

LOVED AND SAFE themed responses



Q1 What hopes and dreams do you have for Logan's young children?

Safe Environment

For them to grow up safe and loved, with the best start in life, free from abuse and neglect.

To be happy and healthy and feel safe in the community. To have access to top quality parks, play areas in a safe environment. To have a clean city that supports development of children as well as adults.

To live in a safe community, free from crime and violence to thrive and feel safe doing so.

To be able to play freely, anywhere, knowing that they are safe to be creative and imaginative. To be able to trust each other and adults around them.

That my children can walk the streets at night, in the future, without the fear of being unsafe or stopped because of the colour of their skin.

To be safe, happy, educated and a sense of belonging in the community.

Less crime, more community feel. Better "village" for our kids to grow up in.

Finding a village that helps me support and bring up my kids.

A safe neighbourhood where my children play and have fun.

Kids have freedom to be themselves, and they can explore their surroundings – that is what I had growing up and they are some of my best memories.

Our community is safe and free from violence.

My kids are safe on the streets and can go get me some groceries at the IGA without me having any fear.

Kids being healthy and safe in Logan.

Happy

That they are happy.

Kids are safe, happy and healthy.

Safe play areas

To have good parks and safe places to play. Understanding for children with disabilities.

To be happy and healthy and feel safe in the community. To have access to top quality parks, play areas in a safe environment. To have a clean city that supports development of children as well as adults.

To safely access public spaces that are clean, in good working order (not vandalised) and safe from violence, drugs (including discarded needles), and harassment.

Sense of belonging

To become the best person they can be and strive to give back to the community.

That my kids know they are loved and supported

To be honest citizens of the community and treat everyone with respect.

I hope that every Logan child has at least one person who champions them to greatness. I hope the statement of 'it takes a village' is not only a statement but an action we as a community we take personal responsibility for.

That children can participate in the community that they live in; they feel a sense of belonging.

Confident, safe in the community, have a place to fall into when they go through rough times.

Spend time with my children after work, attend sports trainings and have dinner all together – to connect and build a memory bank that they will treasure and hopefully pass on to my grand-children.

Q2 What gets in the way of achieving these hopes and dreams?

Parenting

Not enough help for young parents, not enough help for people to become good stable people before they become parents.

Addiction. there are so many children suffering because their parents are addicted to alcohol, drugs and gambling. I think unless this is addressed at a higher level, we will continue to see the cycle.

I'm concerned about parenting skills in Logan. I'm often confronted by parents yelling, hitting, feeding babies and children incredibly unhealthy foods.

Unwell parents. Unsupported parents.

Parents losing jobs, single parents struggling, Lack of Money, DV, parents that have addictions e.g. Drugs, alcohol, gambling.

Traumatic childhoods, parents not skilled to be parents, cycles of child abuse and neglect, lack of support for families.

Parents not prioritising their children or parents not having the choice to prioritise due to injustice systems e.g. Centrelink, employment etc.

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Parents not being given the tools to help them, and their children strive.

Parents in cycles of their own childhood experiences not being overcome.

I am raising my grandchildren but feel powerless and not 100% responsible for the decision making, they have been removed from their parents so the department is involved and they don't value me [judged] as the primary caregiver.

Some of my family live in Victoria they seem more progressive when it comes to children and innovation than Queensland.

I feel like I am judged and looked down at because how I raise them doesn't fit a particular way. But I want nothing but the best, and I shouldn't have to prove that to anyone who isn't my children or family.

Lack of family and community support

Being provided with the care, love, attention and support they need from their family and the wider community.

support to help believe that they can.

Family support.

Lack of support at home.

Not having support of family and friends.

parents and young children don't think they have support.

Worldly things such as COVID, natural disasters, finances and not a lot of support and encouragement from the community.

It's important that they have a strong support system, a solid environment, by having a lack of support will increase the chance of not being able to fulfil one's hopes and dreams. Toxic environment plays a big part also.

Depending on what dreams the children have the only obstacles would be if the children aren't getting the right support and help from the right people/parents, or even the local community.

Crime

Addiction. there are so many children suffering because their parents are addicted to alcohol, drugs and gambling. I think unless this is addressed at a higher level we will continue to see the cycle.

Community needs to support more parents getting off drugs.

High prevalence of domestic violence.

There is more violence and crime lately, especially during Covid. Not sure when it will get better, but I would love to see it lessen. Less bullying as well would be nice.

Impact of DV on children.

Drugs and addiction

Addiction. there are so many children suffering because their parents are addicted to alcohol, drugs and gambling. I think unless this is addressed at a higher level, we will continue to see the cycle.

People drugs kids that don't have parents looking out as much as they should, not enough police and not enough safe places /people that stand up for young ones and instead do the not my problem thing...

Cycle of Trauma

Services should be trauma informed – grief and loss makes it difficult to retain information.

Q3 What do you think is helping children thrive in Logan (& why)?

Family and parents

Honestly it depends on the parents.

The kids that are thriving in Logan are the ones who have attentive parents.

Parents doing their absolute best, teachers doing their absolute best, a loving community.

Parents who care.

If they are thriving, then it is due to their parents.

Community connections

Connecting people. Keeping busy.

Good mentors, good support from friends and families, churches & different genuine relationships with people through connections and relationships people get to support each other and look out for each other. Genuine relationships as such have no agenda but keeping an eye out for each other and caring for each other.

Authentic connections within community builds a sense of belonging.

Strong connections, building a sense of belonging and building support.

