followed by a self-storage facility and later in the year a new gym.

Commercial lots remain for sale from \$850,000. Please get in touch with the Peet team if you would like to discuss real estate requirements for your business. Call **07 3166 0303** or email flagstone@peet.com.au.



Just moved to Flagstone?

We are sure you have noticed properties are being completed weekly, meaning new families are now calling Flagstone home. Welcome!

Flagstone is very fortunate to have a **Community Development Executive**, Kareen Duncan, whose job is to help foster community connections for residents. Kareen is a resident herself and well connected in the community. She is happy to have a chat and link you into groups, clubs or schools in the area.

Kareen has a welcome kit and gift for every new resident, so please reach out to her. Alternatively, you can email her and ensure you're added to the community email database to receive information on what's happening in Flagstone.

Email kareen.duncan@peet.com.au or call (07) 3166 0398.



New Flagstone Sales Centre



Visit our new Sales Centre at 224 Flagstonian Drive, Flagstone.

The brand-new office is directly next to the new Display Village – currently featuring 12 fantastic display homes, with 2 more coming soon. Kareen will be at the new sales office on the last Tuesday of the month from 10am to 12 noon if you want to pop in for a coffee, grab your welcome kit and have a look at the new estate model and masterplan, highlighting features to come.

The Sales Centre is open **Tuesday to Sunday, 10am to 5pm, Monday 12noon to 5pm** (except some public holidays).

Celebrate your neighbour this Neighbour Day!

The first 200 residents to pop into the Sales Centre on Tuesday 26th or Wednesday 27th can collect a box of Cadbury Favourites chocolates and a card to give to their favourite neighbour to celebrate National Neighbour Day on the 31 March 2024. First in, first served!

Flagstone Sale Centre is open from **10am to 5pm, 224 Flagstonian Drive, Flagstone.**





Logan City Council Update

Divisional Council Update

As you read this, it has been several months since the worst Christmas time storm that I can remember in our area.

Nobody was ready for the impact it had on the community at such a crucial time when most people were on holidays. It should have been a time of rest and celebration and family gatherings. For many suffering power losses for many days, and with some suffering tree loses and minor damage to houses and sheds. It is a timely reminder to ensure that as residents we are as disaster-ready for such events as we can be.

Council maintenance on parks and the mowing program suffered greatly during this time with higher than forecast rain events. Furthermore, the Council mowing contractors also suffered staff losses during this critical period, leaving machines without drivers for many weeks. So, this situation poses a timely reminder for all, and I ask that we attend to our own lawns and footpaths as best we can, for the betterment of the community in general.



It has been great to see the huge sign on days for the many sporting codes in Flagstone. Childrens' sport is strong and growing in Logan. School holidays are only weeks away, and I hope you all enjoy the opportunities for some family time as Easter is celebrated. Keep an eye out for my mobile offices in the area and follow me on Facebook for further details.

Cr Natalie Willcocks

Logan City Council Division 11 Councillor
NatalieWillcocks@logan.qld.gov.au



State Government Update

School Infrastructure Keeping Pace with Population Growth

The brand new \$8.7 million 2-storey Learning Centre at Flagstone State School has now opened, just in time for the start of Term 1, 2024.

I had the pleasure of touring this new state-of-the-art facility with Principal Ros Clay just before the school year started and I have to say, the finished product exceeded my expectations.

With six learning spaces, two outdoor learning areas, staff amenities and an enormous, shaded undercroft, this is the perfect space for children to learn and play.

These six new learning spaces will help to ensure that our education infrastructure is keeping up with the growth in our community, and importantly, there is room for future growth as well.

In speaking with Principal Clay and a few of the teachers, they were most impressed with the well thought-out classroom designs, but it was the little details such as whiteboard desks and endless storage spaces that were really appreciated.

The start of the 2024 school year was extra exciting as it also marked the start of the Queensland Government's 'Free Kindy' initiative.

This initiative will see more children get the early learning and critical intervention they need to start their journey into school and will save families around \$4,600 per year.

I popped into see the amazing Ms Sue at the C&K Flagstone Community Kindergarten, who as most of you will know, is incredibly passionate about providing our children with the best possible start in life.

Ms Sue knows that a good kindergarten program can make a huge difference and is excited by the prospect of an additional 50,000 Queensland kids benefitting from early education.

I was also really pleased to see that there has been significant progress made on the new security fence at Flagstone State Community College.

I made a commitment to the school that I would secure the \$1.5 million funding for this project, and whilst it has taken a little longer to get started than we had anticipated, once completed, it will provide much needed after-hours security to keep the school safe.

