

FlagstoneFocus

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**Get
active**
in 2023

Support the
youthHYPE
PROGRAM

**GET BEHIND
THE BUSINESSES
OF FLAGSTONE**

Vista Park
**GRAND
OPENING**

Lots more inside...

Hello Flagstonians!

A message from Troy Thompson
Flagstone Project Director



Happy new year and welcome to our first edition of Flagstone Focus for 2023!

It's been a busy time in Flagstone from a development perspective and despite the interest rate rises, sales remain steady.

Last year's Census was the first time Flagstone had its own suburb data and it showed that from 2016 to 2021, the population grew at approximately 6% annually, making it one of the fastest growing regions in Australia and this is expected to continue over the next ten years.

It also showed that...

- Flagstone had a population of 7,087 people across 1,917 families
- There are more women (51%) than men (49%)
- Young families are a big part of Flagstone!

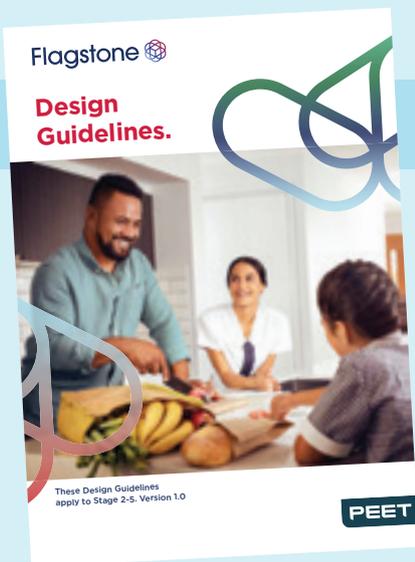
Age Group (Years)	Size
0 - 14	28%
15 - 29	21%
30 - 44	23%
45 - 59	18%
60+	10%



To keep up with demand we currently have 184 lots under construction in our Latitude release, and 86 in the Vista release – 270 lots in total that will be completed over the next 5 months, to allow homes to start construction.

In addition to this, there are 210 homes under construction in previously completed stages. With all this activity it is expected over the next 12 months around 1,500 more people will call Flagstone home.





What are covenants?

When buying a block of land in Flagstone, the purchaser agrees to abide by residential design guidelines or covenants. These guidelines form part of the design and building approvals for the house.

Flagstone's design guidelines cover things like building setbacks, appropriate materials, landscaping, fencing and driveways, and are there to ensure Flagstone's houses and streets present to a high standard. Generally, residential estates that have design guidelines present better streetscapes and maintain a higher standard of individual building character. This also results in an improved amenity for residents and helps increase their property values.

Flagstone's design guidelines will evolve over time and are a legal document that must be complied with. The guidelines form part of the initial contract of sale and pass on to future buyers if the property is sold.

We acknowledge that there are some properties within Flagstone that do not meet the guidelines. We are working with these residents to correct any issues.

We thank residents for their cooperation and willingness to follow the design guidelines in order to keep Flagstone looking beautiful. We strongly believe that upholding these design guidelines is the best thing for residents, their properties and the overall estate.

For more information on the design guidelines that relate to your home, please check your contract or sale, visit the Peet website or contact our office on 07 3137 2040.

FLAGSTONE COMMUNITY CENTRE

In 2023 the Flagstone Community Centre will continue to offer the following popular services

Playgroups — Mondays and Fridays

Seniors Group — Tuesdays

JP Service — Wednesdays

Group Art Classes — Thursdays



The centre is now also offering...

Yoga

Wednesday evenings from 7-8pm. \$15 per session.

Role-playing boardgame group

Designed for people who may experience social isolation, social anxiety or dyslexia or have acquired a brain injury. Saturdays from 4.30pm-10.30pm.

Forms Assist Program

Provides assistance for anyone needing some help navigating MyGov and completing Centrelink forms. You can book an appointment fortnightly on Wednesday from 11.30am-1.00pm.

Additional events and activities will be promoted via Facebook. For further information visit [@flagstonecommunitycentre](https://www.facebook.com/flagstonecommunitycentre) or call **0491 711 398**.

State Government Update

Education a priority in Flagstone

Schools are well and truly back — much to the relief of many parents, I'm sure.

We are so fortunate to have great schools in Flagstone and it's very important for me that we continue to invest in new classrooms, equipment and of course, quality teachers.