Authentic community connections and access to opportunities that support this.

Bringing community together and learning how to play. ...allowing for children displaying play to other children, gives children the approval to play and creates connections between other people.

Less is more. Folks are doing a great job demonstrating you don't need a lot of stuff to raise healthy and happy children. There are so many Logan folks focused on making sure children have good relationships and connections in their community as a priority.

Strong community connections i.e.: church, *Parents wanting to give children better opportunities.

[Feeling] Safe and welcome in Logan.

Community spirit

Logan is a great place to live and great especially for families, a lot of green areas and good playgrounds.

I think the community inside Logan itself. Outsiders don't see it but everyone in Logan takes care of each other. It's helping my children thrive because we have access to many things in our community and are lucky to get access to required services.

Community groups, PCYC, so many low cost and free outdoor amenities, parks and events is great for community spirit for families and children.

great community spirit and lots of passionate people.

Community spirit.

Good will.

Neighbourliness.

Sense of Agency for children

Being heard, seen and represented. A child's voice is valid – this disposition need change in homes, community and schools.

Taking the time to listen to them and value what they say.

People listening, mentoring believing in them.

Programs in schools where children are allowed to make decisions and are supported to make mistakes.

Role models

Expectations set with achievable targets and good role models within the community and teachers showing children what it looks like.

Support workers, teachers and role models that care about them. People creating programs to support their growth.

Famous role models that live in community.

Opportunities within schools, *Support systems/teachers/parents/church/Pastors,*Good role models.

Family role models who live in the community.

Q4 What is one thing we could do together to achieve those hopes and dreams?

Join together as a community, with values at the heart, for our children

Educate the community about the importance of "being a community" and supporting each other where we can.

Meet families where they are at and help overcome what barriers stop the kids from participating in community activities and services.

Be part of our communities. Self-help groups for people struggling. Community programs.

Networking and growing as a community.

Create a safe community, educate each other.

Community meets to support more parents getting off drugs.

Come together as a group no matter, race, financial status, health status and just be a community.

Remember we're all different individuals who deserve to receive kindness and the best chances in life!

Kindness goes a long way.

Spread kindness.

Promote empathy, self-worth and gratitude.

Understanding each other e.g.: empathy, *understanding learning styles, *understanding the underlying issues.

Support without judgement.

Community engagement.

Hold monthly community meetings

Come up with ideas together to build that community.

Create genuine connections to invest energy and time. Recognising how we to create community connections. Creating a sense of belonging. Thinking and considering how are we going to connect authentically. Need to have people who want to connect, build relationships and take small steps to make this happen.

– Staying connected with families/children from birth to school entry.

– School can provide a consistent support for families but some have so little connection with their community before then.

Be more connected and build a village for our kids, especially the more vulnerable.

Pray and work together to help implement support services to cater to the needs of our Logan children.

Cultural respect and safety as a basis for children to launch from family to community and school, because my children will grow better in a welcoming community that respects diversity.

Kids have freedom to be themselves, and they can explore their surroundings – that is what I had growing up and they are some of my best memories.

A safe neighbourhood where my children play and have fun.

Community spirit – exposing my children to different experiences.

My kids are safe on the streets and can go get me some groceries at the IGA without me having any fear.

Programs for children to attend to build on their community connections.

I want Logan be known for a community that cares and bands together in trouble and we care for our children and support their families.

Parenting/ Carer support and development

More awareness to parents and community about the true effects dv/family violence can have on children, how their brain is affected via it how repairing the damage is harder than preventing it.

Community meets to support more parents getting off drugs.

More activities to help parents be better parents.

Free education for parents, things through daycare and kindy first and foremost and then followed through the schools, teaching parents to be invested in their children and less device time. Supporting parents to put down their own devices.

Educate young parents to break the chain of crime so our kids are safe to play without worry.

Support parents to understand the needs of a developing child so they can be the best parent they can be.

More support and education for parents, as they are the greatest input for the next generation.

Parents getting the support needed, when needed knowing where to go for that support, who does what here in Logan.

Support services for grandparents to access who are caring in informal care arrangements.

Harsher consequences

More support services for parents and families.

Make parents more accountable for their kids' behaviour and make the kids accountable as well when they run wild.

Increase rent prices, more police to let these people know us in Logan are not going to put up with it anymore. More harsh penalty for those that do wrong.

More police on the streets.

More detention centres for the criminal.

LEARNING themed responses



Q1 What hopes and dreams do you have for Logan's young children?

Access to quality education

Have access to the best schools & education in SEQ.

That all can receive an excellent education.

Have access to modern and quality facilities in their local areas and schools.

Better and safer schools providing platform to develop their creative skills and create future opportunities for kids in academia, sports and other creative fields.

That they will attend schools without bullies, with smart teachers and programmes designed to raise smart well-balanced adults.

For the schools, kindy's and early learning centres to have more of a cultural approach in their practice

Have the same educational opportunities, experiences & exposure to succeed. Increase or offer free activities that are career focused or trade-based learning.

That they will have access to, and take full advantage of, quality education and be able to break the poverty cycles that so many of them are born in to & make better lives for themselves.

Quality, inclusive education with quality staff that care.

Teachers who are trained to build on each individual child's needs.

Achieve a good level of education

For my children to achieve greatness in their education and follow passion and not be held back.

I hope see you today grow up with a good education, healthy and at peace.

Good education leading to positive job prospects.

To get a good education.

Q2 What gets in the way of achieving these hopes and dreams?