Advocating for school funding and infrastructure will always be a priority for me, and I will continue to work with our Principals and school communities to ensure that Flagstone kids have access to high quality learning opportunities now and into the future.

Charis Mullen MP
State Member for Jordan



With Roz Clay, Flagstone State School Principal.



Inspecting Flagstone State Community College security fencing progress.



With Ms Sue Taylor, C&K Flagstone Community Kindergarten.

Hennings family (Jacqui, Dewald, William and Jade)

Meet the Hennings family of 4 who enjoy calling Flagstone home.

- 1. Why did you choose Flagstone?** Moving from Melbourne, we were looking for something out of the buzz of the normal suburb life.
- 2. What is your favourite family holiday?** Christmas, because it is family time and everyone is festive and caring.
- 3. What makes you laugh the most?** Things that are authentic and “real life” funny, not these staged pranks you find everywhere.
- 4. What was the last movie you went to?** Paw Patrol – the mighty movie, because of my girl’s birthday. I love animations like this and can chat to her about it.



- 5. If you could only eat one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be?** Anything on the BBQ, better known to us as a ‘Braai’ because we are originally from South Africa. Mostly meat but vegetables work well and stick bread too.

The Akuhata Family (Melisa, Jarrod & Hinewai)



We moved to Flagstone from Sydney in November 2018. We loved the natural bush setting, slower paced lifestyle and community vibe and bought our first home in 2020. It’s been awesome to watch Flagstone develop over the past 5 years. We’ve watched a few additions being built, the Coles hub, Water Play Park, McDonalds and Flagstone Central! We’ve met some awesome people

through school, sports and community events! Thank you to all our Flagstone friends and family. It’s been a blast so far. Cheers to 2024!

- 1. What was the last movie you went to?** Aquaman & the Lost Kingdom - water action, we enjoyed it!
- 2. What is your favourite family holiday?** Holidays to the Sunshine Coast, Mooloolaba and camping at Inskip - Rainbow beach! Beautiful.
- 3. If you could eat one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be?** Sezchuan chicken or beef, stir-fry veg and rice from Golden Valley Chinese Takeaway or Chunky Cheese Pies from Pub Lane Bakery!
- 4. Who is your favourite sports star?** Sean Johnson, NZ Warriors - Inspirational player of the decade!
- 5. What would you sing at karaoke?** Anything from the 90’s or Bob Marley!

Easter Colour Run

Saturday 23 March, 1pm to 4pm

Flagstone Sports Precinct, Flagstonian Drive, Flagstone

After the success of last year's Easter Colour Run... it's back! Get ready for some colour in your life! Run through or over obstacles scattered around the oval including slime, water and of course lots of colour.

Participants can book a timeslot to make their way through 12 colour obstacle stations and receive an Easter Egg bag at the end. Tickets will go on sale soon. Keep an eye on the Facebook page [@flagstonecommunityassociation](https://www.facebook.com/flagstonecommunityassociation).



Saturdaze Big Day Out

Saturday 25 May, 1pm to 4pm

Parklands Drive (off Flagstonian Drive), Flagstone

Start Your Engines!

Saturdaze Big Day Out is back. The free community event will give over 150 local car enthusiasts the opportunity to showcase an assortment of classic, spec'd out machines, flash paint jobs and custom cars, trucks, motorbikes and 4x4s to make your jaw drop and dream of owning.

Check out Mondaze Car & Bike Meets Flagstone for further event information.



Women in Flagstone - Mother's Day Special

Saturday 4 May, 6pm to 9pm

**Flagstone State School Hall,
Coachwood Drive, Flagstone**

Enjoy an evening out with the ladies in Flagstone. Drinks, nibbles, and craft activities to choose from. The Flagstone Community Association will share booking details closer to the event. Keep an eye out on their Facebook page [@flagstonecommunityassociation](https://www.facebook.com/flagstonecommunityassociation).

Flagstone Community Centre



Offers an array of activations and services for all ages and abilities weekly. See if there is something that interests you and your family. The community centre is at 19 Trailblazer Drive, Flagstone. Additional events and activities will be promoted via Facebook. For further information visit [@flagstonecommunitycentre](https://www.facebook.com/flagstonecommunitycentre) or call 0491 711 398.