This year will see the completion of the brand new \$9.6 million 2-storey learning centre at Flagstone State School which will include 6 general learning areas, 2 outdoor learning areas and an undercroft designed for an additional 6 future learning spaces.

This project is being delivered through the Queensland Government's **Growth Learning Spaces Program** and is also supporting around 22 jobs in the local area.

Thanks to strong support from our school community, I was also able to advocate for and secure funding for a new 'Drop n Go' at the school which is currently under construction.

Planning is also well underway for an additional primary school for Flagstone which is set to open in 2025 and I look forward to sharing further details with our community on this important project.

There are also exciting things happening at Flagstone State Community College, with local families recently invited to take part in consultation around the school's Master Plan.

Please do participate in this process as it will help to support further funding and resources for the College which is vitally important as we prepare our young local kids for their future jobs, further education and career pathways.



I was so heartened to meet some of the Year 11 and 12 students at last year's Career Expo and ask them about their plans for the future — they all had a pretty clear idea of what they wanted to do, which is great.

Work should also begin this year on the school's new fence which will provide additional safety and security at the school. I was able to secure funding of \$1.2 million for this project which has been warmly welcomed by the school community.

May I take this opportunity to wish all Flagstone families a wonderful school year ahead for 2023.

Charis Mullen MP
State Member for Jordan

Logan City Council Update

A Message from Councillor Natalie Willcocks

Christmas and New Year's has passed and most of us are back to work and school. There have probably been many firsts and lasts in the past few weeks, so I hope there haven't been too many tears and have been lots of photos taken.

Thank you to Flagstone State School for having me last year to celebrate with the kids on their Colour Run. I had so much fun sponsoring their foam machine!

More recently, I enjoyed visiting Flagstone State Community College as they celebrated the end of the first week of school with an O-Week celebration for the Grade 7's, with food trucks, a colour run and services in the area providing information and giveaways. Thank you, Ms Simmons, for running the Colour Run with me!



The toilet block in Homestead Park has had a few technical delays and will hopefully start construction later in February.

Thank you for your patience whilst Bushman Drive was upgraded and completed late last year. Flagstone has more upgrades coming so stay tuned.

Keep an eye out on my Facebook page for upcoming mobile offices in the area and come along to discuss Council matters with me in person. We can chat over coffee, my treat!

Councillor Natalie Willcocks

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The Settlers Park upgrade on Bushman Drive has been completed with new playground equipment, a barbeque, new bins and a new shade shelter. So why not take the kids and Explore Logan and Division 11.

The new Flagstone Adventure Park signage has also been installed and this signage can be updated as the park grows.



Welcome to 2023 Flagstonians!

Hi, I'm Karen, your dedicated **Community Development Executive**, whose job is to help foster community connections for Flagstonians.

My role includes providing feedback to the development team on the needs and wants of the community, running events and activities, supporting sporting clubs, associations and assisting local businesses to establish themselves in the community – plus much more, to keep us connected and thriving as an integrated community.

This year we have an exciting events program for residents. For a taste of upcoming events, check out the 'What's On' section on page 10.

We're currently seeking suitable local youth service providers to submit an expression of interest for funding support to host and run youth activations in Flagstone in the 2023 calendar year. The activities will become part of our new **Flagstone youthHYPE** program, aligned with one of 3 key themes:



gameHYPE

To focus on inspiring active participation and performance in physical and competitive fair play. To engage all abilities and motivate a healthy and active lifestyle.



artHYPE

To focus on social, cultural and artistic expression, to engage, motivate and inspire the creative arts. A creative outlet for young people's energies and abilities in a way that fosters inclusion and acceptance.



jobHYPE

To focus on programs that help young people embrace education, training, and employment. Providing pathways to employment by supporting individuals and assisting them to grow in confidence through developing life skills and achieving goals.

We will also focus on the business community this year with our inaugural **Flagstone Favourites Local Business Awards**. Check out page 12 in 'Business News' for more information on this program.

New Flagstonians

If you're new to Flagstone, don't forget to collect your welcome gift from me if you haven't already. I'd also be delighted to help connect you and your family members with like-minded individuals, groups, clubs and others within the community.

Stay on top of what's on by joining our resident database. If you think you may have unsubscribed, changed your email address or haven't been added yet, send me an email at karen.duncan@peet.com.au.



Did you Know?

Flagstone's annual resident survey conducted in late 2022 had great participation with 257 Flagstonians taking part — 88% of whom were owner-occupiers.