Quality of schools

Poor local catchment schools with no other options. Not enough diversity in the education that is offered and not enough free extracurricular activities.

Currently worried about local primary schools and negativity I read :(education bullying lack of SED support if needed.

I can't afford private schools that have the brilliant raves for education and support.

Advice and support through daycare/kindy and schools.

Lack of funding in schools.

More culture in schools and activities throughout Logan would be great.

Tools that they can't have at school, not been able to get the learning as the schools don't teach what they may need.

Public schools to provide platforms at par with private schools so that all kids have equal opportunities.

Understaffed and underfunded schools.

Difficulties for schools that need to manage behaviour and so many different skills / abilities of students.

Logan is still catching up in terms of quality in the schools, Difficult background, diverse language (families).

People from low socioeconomic status having less access to better education.

Getting Started at school, more could be done to 'walk through' all the requirements. Too much info all at once for new arrivals.

Address bullying properly in schools.

Lack of education – parents and youth

Lack of education.

Low self-esteem, lack of skills and education, lack of opportunities, lack of support.

Lack of education and support in all aspects.

Lack of education, generational cycles continued (please let's break the cycles!).

Stigma, access to resources and aspirations being visible (e.g., there's no university in Logan besides from one hidden away).

High achievers aren't welcome in Logan.

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Q3 What do you think is helping children thrive in Logan (& why)?

Good schools and caring teachers

Good schools. They are making connections to community, friendships etc.

Good schools providing good pathways.

Over the years I have seen schools encourage and embrace the diversity within the community. Having more diverse ethnic teachers in the schooling community. More open conversations in families.

Wonderful teachers in schools.

Logan has brilliant schools and facilities to enhance one's mind.

More is coming to Logan, more businesses, more homes and schools. Logan is becoming less known for their "bogans" it is helping everyone including children to have more purpose in life!

Good schools and teachers.

community programs, libraries, schools. all have the interests of the children's wellbeing.

Good schools there aren't a lot but the couple we are lucky to have.

Good schools providing good pathways.

Over the years I have seen schools encourage and embrace the diversity within the community.

Wonderful teachers in schools.

Knowing the school I send my child to is supportive and we feel welcomed.

Adult learning in schools to support parents.

Daycares I can trust, staff that know more than me so can teach my kid to get ready for school.

Play groups

All the parent/children's groups and playgroups. They are tailored for everyone to get involved and have fun, which makes the parents get out & about more often with their children – which brings so many positives.

The playgroups; the opportunity to be social with kids from all over Logan.

Support services that have inclusivity options (such as some playgroups offer pickup to ensure everyone has access).

Play groups...learning through play and have parents take part and be involved.

Playgroups and Community Centres. Children can play in safe environments. Parents can chat to other parents/workers and feel loved and supported.

ECEC services

Schools. Early childhood education programs. First 5. Cultural hubs. Etc. They do their best to support the child at a different level of holistic awareness.

Q4 What is one thing we could do together to achieve those hopes and dreams?

Improve the quality of schools

Communication between local schools to their local community / volunteer centres, offering career & support guidance counsellor offered. Maybe at primary ages, understand their wishes and dreams and start the conversation on 'how to get there'. Encouragement and belief do amazing things to young minds.

Address the issues within our schooling system. Education is the key to long term flourishing and the current school system is outdated and wildly inadequate for children today.

Raise money for better education.

look at the education system through a lens other than a western one. Teach language and traditional ways of being connected to kin and country.

Education all in schools of true history of first nation people.

We need a better literacy program throughout schools. We need to not move kids to high school who have not reached a high school level of literacy as all this means is a continual struggle. We need for schools to not be one size fits all.

Continue to support local schools in ensuring each child has the same access to resources.

Continue to upgrade public spaces, schools and improve support services in the area.

As a community speak up on our values and let people know we value our children and will not tolerate mistreatment. Schools could have community members attached to come and visit to be inspiration, mentors and friends to support all the children. Both state and private schools.

Make catchments larger for schools and more funding for our side of school sports and curricular to be accessible

Better school programs and facilities to encourage healthy movement in schools. More dance, theatre, yoga and team sports.

Identifying potential/special talents for kids at early age and providing them with a platform to experiment and work towards creating that as potential career opportunities by promoting such arts such as opening of specialised schools with classes for music arts sports (tennis, football) etc. and allow the kids have access to such facilities.

Change the way schools operate. I don't have a solution but maybe change to start/ finish times, starting school when a child is ready, i.e. 4 years or 7 years with different learning options, outdoor hands on learning with no table top activities. Can we fully re-imagine 'school'.

Engage other programs within schools, help them visualise what careers they could go into.

Education all in schools of true history of first nation people

Provide free or low kindly costs.

Help our community members and others understand the challenges in Logan

More understanding of the issues being faced.

To support each other, encouraging them, understanding their wants and needs.

Help raise awareness of the value of education

Free education for parents, things through daycare and kindy first and foremost and then followed through the schools, teaching parents to be invested in their children and less device time. Supporting parents to put down their own devices.

more high school education around life skills and breaking the cycle.

Introduce incentives for children attending school every day or graduating high school with a clear pathway. Create Logan City spelling bee competitions, there is so much emphasis on sport not enough on education.

Improved employment conversations and visibility to future opportunities. Commitment to education.

More support and education for parents, as they are the greatest input for the next generation.

Roll out community-based groups that aim to support educational outcomes from an early age (ie reading, literacy support groups).