Monday

Playgroup focused on children 0-5 yrs old 9am to 10.30am \$5 per family

Logan City Council Immunisation Clinic 11am to 12noon 07 3412 3412

Tuesday

QLD Health Child Clinic Drop in 8.30am to 12noon Appointments 1pm to 4pm 1300 366 039

QLD Perinatal Wellbeing Service Appointment only 07 3089 2734

Nursery Rhymes and Story Time 10am to 11am Gold coin donation

Seniors Over 55 Group 9am to 11am \$5 per participant

Wednesday

Qld Health Child Clinic Appointment 8am to 4pm 1300 366 039

JP Services 9.30am to 12.30pm No appointment necessary

Chaplain Services 10am to 2pm 0491 711 398

Hurrandi Counselling Services First Consultation Free 0493 961 773

Thursday

Art Group 8.45am to 12noon \$5 per participant BYO materials

Kids Craft 9.30am to 11am \$5 per family

Men's Shed and Flagstone Community Association Monthly Gathering 6.30pm to 8.30pm Third Thursday of the month

Friday

Seven Senses Messy Play (4mths to 4yrs old) 9.30am to 10.30am \$10 per child

Saturday

Role Playing Games (RPG) group 18+ 5pm to 10pm \$5 per participant



Help share belonging
this Neighbour Day.
We all need each other
to belong.



Neighbours Every Day | Relationships Australia.

Neighbour Day Celebrations in Flagstone

Sunday 7 April, 10am to 2pm

Flagstone Community Centre,
19 Trailblazer Drive, Flagstone

Celebrate Neighbour Day in Flagstone at the Flagstone Community Centre. Free sausage sizzle, backyard cricket, Seven Senses messy play, face painting, Paint and Sip workshop and lots of activities for all ages.



Flagstone Community Association

Meets on the third Thursday of each month, from 6.30pm, at Flagstone Community Centre, 19 Trailblazer Drive, Flagstone.



Flagstone State Community College P&C Association

Meets on the first Tuesday of each month, from 4.30pm, in the College administration building.



Flagstone State School P&C Association

Meets on the last Thursday of each month, from 1.30pm, in the school hall off Coachwood Drive.



Logan Regional Chamber of Commerce

Meets on a monthly basis. Location moves around affiliated suburbs with details available on our website and Facebook.



Neighbourhood Watch

Meets quarterly from 7pm at Dorrington House, Jimboomba. Flagstone is one of the suburbs represented within this association. Visit their website or Facebook for more information.



Flagstone Men's Shed

Meets on the third Thursday of each month, from 6.30pm at the Flagstone Community Centre, 19 Trailblazer Drive, Flagstone.

Flagstone Blokes



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Meets every Thursday from 10am, at the undercover area of Peet Office near Coles.

Flagstone Favourites Local Business Awards will debut in 2024!

The Flagstone Favourites Local Business Awards aims to be an annual flagship event for Flagstone as the business community continues to grow and flourish.

The awards will allow us to support and champion local businesses that help make our community a great place to work, live and play.

From 25th March local businesses will be invited to nominate in one of the 10 categories that will open for public voting from 20th May, to align with Small Business month. The business voted the favourite in each category will be the winners.

In addition, a business can submit an entry for judging in three Excellence Award categories - 2024 Flagstone Excellence in Small Business Award, Community Spirit Excellence Award, and Excellence in Innovation Award. A business can enter any one category or all three.

Finalists will be invited to a business award event in late August 2024.

Key Dates:

Business Nominations Open - 25th March 2024

Public Voting Open - 20th May 2024

Award Winners Announced - August 2024



Flagstone Social Business Network has a big program for 2024

It's a new year and local business in Flagstone continues to grow. Several local businesses have come together and created a business social group that have coffee meet ups monthly and workshops throughout the year. Join their Facebook group now to connect in [@flagstonesocialbusiness](https://www.facebook.com/flagstonesocialbusiness). 12th March Cloudatmo Workshop, ReMax Flagstone Boardroom. If you can't make this one, there are plenty of other opportunities through the year.





Starlight Parties

Make Long Lasting Memories - this is the business motto and personal aim of Lorene (Elle) Roberts, creator of memorable experiences. You may have seen one of her tents at the Flagstone Twilight Markets for Halloween or Christmas.

Elle founded Starlight Parties in Gulgong NSW in 2018 and relocated back to Logan to start her new business after having spent six months supporting her Mother and Father during her Mother's end of life battle with cancer.

Why Starlight Parties? Elle's mum, Susan, was the neighbourhood Mum, who made the sugar cookies, created craft activities at parties, and so much more. After Susan lost her battle with cancer, Elle wanted to continue these traditions and enable others to make similar memories with their loved ones.

Elle recognised that many mothers were having trouble finding the time to make their children's parties as memorable as they would like them to be. So, she started Starlight Parties with a couple of dozen A-frame tents otherwise known as teepees, two bell tents and one inflatable cinema.

