

FlagstoneFocus

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new roads**

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at Flagstone**

**NRL
Grand Final
& Clubhouse
Opening**

**Saturdaze at Mondaze
Big Night Out**

**MORE
JOBS FOR
LOCALS**



Hello Flagstonians!

A message from Troy Thompson
Flagstone Project Director

Flagstone continues to grow rapidly with ongoing strong sales since the last issue of Flagstone Focus in June. The Aspire Release (Stage 2) sold out quickly; we have started selling land in the Vista Release (Stage 3); and, we expect the Latitude Release (Stage 5) to also be available soon.

Meanwhile, progress is also being made on key infrastructure projects within and outside the community, to improve access and to facilitate an outdoor lifestyle for families.

As we know it's an important issue for residents, the state government announcement to invest \$31 million to deliver New Beith Road was exciting and is a massive boost to the Flagstone area. It will provide an important major second access point and connection to the Springfield Greenbank arterial, substantially reducing the driving time from Flagstone to Springfield. This will drive employment, further cement Flagstone as a key centre for Brisbane's South West Corridor and foster a community of growth opportunities where businesses can prosper.

Survey work has commenced on the New Beith Road corridor and the design of the road will be completed over the coming months. It will take approximately two years to deliver the road.

New Clubhouse.

In other exciting news, the new clubhouse at Flagstone Sports Field is complete. There'll be an official opening event on Sunday 3 October, which will feature the NRL Grand Final live on a big screen.

Rugby league is experiencing tremendous growth in Queensland, particularly amongst females, with more than 15,000 female players, coaches, trainers and volunteers. The clubhouse was built for the Flagstone Tigers Rugby League Club and will allow the club and the sport in general to grow as the community expands. There are male and female change rooms, showers, toilets, a kiosk, scorer's box and meeting rooms. Every sporting club needs a home base to socialise, fundraise, prepare for games and celebrate wins, and the Flagstone Tigers now have that.

In addition to the clubhouse, three netball courts are also under construction. These new high quality sporting facilities expand our commitment to creating a community with a focus on family and outdoor living, and as Flagstone grows, more sporting and community organisations will be able use them.





NEW ROADS FOR FLAGSTONE TO IMPROVE ACCESS.

Charis Mullen MP, State Member for Jordan

I'm absolutely thrilled with the recent announcement that the Palaszczuk Government is investing \$31 million to deliver two key road projects, Teviot Road and New Beith Road in the Greater Flagstone Priority Development Area (PDA).

This new infrastructure will be key to contributing to land supply and housing affordability in one of South East Queensland's growth corridors.

While this investment commitment will support opening up more lots within Greater Flagstone to support our growing population, it will also allow the construction of New Beith Road to be brought forward, beginning the much anticipated second access road for existing Flagstone residents.

This is an issue which has been raised with me by local residents increasingly concerned about the one access in and out of Flagstone, particularly during times of increased rain and flood conditions.

It was also the subject of a local petition by the community which I supported and which garnered 1,074 signatures. I'm so grateful to the Flagstone community for their support in my advocacy to get the road extension underway.

The extension of Teviot Road will also be welcome news to those who live on Bushman Drive and will provide an alternative key road for the new part of the estate.

The \$31 million will deliver these two key road corridors that will comprise dual carriage ways with separated bike paths and footpaths.

Importantly, the project will also create more than 165 local jobs during construction, which is anticipated to take approximately two years to complete.

Make your backyard friendly to the locals.

Habitat Connections is a free program for all residents in the City of Logan. Residents who join this program can get support to create backyards that are wildlife friendly. Habitat Connections members receive:

- free native plants each year to attract local wildlife
- expert advice from Council officers to help create a wildlife-friendly backyard
- access to resources to learn about weeds, native plants and wildlife
- access to workshops and activities about relevant topics
- a Habitat Connections sign to display on their fence.

To sign up to Habitat Connections please fill in our online form at www.logan.qld.gov.au/environment/conservation-incentives-programs

News Alert - Councillor Willcocks has ordered two BBQs for Flagstone Parklands, she is now waiting for a delivery timeframe.