MATERIAL BASICS themed responses



Q1 What hopes and dreams do you have for Logan's young children?

Material basics

Getting the basics with no questions asked to them.

Roof over our heads and food on the table.

Knowing I can provide all the things that my child needs in life.

Having a job, paying my bills, providing for my family, keeping my kids safe.

Equity – access to opportunities

To be happy, healthy, safe and have opportunities available regardless of their families' financial situation.

To grow up in safe neighbourhoods with equal opportunities to play sport, learn music and have access to excellent education with no discrimination in a beautiful sustainable city.

Have the same facilities, experiences as other children in SEQ.

To live in a safe community. To have access to all services that they may require.

For parents on poverty line/addiction, mental health issue to be provided ongoing family support, to better provide for children and recognise needs, early access to counselling re: trauma. Fairplay vouchers – letters sent to local addresses with information to inform parents of getting children actively involved in sports/community giving children a chance to bond and learn in safe environments – equal opportunities.

*To make services available that are easily accessible to them e.g.: University Entrance, Centrelink, *To have more activities like sports that are free or affordable for families.

Our young children and their families have resources, opportunities, and financial support for them to grow, flourish and support other families within their community and village, spiritually, emotionally, mentally and physically.

To have the same resources and start to life, regardless of the postcode they were brought up in.

To not feel that being from Logan is a barrier or restrictive in any way, *They can do anything that anyone in Brisbane might, *Access to the necessary resources to live the life they ought to live.

Have the same opportunities as those with more wealth. That they can achieve what they dream. That they receive all the food they may need for good growth. That they can continue to live in a world free of war and repression. That they have dream that they can achieve and live happy and have people to go to so they can feel safe and ask questions.

To never feel like they can't reach out for help and have the best chance at succeeding regardless of their Background.

Not being judged for being young and having 5 kids.

My children have the same opportunities as others in Australia.

Feeling equal to others.

Equity – cultural/ spiritual

To have a cultural safe community that is inclusive of their thoughts and ideas for a better future.

To be supported and have services that are available for all cultural diversity.

Children to be given every opportunity to learn in a culturally safe environment.

Feeling supported in my choices of parenting.

Q2 What gets in the way of achieving these hopes and dreams?

Financial pressure

People from low socioeconomic status having less access to better education, health and fitness due to lack of money.

The poverty cycle becomes so ingrained in people from a young age because it's often all they know and all they see. The allure of not having to work hard, seeing some people make big money illegally, being able to indulge in substances because of a lack of responsibility and accountability, and being able to rely on government payments to survive is often too strong for people to want to change from; especially if their family and friends have strong influences on their lifestyle during their young adult lives.

Money.

Educating parents on support agency and maybe some money skills on how to save for these costs.

Families are do it hard trying to make the money go around to give your kids everything you want them to have.

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Don't always have the money for fuel and parking to get to the Children's Hospital as South Brisbane.

We don't have extra money to pay for extra days and I'm worried he won't be ready and fit in at school.

I don't have money to pay for lawyer for family law court My family are missing out on my children.

Costs of most activities and what you can afford is generally so busy it's hard to stop and enjoy the moment.

I feel we lack the funding from government bodies with food prices going up and every other price going up, I find that parents are having to tke on more hours or less suitable hours for their jobs. Leaving them with less time to cook nutritional meals, all with lack of funds take-away is cheaper.

Cost of living.

Available funding into community

The reputation of Logan city as a rough area with a high crime rate. People not wanting to invest money into the area.

Lack of funding in schools.

Funding facility upgrades or building new centres/ opportunities.

Funding for footpaths and age-appropriate play equipment, parking at parks.

Funding facility upgrades or building new centres/ opportunities.

Low funding for area.

Lower socio areas are often given higher funding for providing such things.

Lack of resources and funding.

Jobs

Parents losing jobs, single parents struggling, Lack of Money, DV, parents that have addictions e.g. Drugs, alcohol, gambling.

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Housing

Lack of jobs, prices of homes.

unstable housing and no employment.

abuse, homelessness, impoverishment.

Financial stability.

Stability within the home.

Q3 What do you think is helping children thrive in Logan (& why)?

Access to free activities and facilities

Parks and free activities.

free and low-cost activities, beautiful new parks and facilities. These enable children from all backgrounds to engage with community.

Free activities. They allow all children the freedom to participate – no need to have money to get involved.

Low cost development & social activities.

The community helping. Free community events and kids activities e.g. Free School holiday activities.

Activities such as athletics, gymnastics, many free programs, funding vouchers, KRANK program.

Green spaces for children.

Charities providing food and financial support

Local community charities.

Supportive school communities, local charities & organisations, local councillors.

Charities and community centres.

Local charities and organisations.

Affordable housing.

Location between Brisbane and Gold Coast.

Accessible to jobs locally including Brisbane and Gold Coast.

Good infrastructure and lots of services.

A good Council.

Q4 What is one thing we could do together to achieve those hopes and dreams?

(no responses to this question aligned with this theme)

PARTICIPATING themed responses



Q1 What hopes and dreams do you have for Logan's young children?

Community offerings

During school holidays – more programs for children – important for grandparents to take children to these activities and cheaper after hours care for children, and more safety programs instructing children on who, where, what to do safety.

Activities and programs to help build confidence in children.

Providing more facilities and programs that give support and open more opportunities for our kids to work towards their dreams.

More love, caring, programs and suitability for children in department.

Not enough support programs. Too much bureaucracy. Not enough understanding about the real issues and required assistance.