Over the five years Starlight Parties has been operating in the Logan district, it has morphed into a party hire business that now caters not just to children's parties, but for all sorts of parties and gatherings, with a vast range of themed decorations to set the mood. Elle helps people make long lasting memories



for proposals, engagement parties, anniversaries, hen's weekends, milestone birthdays, as well as larger events such as weddings and festivals.

As a child, Elle did not understand or appreciate the amount of work that went into planning the activities her Mum organised. But she sure does now! She also knows everyone is busy. And she can see quality family time being sacrificed time and time again. So, Starlight Parties is here to do the preparation, set up, take down, and the laundry for you, allowing you and yours to relax and enjoy whatever the event is you would like to have.

Talk to Elle and see how Starlight Parties can help you Make Long Lasting Memories.

**Elle Mathews, Starlight Parties
0411 394 955.**



EDGE Early Learning Centre a new addition to education and care in Flagstone



One of Queensland’s leading early learning groups, Edge Early Learning, has opened its fifth centre within the Logan region at Flagstone, providing dozens of families with more access to quality education and care within the area.

Edge Early Learning Flagstone opened to local families on Monday 22 January providing education and care for up to 108 children per day aged 6-weeks to school age.

Nestled in the heart of Flagstone on Golden Penda Drive, the Flagstone centre is conveniently located next to Flagstone State Community College and opposite Flagstone State School and provides 30 jobs for passionate local educators.

The centre marks the fifth site to be developed within the bustling Logan region and joins existing centres at Waterford West, Marsden, Eagleby, and Crestmead – catering to a total of 1,112 children across the suburbs.

The new purpose-built and state-of-the-art centre has been meticulously planned and developed to inspire creativity, curiosity, and instil a lifelong love for learning.

Across two-storeys, the centre has seven early learning rooms filled with books and modern learning resources,

and individual age-specific play areas specially designed for nursery, toddler and kindergarten aged children.

Outdoor areas feature a large blue train-themed climbing fort, water misters, bike tracks, sandpits, vegetable gardens, spaces to run, and quiet areas to relax.

“Edge Flagstone represents a new chapter in educational excellence for the thriving community of Flagstone. Our commitment to providing top-tier early childhood education is reflected in every detail of this purpose-built centre,” Edge Early Learning CEO Annie Bryce said.

“The excitement and anticipation from families in Flagstone has been extraordinary, with dozens of families enquiring and interested in taking tours. It’s clear that there’s a genuine demand for quality education and care within this area and we’re thrilled to cater to local families with our new centre.”

“The Flagstone centre is more than just a physical space, it’s a commitment to creating an educational haven where children can have fun and develop a lifelong love for learning through inquiry-based learning and play experiences.”

Edge’s educational programs support and enhance learning milestones and journeys across all areas of development through its four pillars - education, wellbeing, relationships, and sustainability.



Edge's Kindergarten program utilises the Queensland Kindergarten Learning Guidelines and the Early Years Learning Framework to guide their pedagogy and practice. These include the areas of identity, connectedness, wellbeing, active learning, and communication.

In addition to quality early education, Edge is leading the way by offering mindfulness activities such as yoga and incorporating sustainable practices such as utilising bamboo nappies and wipes, sunscreen, and environmentally friendly cleaning products. As well as offering daily meals made by in-house chefs who cater to all dietary requirements, all included in the daily fee.

With opening hours from 6.30am to 6.30pm from Monday to Friday, the new Edge Flagstone centre offers extended operation times to best suit parents and carers and enables them to get the most out of the allocated subsidised hours per fortnight.

Edge Flagstone has a strong team of qualified educators, including Centre Director, Mandy Arthurell, who has strong connections within the Flagstone community.

The new centre is officially taking enrolments. Families can book a tour online at edgeearlylearning.com.au/flagstone, where you can also find out more about Edge Early Learning and the new Flagstone centre.

Primary School

The sky is the limit for Flagstone State School students starting the year learning in a new leading-edge facility.

The start of the 2024 school year for five senior school classes was exceptionally exciting as they embarked on their learning in the brand new learning facility at Flagstone State School. Students entered with large smiles and happy chatter and busily began exploring the expansive building.

All six classrooms are bright, engaging environments, full of new seating, interactive desks, a well appointed staff conference meeting room, and shared kitchen facilities. There is a multi-purpose space that could

host science experiments and plenty of exterior learning spaces for students to take their learning outdoors.

An Audio-Frequency Induction Loop System (Hearing Loops) features in the new facility. These loops are usually installed in meeting rooms or in other places where people gather and assist people who have hearing aids fitted with a T-switch. The loop system assists people without hearing aids if the user is provided with a loop receiver device.