Peet Flagstone are listening to the residents. Just one example is addressing community concerns around a lack of youth activation with the introduction of the Flagstone youthHYPE program in 2023.

And it was great to learn that the thing residents like the most about Flagstone is the SENSE OF COMMUNITY.





Q&A WITH FLAGSTONE RESIDENT

Julie Gislingham

Before I bought at Flagstone a few years ago I lived in Logan Village on half an acre that just became too much for me by myself. I attended a “get to know you” at the Community Centre within my first few weeks of moving here, immediately made new friends and also got introduced to the Flagstone Community Association (FCA), and this is where it all began.

I've made so many great friends in the past two years. I love that I can't go to our local Coles or Woolies without stopping to chat with someone I know! I joined the FCA where I was initially the Treasurer but am now the Secretary and this keeps me very busy. I love being involved in the events we plan and seeing how successful they often turn out to be, bringing joy to so many families in our community.

I sold my first house back in January 2022, but didn't want to leave Flagstone, so I bought a block of land in the new Aspire release, built a new house and moved in just before Christmas last year.

I think the best part about Flagstone is the community spirit and seeing all the families that are now coming through, getting involved in all the events and activities on offer. Even in the time I've been living here, Flagstone has evolved so quickly. It's exciting to see and I know things will only keep getting better.

1. **What is your favourite family holiday?**

A P&O Cruise, relaxing. Once on the boat you don't have to do anything. But there's also so much to do if you want to.

2. **What is your favourite book to read?**

I am not a reader, but if I have a book it will be a craft book... ok, it will be my Stampin' Up! Catalogue, but that is the same thing to me. I'm a very big crafter and have been doing it for over 20 years

3. **What makes you laugh the most?**

My two-year-old granddaughter, Tilly, and her funny antics. This little cherub brings me so much joy. She loves going up to Pirate Ship Park and I'm sure she'll have a ball at the Water Play Park when she's a bit older. I love her bubbly spirit and sassiness.....you just never know what she will come out with next.

4. **If you could only eat one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be?**

Spaghetti... bolognese, carbonara, I don't care. Not that I'm Italian, but I just love a good bowl of spaghetti!

5. **How would your friends best describe you?**

Straight from my friend Donna-Marie..... “Loyal, honest and nothing is ever too much trouble, Julie would give you her last dollar if it meant it made my life easier. I know Julie will always have my back no matter what because she is one of my best friends so that makes us family.....” Well, there you go, not such a bad person after all!

6. **If you could share a meal with any 4 individuals, living or dead, who would they be?**

You might be expecting a of list famous people here, but I'd choose family. My husband would be on top of the list. This year marks 11 years of his being passed and at times I would do anything to have him back. My Dad. He also passed away, 29 years ago, so it would be great to catch up with him. My Mum. She'll be 80 this year and is always my person on the other end of the phone. Lastly, my brother. He is my go-to person. We've shared so many good times and sad times with each other.

Matilda's Chop for Charity



Six-year-old Flagstone resident, Matilda, recently made headlines for her incredible contribution to the Children's Hospital Foundation. Matilda was inspired to help sick children unable to grow their own hair so came up with the idea behind Matilda's Chop for Charity. She raised an astonishing \$3,490 to donate to the Foundation by allowing her long hair to be shaved to make a wig for a young patient with cancer.

Matilda's story began with her own health battles and frequent admissions to the Queensland Children's Hospital. After spending time with numerous children around her own age living with illness, Matilda wanted to find a way to give back and decided to take action. In a heartwarming display of selflessness and generosity, Matilda's entire head was shaved, while Matilda's family, friends and local community showed their support, donating generously to Matilda's fundraiser.

This inspirational act of kindness from Matilda is an example for us all. Her story has touched the hearts of many, and her courage and initiative remind us that anyone can give back and make an impact, no matter how young or old. Although Matilda has reached her goal, the fundraiser remains open and you can donate at fundraise.childrens.org.au and search for **Matilda's Chop for Charity**.



If you'd like the chance to be featured in our 'Meet the locals' segment, send an email to karen.duncan@peet.com.au to put your hand up.



Family Easter Colour Run

Saturday 1 April, 1 - 4pm

Flagstone State School Oval Poinciana Drive, Flagstone

Ready for some colour in your life? Flagstone Community Association will be combining the Easter egg hunt with a colour run this year. Participants can book a timeslot to make their way through 12 colour-obstacle stations, while collecting Easter eggs. Businesses are invited to sponsor a colour obstacle station. Please contact flagstonefca@gmail.com if you would like to get involved.



