


1000 VOICES OF LOGAN



WHAT WE'VE
HEARD FROM
OUR COMMUNITY



We respect and acknowledge
the Traditional Custodians of the Logan City area, including
the Yuggera and Yugambeh language speaking people.

We pay respect to the Elders past and present for they
hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of
Australia's First Peoples.

We acknowledge there are also other Aboriginal and Torres
Strait Islander people who live, work in and contribute to the
cultural heritage of Logan City.

WELCOME

Logan Together is a community movement committed to the wellbeing of every child in Logan, from 0 to 8 years of age.

We are coming together as a collective of Logan locals, co-designing and implementing ways to see every child in Logan have every opportunity to be the very best they can be.

Our big goal is to see Logan's children happy and healthy for generations to come.

We believe that the only way this can be achieved is to listen to community and work together with the community.

At the end of 2021, and the beginning of 2022, we chatted with community members across Logan to understand what was most important to the Logan community when it came to Logan's children.

This was an initiative called 1000 Voices.

This booklet gives a summary of the key themes that we heard from the first 473 voices. It also shares some quotes about what our community told us was important, where to start and how we might join hands to realise opportunities together for our children.





THE NEST is the Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth (ARACY) wellbeing framework for children and young people aged 0 to 24 years.

The Nest has six 'domains' that create a way of thinking about the whole child in the context of their daily lives. To have the best wellbeing, all six domains must be met. In other words, if every area is supported, we're able to be happy and healthy and 'fly from the nest'.

We have analysed the first 473 voices from Logan against the six Nest domains to understand what areas of focus are most important to our community.

THE SIX DOMAINS:



LOVED AND SAFE – Being valued, loved, and safe means having loving, trusting relationships with family and friends.



MATERIAL BASICS – Children who have material basics have the things they need. They live in suitable, secure, stable housing, with appropriate clothing, nutritious food, clean water and clean air. They have the material items needed to develop as an active member of society.



LEARNING – Children and young people learn through a variety of experiences within the classroom, the home and the community where they live. Their individual learning needs are addressed to allow them to realise their full learning potential.



PARTICIPATING – Participating is about children and young people having a voice, being listened to, and taken seriously within their family and community. It means having a say in decisions that impact them.



POSITIVE SENSE OF IDENTITY AND CULTURE – This encompasses having spiritual needs met, a sense of cultural connectedness, belonging and acceptance at home and in the community – and confidence that their identity, culture and community is respected and valued.



HEALTHY – Healthy children have their physical, mental, and emotional health needs met. All of their developmental health needs are provided for in a timely way.

WE ASKED

WHAT HOPES AND DREAMS DO YOU HAVE FOR LOGAN'S YOUNG CHILDREN?



YOU SAID:



59%
LOVED & SAFE



25%
LEARNING



21.5%
MATERIAL
BASICS



17.5%
PARTICIPATING



17.3%
SENSE OF
CULTURE
AND IDENTITY



16.5%
HEALTHY



WE ASKED

WHAT HOPES AND DREAMS DO YOU HAVE FOR LOGAN'S YOUNG CHILDREN?

YOU SAID:



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

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

“ 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.”

“ HAPPY That they are happy”



LOVED & SAFE

SAFE PLAY AREAS

“ 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.”

SENSE OF BELONGING - CONNECTION TO COMMUNITY/VILLAGE

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

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

ACCESS TO HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION

“ 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 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 and make better lives for themselves”

ACHIEVE A GOOD LEVEL OF EDUCATION

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

LEARNING



MATERIAL BASICS



EQUITY - ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITIES

“ 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.”

“ 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”

EQUITY - CULTURAL, SPIRITUAL

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

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

WHAT HOPES AND DREAMS DO YOU HAVE FOR LOGAN'S YOUNG CHILDREN?



SENSE OF CULTURE AND IDENTITY



PARTICIPATING

COMMUNITY OFFERINGS



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

“ 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.”

WHAT HOPES AND DREAMS DO YOU HAVE FOR LOGAN'S YOUNG CHILDREN?

GOOD REPUTATION FOR LOGAN - NO STIGMA

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

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





Auntie Peggy Tidyman – Gunggari Elder, *Cycles of change, 2020, mural*

SELF-ESTEEM, CONFIDENCE AND AGENCY

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

HEALTHY: HEALTHY LIFESTYLES, NUTRITION, PHYSICAL HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH

“ To be healthy and to have everything they need to survive...”

“ To live a happy and healthy life”



HEALTHY

SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT

“ 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.”

WHAT HOPES AND DREAMS DO YOU HAVE FOR LOGAN'S YOUNG CHILDREN?



WE ASKED

WHAT GETS IN THE WAY OF
ACHIEVING THESE HOPES
AND DREAMS?