The facility has been welcomed by staff and the community with open arms. The growth of our area is apparent in our continually growing school population. We look forward to continuing to service our wonderful community now and in the future.



Flagstone Tigers Rugby League Season to Kick Off

Have you thought about joining a local sporting club? Flagstone Tigers is only four years old and offers teams for boys and girls U6 to U12, with the opportunity to obtain expression of interest for U13 and U14 age groups in 2024. The club provides players a pathway to the NRL and QRL through our relationship with the 2023 Queensland Cup Premiers, Brisbane Tigers.

Training is held at the Flagstone Sports Precinct Tuesday and Thursday evenings with the local Rugby League season officially kicking off on 19-21 April 2024. The club has home games and away games throughout the year. U6 and U7 teams use tags rather than tackling. U7s introduce tackling throughout the season.

There are many ways Flagstonians can get involved. Become a player, a referee, a coach or a manager. In addition, the club needs league safes and first aid responders. Training and support is provided to all volunteers in their relevant roles.



Once you get on board your life will change in so many positive ways. You learn teamwork, goal-setting, self-improvement and you have so much fun and create lifelong friendships along the way.

If you would like to get involved, pop on down on a Tuesday or Thursday night and say hi, or email the secretary on flagstonetigers@outlook.com.

Social Netball returns to Flagstone for 2024

Grab a friend or create a team and come on down on mid-week nights to participate in social netball games. Two styles of netball competition are on offer.

Fast 5 Netball requires a minimum of 5 and maximum 8 players per team, 5 on the court with rolling substitution. Power plays and centre can shoot from outside the circle for a 3 pointer.

If you want to slow down a little and have some great laughs, then Walking Netball maybe more your pace. Enter a team of 7 players maximum 10 or as an individual and we will create teams.

The season starts on week commencing 15 April, but they are always happy to take newcomers and add in new teams to build the local competition. The season will run for 16 weeks and cost \$160 per player plus Netball QLD insurance \$37 for the year.

Email: flagstonenetballclub@gmail.com, or pop on down to the courts mid-week and see a committee member.





Flagstone Netball Club is excited for the 2024 season.

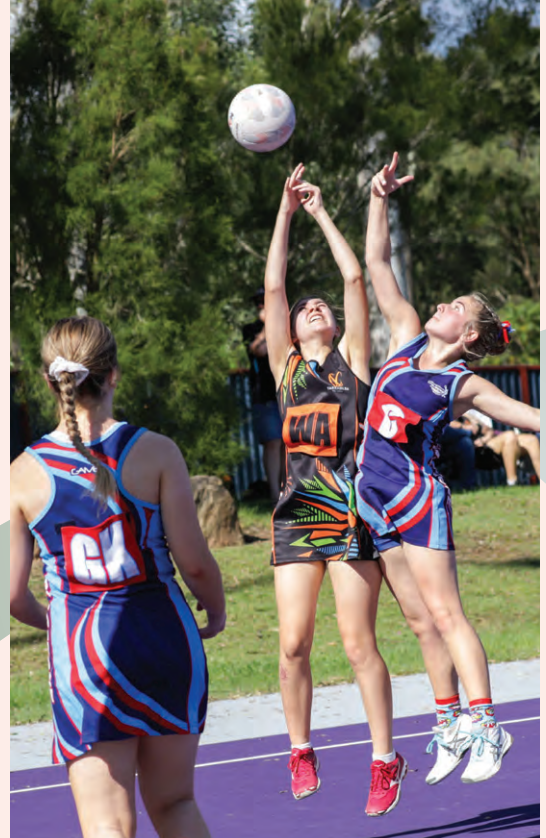
For a lot of netball players, junior clubs are their first taste of competitive netball.

It's a good way for kids to sharpen those passing skills, make new friends and learn from experienced coaches.

Flagstone Netball Club is set to take to the courts at the Jimboomba Netball Association Saturday competition from the 2 March 2024. At Flagstone the players can train locally, participate in specific skills sessions, and learn to umpire.

This year, the club has also partnered with the Flagstone State Community College to support their Flagstone Netball Academy. Any players in the excellence program that aren't already affiliated with a netball club are encouraged to join Flagstone Netball Club. The players need the link to external programs to provide them access to professional pathways.

Flagstone Netball Club is a pathway to the Netball QLD Ruby and Sapphire Series - Wild Cats through to Super Netball QLD - Firebirds. If you are interested, you can email flagstonenetballclub@gmail.com or pop down on a Thursday night and talk to a committee member at the courts.



A snapshot of our community.



Photographs by KWP Studios, Kellee Hodge & Mondaze Media

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