To have access to support services and be involved in peer activities.

To have opportunities to access activities and hobbies that interest them, with support, encouragement and assistance where needed – to be able to pursue their own dreams and develop their own identity.

Our kids' voices are heard on what life is like for them, so they are heard and not try and tell them how to get better, just listen to them and value that they trusted in you to be heard.

Programs for children to attend to build on their community connections.

My children are able to go to activities in the community.

Getting out and about as a family, we need more fun community events they all look very similar.

Q2 What gets in the way of achieving these hopes and dreams?

Lack of activities for young people

Finding appropriate activities that suit a family and various age group.

More culture in schools and activities throughout Logan would be great.

*Lack of activities on weekends e.g.: Dad may be unavailable during the week, *Family separation + Dad may only have children on weekends, *Feels like groups are mainly focused on women and children.

Lack of wholesome cheap activities for teens.

More outdoor fun events. More free low cost sport programs.

Not enough funding or programs in our area to encourage their dreams/goals or support.

Cost of activities

Costs of most activities and what you can afford is generally so busy it's hard to stop and enjoy the moment.

High cost of activities.

Free programs for children.

I want my four kids to participate in out-of-school activities, but [it costs] one child \$360 per year to go to netball. Lower the costs even more! That annual \$150 voucher is helpful, but there is still a massive cost after that and that's only for one seasonal sport. I would like them to be active in team sports all year long.

Too few parks and green spaces

Public transport is a nightmare, we live in Yarrabilba and it is a sad and lonely place if you do not have access to your own transport, no sports associations, no PCYC everything we want to do now that my children have outgrown the water feature at the park we have to travel out of our area for, there's only so many times you can go for a walk to the local park.

Disability accessible parks for small children (also i think all children's parks should be fenced).

City planning is allowing smaller blocks so children have no backyards and the parks are not safe, our local park that has water features has no lighting near the BBQs so you can't enjoy a summer evening with family and friends using the facilities which are always in need of repair or not adequately serviced since the council took over from Lendlease, we were really interested in a table tennis table in another park and it's not useable because there's an obstruction that makes it impossible to use, the design of areas for children, need stronger community input, use existing places, schools and daycares to hear from families not only set up a onetime consultation that not many know about or can attend, go to the people if you want to improve the area for children.

Sports centres, playgrounds, waterpark and more activities.

Rate payers' money used to fund cleaner parks and nature strips and replanting of destroyed environmental areas.

Council and state/federal government approving the destruction of trees and natural habitat for the sake of more buildings. Further displacing wildlife making them rare to see.

Lack of Social opportunities

There needs to be more activities and community events that brings people together.

Building a relationship with neighbours to ensure our kids can play outside with others, provide more opportunities in the community to come together and play.

Transient families. New families not connected.

Identification of families that are alone and do not have external or extended family support.

Insufficient after hours staff for my school age kids that is cheap.

Q3 What do you think is helping children thrive in Logan (& why)?

Community groups/ organisations

Community groups

Community groups are bringing awareness to our children that we never saw possible

Community groups, etc. They can support the children and families. Working to support children in areas they develop in and supporting the families in times of need

Community groups are bringing awareness to our children that we never saw possible

Local community groups who support all types of family environments to better outcomes.

Community centres and hubs.

Community activities/ programs

The excellent amount of community services and the outdoor parks, nature reserves and sporting clubs.

So many low cost and free outdoor amenities, parks and events is great for community spirit for families and children.

Support and community services.

Events.

Schools celebrate significant days enthusiastically.

Q4 What is one thing we could do together to achieve those hopes and dreams?

Create more affordable community programs and events

Starter programs free, affordable, well spread across the council area.

Organise free sports groups or dollar entry donation style to help pay for morning tea or something.

Make more things affordable.

Be their voice, advocate for activities that can be free or affordable.

Work on implementing activities for families that are low cost, so they are available to everyone.

Cheaper activities for all ages more sporting and extracurricular activities on offer that don't cost an arm and a leg.

Have more support groups, playgroups, fun and low-cost family days with activities for all ages.

Promote more low cost team sporting opportunities.

More community groups and community centres

Have community centres that bring communities together.

Community groups and events and positive role models in the schools and out in the community.

Have community centres that bring communities together. Having playgroups, community gardens and various classes that have something for everyone in the community.

More community centres run events work collaboratively, with other community centres.

We need more community centres.

Create safe drop in spaces.

A cultural centre that provides support regarding employment, housing, health, family support, emergency relief.

Share information more effectively with community

Sharing information to all path forms to reach more children.

More mums and bubs groups and playdates that includes opportunities for parents to gain more information about different services available.

More information about things going on in the community. I don't know how, TV? There is lots of things people don't know that can help.

More parks and green spaces

Make more bike lanes, subsidise environmentally friendly solutions.

More parks, kid (and pram friendly) walking tracks.

Upgraded parks on the southern end of Logan.

Create a hub for children, pitch in days to clean up parks, have all members request for park upgrades.

Maintain parks and facilities to a high standard.

More parks and/ or water parks with shade and parking.

Cleaner parks, better walkways.

More parks that bring people together.

More opportunities to play

Encourage families to get outside and appreciate nature. Showing them the benefits of play.

Create more play communities.

Bring in volunteers' programs to support children to play.

Supply safe places for children to play.

Create a child-based learning environment which encourages children to engaged through play.

Encourage all to stop, slow down and truly connect with their intuition, their uniqueness, them. To encourage more outdoor imaginative play and to unplug. To learn about the innate ability and power that resides within.