Councillor Mobile Office Community Catchups

Thursday 21 October: 9.00 - 10.30am at Cafe Flagstone and 11.30am - 1.00pm at Mondaze Cafe.



Be in the know!

Kareen Duncan, Peet Flagstone's Community Development Executive supports the community of Flagstone. Kareen can link you to community groups, share information on events and activations and generally keep you informed all year round.

So, if you're after development updates or information about what's on in Flagstone, make sure to check out the following:

- Flagstone Electronic Newsletter – Emailed fortnightly.

- Flagstone Focus – A quarterly publication delivered to all residents by a letterbox drop. You're reading one right now!
- One of the two community noticeboards – Located in the Adventure Playground and The Markets Flagstone.
- Attend the Meet Your Neighbour event, held annually in early autumn.

To ensure you get all the relevant information in a timely manner, please email kareen.duncan@peet.com.au and provide your email address to be added to the Flagstone community database.

Local park news.

All the parks in Flagstone are now the responsibility of Logan City Council.

Why are there no toilets in Pirate Ship Park?

- No toilets were installed in Pirate Ship Park as it is classed as a resident park. This means that it is deemed to require a lower level of maintenance for council services, as visitors to this park are generally walking from nearby and can easily pop home, if needed.

What's happening with the Adventure Playground slides?

- The slides in the Adventure Playground meet Australian Standards. However, our community have advised they are too steep, so they are closed for a redesign and will be adding some curved components to reduce the steepness of the slide.

If there is something you would like to know, email us at flagstone@peet.com.au

Flagstone has re-branded!

You might have noticed Peet has been progressively updating signage within and outside the community.



That's because the Flagstone brand was due for a refresh. Flagstone has grown so much in the last two years. We felt it was time to change the brand to something that more accurately reflects the vision and scale of Flagstone, as well as all that's available at the community now.

Welcome to "Forward Living". *Forward* introduces the idea of continual progress and heroes the future city. *Living* sums up the idea that a home is so much more than a building. It's all about onwards and upwards to a better life, a place where you and future residents will be proud to live!

We hope you like it!

Flagstone 535 bus service expands to Saturdays.

TransLink launched the extension to Saturday services for Route 535 from Saturday 18 September.

Flagstone residents can now catch a service heading towards Browns Plains every two hours between 6.28am and 6.28pm. Residents can then catch a service back to Flagstone with buses departing Browns Plains every two hours between 9.22am and 7.22pm.



Flagstone Snap Fitness loves our community!

A gym isn't just a place for people to lift weights and exercise. It becomes a community for people to improve their health, wellbeing and sense of belonging. This is so important to Flagstone Snap Fitness that they always reach out and support the greater community.

Snap Fitness are currently active sponsors for the local football and basketball clubs, providing an opportunity for players to have regular agility and fitness sessions within the gym as part of their sport membership.

Members of the Snap Fitness team have also personally participated in local community fundraisers with Foodbank and Bee All Natural Honey. They donate to community local raffles for groups like the FCA and Flagstone Men's Shed.

Flagstone Snap Fitness love their community. Feel free to pop in and say hello to Holly, the new Manager.



associations and meetings



Flagstone Community Association

Meets on the second Tuesday of each month, from 6pm, at Flagstone Community Centre, 19 Trailblazer Drive, Flagstone.



Flagstone State Community College P&C Association

Meets on the first Tuesday of each month, from 6pm, in the College administration building.



Flagstone State School P&C Association

Meets on the fourth Thursday of each month, from 4.30pm, in the school hall off Coachwood Drive.



Logan Regional Chamber of Commerce

Meets on the third Wednesday of each month. Location moves around affiliated suburbs with details available on our website and Facebook.



Neighbourhood Watch Jimboomba

Meets quarterly on the first Thursday evening, from 7pm at Dorrington House, Jimboomba. Flagstone is one of the suburbs represented within this Association.