Tickets will go on sale soon. Keep an eye on the Facebook page @[flagstonecommunityassociation](https://www.facebook.com/flagstonecommunityassociation) www.facebook.com/flagstonecommunityassociation

Flagstone Twilight Markets

Saturday 22 April

Flagstone Twilight Markets will be hosted again in 2023 by the Flagstone State School Parents and Citizens' Association (P&C). Due to ongoing construction at the school the first event has been postponed until April. The super popular Halloween and Christmas markets will also be back.

The Flagstone Twilight Markets is a mix of market stalls, yummy food trucks and great local entertainment. If you would like to get involved, email flagstonetwilightmarkets@gmail.com.

Flagstone Men's Shed Coffee Catch-ups

First Saturday & Third Thursday every month

To provide avenues for men to get connected and make new friends with similar interests, or to help overcome isolation or loneliness, Flagstone Men's Shed will be hosting two catch-ups a month from May onwards, with guest speakers and activities.

For further information regarding Flagstone Men's Shed, check out Facebook www.facebook.com/groups/1213261815717163



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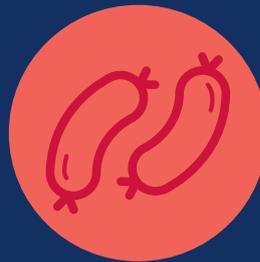
1-5PM SAT 27 MAY, HOLLOW'S RD, FLAGSTONE



Flagstone *Neighbour Day*

Sunday 26 March | 1pm to 4pm
Vista Park

Cnr Oxford and College Drive,
Flagstone



Celebrate National Neighbour day at the official opening of Flagstone's new Vista Park! Come along and connect with your community and make new friends.



Scan here to register for your FREE meal and drink voucher.

For further information please contact:
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Flagstone 
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Inaugural Flagstone Favourites Local Business Awards

- Peet Flagstone and Logan Regional Chamber of Commerce initiative to drive a successful business community in Flagstone.
- These Awards celebrate the excellence, success and innovation of business in Flagstone, while providing an opportunity for businesses to network and showcase their products and services.
- Local businesses provide jobs and vital products and services, bolstering our culture and community.
- The competitive environment of business can drive innovation and progress, both essential for a sustainable local business community.
- The success of local businesses helps strengthen the financial and economic sustainability of Flagstone and the greater Logan City region.

Two streams. Multiple categories.

People's Choice Awards – Voted for by the public, with awards across 10 different business categories.

Excellence Awards – Requiring a written submission by individual businesses and judged by an industry panel.

Who Can Enter?

All businesses with a physical presence in Flagstone — for example, a shop front or home business based in Flagstone, or a business that services or operates in Flagstone.

Why Enter?

- Exposure! The awards could increase local awareness of your business, leading to new opportunities and business growth. Build credibility with customers and the general community.
- Opportunity to benchmark your business against others within the same industry. Achieve recognition for your staff — becoming a finalist or winner can increase staff morale and development.
- A chance for industry and peer recognition of your business.
- Becoming a finalist or winner can be great for staff morale, rewarding them for their efforts.
- Credibility among customers and the general community from being a finalist or winner.
- Opportunity to review what you do best and what needs attention.

Key Dates

- **1 May 2023**
Nominations Open
- **1 July 2023**
Public Voting Opens
- **September 2023**
Gala Awards Event (Date TBC)



Flagstone Business Social

Flagstone Business Social is a business group initiative that allows for organic networking to happen within the Flagstone community.

Background

After a few meet-and-greets among local business owners, it became apparent there was a need for a local social business network for healthy discussions about challenges and opportunities. Flagstone Business Social was born, and with close to 150 members already, it's quickly growing.

Aims

Flagstone Business Social is an inclusive group for business owners with a positive mindset and passion to grow across all industries within our community. The goal of Flagstone Business Social is to improve the local business environment and strengthen our community through advocacy, networking and campaigning. It aims to provide a friendly and safe environment to speak openly about your business and develop long term professional relationships.

Details

Flagstone Business Social gathers on a monthly basis. There will also be opportunities to attend quarterly workshops informed by feedback provided by members regarding the support they need most in their business. This may be by way of social media training, accounting and business cashflow support, traineeship and apprenticeship employment solutions, small business grants and more. Get involved to have your say.

Think this network will be of benefit to you and your business? Get in touch by connecting on the [Flagstone Business Social Facebook page](#).