Encourage lots of free play.

SENSE OF CULTURE AND IDENTITY

themed responses



Q1 What hopes and dreams do you have for Logan's young children?

Good reputation for Logan – no stigma

To build a strong community of positive connection and sense of pride.

To have a safe environment. The name Logan is associated with some of the worst. We're known for our cheaper housing and accommodation, so the worst of the worst seek out our area to live. Please protect our children. Clamp down on the drug trafficking and use. Find and motivate our young to put their energies and skills to things that will break their vicious cycles.

A safe community where they know others and are known. Where their postcode doesn't limit their educational options and supports and they are empowered and given permission to dream.

That Logan children may not be influenced but influencers in and out of their own community and for striving for greater things.

Children to feel confident to contribute. If they can do this the whole city will be more child friendly and accessible to children.

To not have "Logan" stigma. Stigma that gives Logan children a ceiling that they can't move past. Children should have every opportunity as other Australian children. They should have access to fun, activities, safe locations and educational spaces to learn and play. It doesn't feel like children from Logan have career and job aspirations due to lack of opportunities. It's not about gender or race anymore; it's about where you live. I want success for my child, but also all children who live in Logan.

To represent Logan in a positive light.
To be uplifted by those around them.

That they can prove the stereotype wrong and achieve their goals.

Self-esteem, confidence and agency

To be healthy, strong, self-confident critical thinkers.

They become strong healthy independent women and men as well as following their dreams.

They remain connected to their culture while participating fully and completely in community. They are well adjusted, happy people who value kindness.

Culture

That they have an opportunity to uphold their Māori culture and tikanga even though they are not in Aotearoa.

To follow the ways of the lord and to grow and respect their elders and learn from the ways of their culture.

Q2 What gets in the way of achieving these hopes and dreams?

Inclusion

More culture in schools and activities throughout Logan would be great.

Lack of cultural connection i.e. No Marae or Institutions teaching the language or culture.

Culture and language barriers.

The overshadow of other cultures in the community doing great work but not putting First Nations thoughts and ideas into action or priority first. Funding is also another challenge.

Languages different at home and beliefs. Feeling accepted into groups and making them feel included regardless of religion or cultures.

Need for more understanding of multicultural support in school.

My culture and my children learning about it, no options for this but to teach it myself and that's a very limited knowledge. I would love a daycare or school that taught in another cultures language.

Parenting courses / programs – they are in English only, not culturally suitable. Schools / others should consider a NESB specific session.

New Arrivals get six sessions for everything, and then attend TAFE. But if you find a job quickly, or for many women, no TAFE.

Bullying problems at school because of being different.

Access to culturally and language inclusive services and events.

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[Not] Know[ing] better how to look after our people, respect our elders. They want the options to see Pasifika services where needed.

[They don't know] How to approach and connect our people and relate, how to understand.

More cultural activities in our community, that celebrate all the cultures that are in Logan.

Stigma – reputation

I think a lot of it is the stereotypes Logan has. Even working in the city, you say you are from Logan and people instantly look down on it. I think it's hard for Logan residents to be taken seriously. There is a reputation, and it needs to be addressed.

The reputation of Logan city as a rough area with a high crime rate.

The stigma that can come from living in Logan. People often put our city down and disregard us for living here.

Societal stigmas.

Stigma and discrimination.

The stereotype that Logan is a high crime and negative place to live.

The negative vibes that's shone upon Logan (media and social).

[There is nowhere to] Go speak to local elders with my children for support. [I would like to] Have a place for me and my kids to yarn with others about our struggles with services and the troubles we face with our children and families without eagle eyes watching us.

Sense of self-worth

Negative thoughts.

People's opinions/ negative vibes not writing what they want to achieve.

Being silent & negative comments from parents.

Negative comments.

*Not understanding who they are, *fear, *not being able to communicate in their own home, *negative conversations.

Logan residents feeling like they have value, power, and control to shape their lives and community.

Q3 What do you think is helping children thrive in Logan (& why)?

Cultural connections

Resilience. This includes culturally diverse friend groups. My children play with others who are from other cultures and this makes them more understanding and empathetic, compassionate for others in need.

*Connections to cultural groups through extended family and friends.

Community and cultural support and the whole 'it takes a village to raise a child' attitude.

Cultural based programs.

cultural centres, or places for children and teenagers that are easily accessible (5–15mins from home).

Location, multiculturalism, opportunity and QLD weather.

Cultural hubs.

it's a very multicultural place and community. So fitting in is easier especially as a migrant family.

Wide cultural diversity.

Connections.

Generosity of community elders.

Multicultural and diversity

Long term connections across generations.

Sport

PCYC and good programs for kids – active *connect with other families.

Extracurricular activities and sport.

Sports, being connected to family and programs that help develop a sense of self.

Sporting communities.

Sport – getting out of their comfort zone.

Sport – a reason why kids can go have fun with friends and coaches that instill habits in the sport that transitions to life skills.

Good education, sporting opportunities, and outdoor recreation opportunities in a safe environment.

Sports, being connected to family and programs that help develop a sense of self.

sports communities are doing an awesome job in giving a sense of belonging and a good family vibe which by default gets the kids parent/s involved too which is awesome.

Sport and arts; it gives them something to do.

Sporting clubs/programs. Activities and groups that encourage socialism with other kids.