Flagstone Men's Shed

Meets the first Tuesday of each month from 6pm at the Flagstone Community Centre, 19 Trailblazer Drive, Flagstone.



Flagstone Tigers

Meets the fourth Wednesday each month from 7pm, Sports Field Clubhouse

Flagstone 

SPORTS FIELD CLUBHOUSE LAUNCH

NRL Grand Final LIVE SCREENING

3 OCTOBER 2021
4PM - 9.30PM

FLAGSTONE SPORTS FIELD
Flagstonian Drive, Flagstone

- FREE RIDES - 4pm to 8pm
- Official Speeches - 4.30pm
- NRL Grand Final (Big Screen) - 6.30pm
- Food Trucks
- Bring a bean bag, chair or blanket

Saturday

BIG NIGHT OUT!

4-8PM SAT 27th NOVEMBER
HOLLOWS ROAD, FLAGSTONE
CARS, BIKES, 4x4 SECTIONS
AMUSEMENT RIDES



MONDAZE MONDAZE MEDIA MEN'S SHED FHM DG STEELSHEDS SOUTH GAP IMPACT Aussie LOGAN Flagstone



Save the Date
Flagstone Community Carols

**Saturday 4
December 2021**

4pm to 8pm
Flagstone Parklands
Flagstonian Drive, Flagstone





Flagstone Halloween Twilight Markets

Saturday 30 October

The P&C and FCA are coming together again to bring back the Halloween Twilight Markets and Trick or Treat doors. It's a great way for the kids to enjoy trick or treating in a safe and controlled environment.

Enjoy live entertainment, lots of market stalls and great food trucks. Come and grab a bite to eat and enjoy a night out with the family.

**Saturday 30 October 2021
5-8pm**

Flagstone State School
1 Poinciana Drive, Flagstone



Use the QR code to purchase Trick or Treat bags.



Supporting Families in Flagstone

The Flagstone Community Centre has been working hard to be a place for Flagstone families to meet, participate in fabulous activities, and to laugh, learn and grow! Below are some of the activities specifically for families. You are welcome!

Check out our website (www.flagstonecommunitycentre.com) or our Facebook page (@flagstonecommuntiycentre) for more information.

Playgroup #1

Mondays 9am-11am

This playgroup is predominantly for children 3-5 years of age. Children (and their carers) will sing, dance, play, read, participate in craft activities and work with puzzles and learning games.

Art and Craft for 3-5 year-olds

Tuesdays 9am-11am

This group is a fabulous opportunity for youngsters to have a go at all sorts of craft. Learning is fun and educational, inside and outside. We understand that at this age children have a limited attention span, so there are plenty of different things to do!

Playgroup #2

Thursdays 9am-11am

This playgroup is predominantly for children aged birth to two years (and their carers!). Children have the opportunity to play and learn to share. Parents have the chance to really spend quality time with their children while sharing with other adults about life and being a parent. Volunteers help with this group to give carers a bit of a break as well.

Family Game Nights

2nd Friday night of the month | 6:30-8:30pm

When was the last time you sat down and played a game with your family? A few months? A few years? Maybe not even since you were a child? Yes, we may have games on our phones, iPads and laptops but we're talking about board games or a deck of cards, with other people face-to-face. It's been a long time, hasn't it?

Family time is one of the most important aspects of building a strong and loving family bond. Spending time together as a family, working together and doing positive activities together helps strengthen and encourage that family connection that with time will build healthy, safe and secure attachments as we grow.

So come on down to the centre and spend quality time with your family. All families welcome - join together or play separately. Teach others how to play. Have fun and laugh!

Holiday Program for children of all ages

Each school holiday, we have a program for children and young people - see our website and Facebook page for details.

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!

Flagstone now has a professional photo studio! KWP Studios started out life nine years ago as Kylie Williams Photography, and has recently moved to Flagstone. In the past nine years they have photographed hundreds of weddings, babies, maternity mummies and families—providing tens of thousands of priceless memories to those families.