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 last Thursday of each month, from 2pm, 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 Jimboomba

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



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 Tigers

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

Primary School

Transition Program a Huge Success at Flagstone State School

Flagstone State School is committed to providing the best possible education for all students. Throughout 2022, all enrolled students for the 2023 prep catchment were invited to attend our **Get Set for Prep!** Transition Program.

Students attended with their early childhood education providers from local centres, and with their parents and guardians. Extra sessions were provided for students requiring a little more nurturing to begin their prep journey. In addition to the students attending the school, prep teachers and Flagstone State School's Transition Navigator attended local centres and observed early educators in action.

“The children are much more prepared – they know where the classrooms are, where the library is, what the uniforms look and feel like, and know their teachers. Thank you for being such a great link between us and the school. The parents that I have spoken to definitely believe that all of the visits to the school, and having the teachers visit here, have helped the children be prepared”.

— Amy Gilliam, Goodstart Early Learning Flagstone.

A number of significant benefits flowed from this 2022 transition program. Key staff got to know all prep students by face and name prior to the new school year. This paved the way for a warm welcome as they entered the school gates on their very first day of prep in 2023. The program initiated important conversations between families, staff, prep teachers, deputy principals, guidance staff and local service providers. All students and their families were welcomed through administration with a short, friendly interview process. In these meetings, the school learned about the many strengths of their future students. Early childhood educators were impressed with Flagstone State School's transition program and we look forward to a wonderful 2023 with our proud new prep students.



High School

The start of the school year marked a new beginning for our Year 7 students and their families. And what better welcome to Flagstone State Community College than a red-carpet entrance?

But that's not all that was planned. Students spent their first week of high school participating in a range of exciting orientation activities. Highlights included house spirit activities, a presentation by Griffith University and a scavenger hunt. Students were also introduced to a range of extracurricular activities available at the College, including the Performing Arts Program, Robotics Club and Green Beans environmental group. Principal Julie Strong said this year's O-Week encouraged students to explore their new surroundings and immerse themselves in school culture.

The week wrapped up with a Fun Day featuring a colour run, games and food trucks. The week was a huge success with parents and students coming together to meet community partners and forge relationships with college staff.



Tigers Rugby League

The Flagstone Tigers have kicked off their 2023 season with fresh energy and enthusiasm. The team is welcoming both new and returning players and their families.

The Flagstone Tigers are building a history of success and this season the team is looking to build on a very positive 2022. The Tigers are striving to provide the best experience for both players and families and are excited to see what the season will bring.

The team is also grateful for the support of Peet, a loyal sponsor of the Flagstone Tigers since the very beginning. Peet's support has been invaluable and has helped the team to continue to grow and reach new heights.

The Flagstone Tigers are also proud to welcome a number of new sponsors for the 2023 season. These sponsors include local businesses and organisations passionate about rugby league and wanting to see the Tigers succeed.

The Flagstone Tigers are encouraging anyone interested in becoming a part of the team to register as a player at playrugbyleague.com. Head over to flagstonetigers.com.au and 'like' their Facebook page to stay up to date with all the club news.

Here's to a great 2023 season!
Go get 'em Tigers!

Netball Opportunities in Flagstone

Flagstone Netball Club is currently taking registrations for players aged 5 to 18 years for the 2023 Saturday Competition Season. The season runs from March and finishes in September. If you haven't already registered, email flagstonenetballclub@gmail.com



If you're after a spot of mid-week nettie, grab some friends and register a team in the Flagstone **Fast5 Netball** Competition or come on down and play a social game of **Walking Netball**. Both are held on Thursday evenings at the Flagstone netball courts on Flagstonian Drive. All sporting abilities and newcomers are welcome for competition and there are ladies and mixed teams.

Fast5 Netball drops the wing positions used in standard netball and you'll make power plays and 1, 2 and 3 point shots for goal.

Walking Netball uses standard netball positions, but running is off limits and you must receive the ball with one foot always connected to the court. You'll have 4 seconds to pass and can take one step before passing. It's a great game for those wanting a slower pace to their game and wishing to avoid pressure on the knee joints.



To express interest or register a team, email fast5netball@gmail.com or click on the QR code for direct link.

A snapshot of our community.



To ensure you are receiving up-to-date information, please ensure we have your current email address and contact details. Contact your Community Development Executive, Kareen Duncan or email flagstonecity@peet.com.au

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