Play

My children are connected with local neighbourhood friends and can play with them after school and on weekends. We have lived in this street for over 10 years and there are 4 other families that are the same. The children grew up playing with each other and are still friends and play. This has made them more confident, connected and compassionate.

Adults who support and gave a passion for play.

Nature play areas, nature walks, beautiful friends with same visions to pursue life as it feels right not as one tells of how it should be. Follow and support their little brains to achieve THEIR dreams.

Providing play opportunities and networking to help share education on the importance of play.

Q4 What is one thing we could do together to achieve those hopes and dreams?

Listen to the voice of families and children and act

Be transparent, *Listen to our voices and act not just collecting data. *Communicate to and with us.

To LISTEN and EMBRACE each story, race and experience each has to offer. To support respect and embrace the ideas, situations and experiences of each child and for Us, adults to support, learn and help them along these unique journeys.

Listen to our youth. Ask them what they need.

Listening to parents, teachers, care givers and small business owners. Grassroots level is the most crucial way to start a transformation.

Listen to different voices in the community, promoting these groups via flyers not just on social media.

Reach out to everyone no matter social status, culture.

Listen to the kids.

All have a voice and advocate for kids and their families speak up.

Amplifying voices for our kids and minority groups who don't have a space to be open and talk about what they want to say.

Give kids a voice esp. those who are of colour and support them.

Have a forum for everyone to engage and be listened to.

Create more opportunities for young people to have a voice and action those ideas with in community on a platform that will lead to pathways.

Co-design and being heard (having a voice, being part of decision making).

Recognise grandparents as important in the growing up of their grandchildren.

To be involved and have my say on important things that effect my children and family.

Ask communities what they want, like when professional development workshops attendees are asked what they want out of the session.

Encourage young people and believe in them

Listen to our children and support their choices.

By helping and support them to build their confidence to interact with other people.

Educating parents about helping children to boost their confidence.

Cultivate our children voices and give them the microphone (space to be heard).

Support our younger generation, push when it is needed and listened to their concerns.

Raise cultural understanding and inclusion

Creating quality places and events that are rich with culture, inclusion, and diversity. Place or events that are engaging and relevant to the youth.

To LISTEN and EMBRACE each story, race and experience each has to offer.

Provide truly inclusive spaces where children of all abilities and cultures can interact positively.

Keep our culture alive; Support one another; Set goals as families.

Teach each other and learn more about culture.

Work to break down walls of discrimination. Be inclusive of everyone not just specific groups but all recognise First Nation Peoples.

Hard to reach families need more sustained effort – not just CALD, but all cultures because it contributes to a healthier, more connected place.

Be role models

Promote positivity and promote the way we want our children treated but showing those traits.

Community groups and events and positive role models in the schools and out in the community.

Sometimes fathers need support and when we didn't have great father role models how are we meant to know what to do – this father stuff is hard.

Improve the reputation of Logan

I think re-working Logan's reputation. It's an amazing community and that needs to be put out there.

Keep building our community reputation.

Change the reputation & image of Logan City.

Promote 'good news stories' from Logan within mainstream media.

Massive billboards and signs with short & sweet quotes for everyone to read in obvious and prominent areas for whole of Logan to see to encourage us all. Have a vision for Logan and note it on billboards highlighting the importance to dream and become the best person we can be.

Clean up the welcome to Logan suburb(s) signage, rebrand it all with more modern colours etc. and cleaner buildings. If the place looks grubby then the image is grubby and then people will continue to think its trash. Which I don't, but we've all seen the 'only in Logan' comments.

HEALTHY themed responses



Q1 What hopes and dreams do you have for Logan's young children?

Healthy

To live a happy and healthy life.

Mental health

Look after you first before anyone else; healthy physically but especially more important mentally.

To be healthy and to have everything they need to survive in these trying times.

Love and support for my kids – having a mental health that keeps me in check when I start to not show that I love and support to them.

More support for stay-at-home parents More support for Mums and bubs during the first 6 months. Mum's need a village to support them and the children. Mum's need relevant support at different times. Support should be available all the time, including through COVID. Places with hot tea, coffee and supervision for my child. Support for non-neurotypical babies for the first 12 months to cope with parent relationship breakdown and burnout. Strong healthy family units. Normalise having a child who is displaying developmentally appropriate emotional breakdowns. Children shouldn't be excluded from places because they are still learning how to emotionally regulate themselves. Focus on the early years and educate adults and parents. Parents should be home for the first 2–3 years. Normalise post-natal depression.

Nutrition

Healthy and nutritious food.

Sustainable environment

To have a healthy place and environment for them to grow.

Clean environment, healthy mind, and body, grow up with sensibility.

Have healthy lifestyles and habits. Have access to fresh organic free community gardens.

To have a sustainable planet.

I want the children of Logan to think outside the box. I want them to be creative and be thoughtful and respectful towards the environment. I want them to have a passion for the outdoors and play independently and with others. I want them to share their ideas and show an appreciation of other people ideas and opinions.

A loved and cared for environment. Clean streets with ample trees. Shaded parks and clean equipment. No more trees being torn down for houses or industrial areas. Wildlife returning and being seen. More trees planted.

Clean environment, healthy mind, and body, grow up with sensibility.

More green spaces in general, with consultation and inclusion of children and young people local to the spaces, regarding design and development of those spaces – leading to skills, confidence, and personal connection/accountability for the creations.

Healthy lifestyles

Gardening! Because learning to grow food yourself is a great life lesson and gets the kids out in the dirt and sun.

Safety, opportunity to learn and grow, staying away from drugs and crime.