Kylie prides herself on the best customer experience, really focusing on the individual family and capturing their connection.

'All of our products are sourced locally and feature up to 75-year warranties! We provide canvas prints individually or as collections, metal prints, acrylic prints and beautiful professional matte prints.

'Our beautiful new Flagstone Studio is a one-of-a-kind residential studio. The entire house is set up ready for shooting, at all times. It features six shooting bays fully set up and ready to photograph in, kitchen with a fully-stocked fridge and a beautiful new coffee machine, a massive TV for toddlers and dads when it's not their turn for photos (with Netflix, Stan and Disney Channel), and a dedicated newborn photography room and Wi-Fi!!' says Kylie.

KWP Studios is open for other local photographers to rent. Each space is set up with lighting (including constant, strobe and natural), props and everything a photographer would need to walk in and start shooting.

Kylie has been doing the rounds meeting everyone, supporting local business and volunteering to photograph community events.

If you would like to arrange a photoshoot or hire the studio, contact Kylie Williams info@kwpstudios.com. For any community or local business ideas you feel Kylie would be perfect for, she would love to hear from you.





A young Flagstonian's journey.

Meet Jake McKay. Jake is a local student at Flagstone Community College and secured his first job in Flagstone.

"The evolution of Flagstone has been awesome. When I started high school, McDonald's was just about to open, and everyone was so excited. My friends and I never thought we would have anything like the Water Play Park in our own backyards," says Jake.

Like many next-generation Flagstonians, Jake has grown-up alongside Flagstone and taken advantage of what it has to offer.

"I have been with Flagstone Butchery since it opened in late 2020. It's close to home so I can walk to work after school and then back home, which means mum no longer has to drop me off and pick me up. That convenience also helps with my school, work and life balance as I finish work during normal business hours and still have the evening to do schoolwork.

"I'm planning to go to university after I graduate from high school. I feel like working at the butchery has helped me develop lifelong skills – like a sense of ownership and responsibility, communication skills, the value in being hardworking and executing a job from start to finish. Just one example of this is when I first started working. I was nervous about speaking to customers but now I have a relationship with most of the regular clientele and my confidence has improved significantly.

"I love living in Flagstone. My family and I have been living here since I was in Year 1, and I hope to buy my own house here when I'm older."

Celebrating Indigenous Culture at Flagstone State School.

Students at Flagstone State School have eagerly participated in many learnings about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures this term.



Beginning with Reconciliation Week, students from Prep–6 engaged in activities such as weaving, learning about native plants, painting Aboriginal symbols and using foraged materials from Yugambeh Country to create collages.

Students learnt about the long-standing connection to the place where we learn and play.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a deep understanding of the importance of taking care of the land and the environment. They have a strong connection to place and it is part of their identity. By engaging in learning about these viewpoints, students foster an appreciation and respect for Indigenous culture, history and people.

Students also recently celebrated NAIDOC. This year's theme was HEAL COUNTRY and students learnt about ways we can reduce our impact on the environment. They planted new native seeds and will continue to nurture and care for them to represent their commitment to country. Students enjoyed singing the National Anthem in the Yugambeh language, reinforcing our links to the Indigenous people of this land. Each class also created their own display of artwork to represent this year's theme, with the art exhibited in the school hall.



Flagstone State Community College News.

Our staff and students have been busy doing lots of exciting things recently.

In May we held Harmony Day, a cultural awareness day celebrating foods, artefacts and dances from around the world. We had families come in to demonstrate their cultural artefacts from Asia, Africa and Europe. The Cook Island and Maori Community provided fabulous demonstrations on the day and our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students also performed beautifully. Students came to enjoy the day and it will certainly continue beyond this year.

Flagstone State Community College is focusing on inclusion and providing support for all. We have a high functioning Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander unit, a special education unit, a focus on support of LGBTQIA+ students with the provision of a safe place, and key support for students at risk and students out of home. Recently we were highly commended for our inclusion processes at a South East Region (Logan and Gold Coast) Education Queensland awards, and there are many staff who are involved in supporting inclusion for our students.