One day my grandchildren will turn to their parents because they got clean from ICE.

They all attend PCYC and they have a healthy life.

Not to smoke in the streets at 6–10years old.

Parents getting the support needed, when needed knowing where to go for that support, who does what here in Logan.

Q2 What gets in the way of achieving these hopes and dreams?

Awareness of services

Environments not reflective of all families and lack of communications around available services. Individual academic journeys aren't supported.

[Lack of] Awareness of services that can support.

Lack of knowledge of services. I can't think straight when I'm desperate. I need an easy directory to refer to before I get to that point and its easily accessible.

When I need help [I want it to be] easy to access. I have no idea what different places offer and what I am entitled to.

Better understanding of what's available for my children, and where to go when I am struggling as a parent, like a one stop parent shop in Logan.

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Access to services

There needs to be more support around for families with that 3–5 yr bracket as not only are they going through major brain development this is when things like Autism, ADHD, and so on also can be picked up and early intervention along with psychologist can make a huge difference, getting into these support programs is near impossible and getting the support required to help the family is just as hard.

Many children slip through the cracks.

Drug usage is high in Logan we need more services like rehabs for all ages and for different cultures that are welcoming to parents trying to get off.

Help for my partner who is addicted to drugs and alcohol, and nothing has worked. It is really affecting my kids and our family.

Lack of services that can support.

General practitioners that understand child health and development.

Availability of therapeutic health services for children.

Access to early health assessments, support and care for children.

Navigating the health system.

Long waiting lists for health care.

No paediatrics in Logan, wait lists are crazy. I feel helpless and not supported and that I have to know all this stuff that I have no idea about. My aunty tells me that I need to get my child seen, but she doesn't know the process either.

Gap between assessment and health appointments for support sometimes up to two years.

Being able to access medical services that don't have long waitlists – we have been waiting to see a pediatrician for over a year and no contact from anyone. I don't even know if we are on anyone's list.

[Lack of] Support to get to health appointments.

Services are fragmented. Dislocation. Families are expected to meet services need and not the other way around.

Headstart is fine, but they are concerned about 4 year olds as assessments are happening but therapeutic referrals still a roadblock.

More health services locally not in the city – it is a major stress for me and my family to attend meetings in the city. I have to plan a whole day as I don't own a vehicle. Why does Logan Hospital not have children's services?

Perinatal services for mothers are nowhere to be seen. Once I had my babies I didn't feel important, especially because I chose not to breastfeed. I didn't have a continuous connection with anyone trained that could walk me through life after having a baby.

To know where to go to get help – I was not aware of what was available right at the beginning of pregnancy. I waited so long from when I went to GP and confirmed my pregnancy until I was seen at hospital.

Getting my child seen by an expert for behaviour challenges – I'm losing my mind don't know where to go, where to start.

I didn't know what to do when I had my baby and the midwife stopped visiting. I was very scared and didn't go to the health nurse because I couldn't deal with a new person in my life that might have judged me.

Accessible healthcare for all, including refugees that the government has welcomed.

Support from ECEI, we have been directed to them and then turned away.

Help and support is only in office hours, the only way I can go to these appointments is to take an unpaid day off work with no way of getting that money back.

I have no idea where to start to check my child for issues in learning. I have looked up what he should be doing right now, and it seems like he is behind. But who helps me? Is it health or education?

Better information around the early years and what supports are available for parents.

Feeling judged when I go to a service.

I don't find community centres an inviting space to go, especially if you get food bank. I feel like they're judging you.

Mental health

Mental health issues, anxiety, unsure how to proceed.

Long wait lists for mental health appointments and the expense of appointments once you can get them.

Undiagnosed mental health issues that they then self-medicate for with drugs and alcohol.

Mental health problems.

I'm young and it hard to be single mother, and I don't want to tell family that I'm struggling with my own mental health.

Elevated mental health issues, *adults that are still suffering with their own issues and not able to give of their best to their children.

Long waiting list for mental health services.

Mental [health] services to support children and build their resilience.

Q3 What do you think is helping children thrive in Logan (& why)?

Parks and bushland

Spending time in aesthetically pleasing spaces makes children feel good about themselves and where they come from. Spaces which encourage visitors to Logan also helps to break down the stereotypes and help locals feel a sense of pride about where they come from.

Green space and parks are amazing.

Availability to parks, variety of environments close by.

Our beautiful parks and bushland.

Great parks and free facilities, entertains them. meet up groups gives them a sense of inclusion.

Green spaces, Local Parks.

All the fabulous parks... lots of walking trails in the bush lands.

Available health care.

Accessible health care and other facilities are improving.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island one stop shop health services for children.

Q4 What is one thing we could do together to achieve those hopes and dreams?

Improve access to the health system

Try to fix the health system so our kids can see a relevant health professional without being put on a lengthy wait list, sometimes these kids are waiting for years.

Why can't we have specialist doctors come to Logan Hospital so that we get to appointments.

Better school programs and facilities to encourage healthy movement in schools.

Keep providing good health, community, and support for families in Logan.

Create a support system where they share their deepest thoughts in a healthy environment.

That its ok to parent with mental health and that you can ask for support when its hard.

Healthy food information for parents.

have more free healthy classes.

Services or supports not being flexible in their service delivery.

Services or supports not existing/not enough/large waiting list.

Better access to medical supports through the Logan Hospital.

Improve resources for pregnant and new mums.

Lose the silos. Multi-disciplinary community gateways.