STEM.

Our Year 10 team won the **GLO@Logan 2021** competition this year by designing a robotic device that would help support paraplegic people to play musical instruments. The device, called the 'Minum', records the user humming a tune and then lets the user physically blow into the real instrument. Minum would then replicate the hummed tune in line with the user blowing to create music.

The project was aimed at supporting paraplegic patients with music therapy, allowing users to take some control back by physically playing the instrument. The judges loved the idea and awarded our team 1st place and a \$2000 bursary for STEM equipment purchases at our school.





Girls, Body, Love. Squad Group Training.

Teen girls in Flagstone! There is a free local bootcamp just for you. Every Tuesday from 5–5.45pm, at the Flagstone Amphitheatre on Parkside Drive.

All girls aged 8–17 are encouraged to come and check it out. Bring a towel and water to take part in this group training session.

Run by Kimberley of KK Bodyworx as part of Logan City Council Live Well Logan program.



TAG, GOTCHA!

Flagstone Tag is the new social sport competition running at the Flagstone Sports Field every Thursday evening.

For the 5–8 age group, games start at 5.30pm.

The 9–14 age group and Open divisions rotate between three timeslots from 6.10pm.

All are welcome, so create a team or come and join one. Minimum eight players per team. Game fee is \$5 per person per game, plus a one-off registration fee.

Visit the Flagstone Tigers Tag Facebook page.

Learn to Swim programs.

Go to Splash for your child's early introduction to an aquatic life. It can build strength, mobility and, of course, a love of the water. Infants are encouraged to join the Learn to Swim program from the age of three months.

To prepare your child for their swimming lessons, build up a sense of excitement about going to Splash. For children starting in the Seahorses level (from nine months), it's a great idea to use their bath time to introduce some of the program activities. Singing their favourite nursery rhymes and playing games in the bath is a great way to associate water with fun! This type of water play in-between classes can also increase the benefits of lessons. Splash swim teachers will share more tips on enhancing your child's water lessons.

Contact Splash Leisure on **0421 818 648**, or pop in and have a chat to the team at 25 Bushman Drive, Flagstone.



Kangatraining classes in Flagstone!

Flagstone mum Michelle Speirs has been supporting new mums through babywearing and postnatal exercise and is excited to be bringing Kangatraining classes back to Flagstone in October.

“Ten years ago we moved into our new home in Flagstone and four weeks later our first child was born. I knew I wanted to get back to some sort of group exercise and meet some other local mums, but my body moved differently now, and I wanted to be safe getting back into it. I also had a super clingy baby who would cry if anyone else held him so I couldn't leave him in the crèche very easily. It was hard to find what I really needed locally back then.”

Kangatraining is a group class designed for meeting other mums and exercising with your baby. It was created by Austrian dancer and fitness professional Nicole Pascher who worked with physiotherapists, midwives and babywearing consultants to create a safe and effective way to exercise with your little one.

“Not only is every aspect safe for your pelvic floor, abdominal separation and postnatal body, but you are able

to bond with your baby and keep them close and safe through babywearing. Baby is happy by being close to mum and mum is happy because she is doing something for herself without the guilt or the need to find a babysitter.”

Whether you are into fitness or not, there is no coordination needed and all fitness levels are welcome. Older siblings are also welcome to come along, as are any carers of little ones wanting to join in.

“We've had KangaDads, KangaNannas, mums with new babies and mums carrying toddlers on their back, everyone is welcome and we can cater for everyone.”

The class incorporates a full body workout through low impact interval training and is set to a fun music playlist.



There are exercises for correct breathing and pelvic floor and a group circle chat at the end of class supports the mental health and wellbeing of all participants.

Classes in Flagstone will now be run through the Flagstone Community Centre during school terms and will commence Friday 8th October for Term 4, 2021.



For more information contact **Michelle** through Kangatraining Logan City on Facebook or visit www.kangatraining.com.au for all class locations across Australia.

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A snapshot of our community.



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