YOU SAID:



38%
LOVED
& SAFE



29%
MATERIAL
BASICS



12.8%
SENSE OF
CULTURE
AND IDENTITY

12.1%
LEARNING



10.8%
PARTICIPATING



9.98%
HEALTHY



PARENTING

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

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

LACK OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

“ It’s important that they have a strong support system, a solid environment... having a lack of support will increase the chance of not being able to fulfil one’s hopes and dreams...”

LOVED & SAFE



CRIME

“ High prevalence of domestic violence”

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.”



MATERIAL BASICS

FINANCIAL PRESSURE

“ Families are doing it hard trying to make the money go around to give your kids everything you want them to have”

AVAILABLE FUNDING

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

JOB

“ The poverty cycle becomes so ingrained in people from a young age because it’s often all they know and all they see...”

HOUSING

“ Unstable housing and no employment”



WHAT GETS IN THE WAY OF ACHIEVING THESE HOPES AND DREAMS?



SENSE OF CULTURE AND IDENTITY

INCLUSION

“The overshadow of other cultures in the community doing great work but not putting First Nations thoughts and ideas into action or priority first...”



WHAT GETS IN THE WAY OF ACHIEVING THESE HOPES AND DREAMS?

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 be addressed.”

SENSE OF SELF-WORTH

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



LEARNING

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”

“People from low socioeconomic status having less access to better education”

LACK OF EDUCATION - PARENTS AND YOUTH

“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 asides from one hidden away)”



PARTICIPATING

LACK OF ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

“Not enough funding or programs in our area to encourage their dreams/goals”

TOO FEW PARKS & GREEN SPACES

“Public transport is a nightmare... it is a sad and lonely place if you do not have access to your own transport...”

“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...”

LACK OF SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

“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”

HEALTHY



AWARENESS OF SERVICES

“Environments not reflective of all families and lack of communications around available services...”

ACCESS TO SERVICES

“There needs to be more support around for families with that 3-5 year bracket as not only are they going through major brain development this is when things like Autism, ADHD, and so on can be picked up... 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.”

MENTAL HEALTH

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

WHAT GETS IN THE WAY OF ACHIEVING THESE HOPES AND DREAMS?

WE ASKED

WHAT DO YOU THINK IS HELPING CHILDREN THRIVE IN LOGAN?
(AND WHY?)



40.5%
LOVED
& SAFE



40.3%
PARTICIPATING



16%
OTHER



15.7%
LEARNING



12.1%
SENSE OF
CULTURE &
IDENTITY



8.53%
HEALTHY



7.3%
MATERIAL
BASICS

FAMILY AND PARENTS

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

COMMUNITY SPIRIT

“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 CONNECTIONS

“Good mentors, good support from friends and families, churches and different genuine relationships with people through connections and relationships people get to support each other and look out for each other...”

“Authentic connections within community builds a sense of belonging.”

“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.”

SENSE OF AGENCY FOR CHILDREN

“Being heard, seen and represented. A child's voice is valid...”

LOVED & SAFE

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”

PARTICIPATING

COMMUNITY GROUPS/ ORGANISATIONS

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

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES/ PROGRAMS

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



WHAT DO YOU THINK IS HELPING CHILDREN THRIVE IN LOGAN? (AND WHY?)



GOOD SCHOOLS & CARING TEACHERS

“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.”

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION & CARE 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.”



SENSE OF CULTURE & IDENTITY

SPORT

“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.”

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.”

WHAT DO YOU THINK IS HELPING CHILDREN THRIVE IN LOGAN? (AND WHY?)

PLAY GROUPS

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

LEARNING



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”





HEALTHY

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.”



MATERIAL BASICS

ACCESS TO FREE ACTIVITIES & FACILITIES

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

CHARITIES PROVIDING FOOD & FINANCIAL SUPPORT

“ Supportive school communities, local charities and organisations, local councillors”

WHAT DO YOU THINK IS HELPING CHILDREN THRIVE IN LOGAN? (AND WHY?)

WE ASKED

WHAT IS ONE THING WE
COULD DO TOGETHER TO
ACHIEVE THOSE HOPES
AND DREAMS?

YOU SAID:



39.6%
PARTICIPATING

29.1%
LOVED
& SAFE



27.6%
SENSE OF
CULTURE
AND IDENTITY



12%
LEARNING



3.9%
HEALTHY



0%
MATERIAL
BASICS



CREATE MORE AFFORDABLE COMMUNITY PROGRAMS & EVENTS

“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”

MORE COMMUNITY GROUPS & COMMUNITY CENTRES

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

SHARE INFORMATION MORE EFFECTIVELY WITH COMMUNITY

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

PARTICIPATING



“More information about things going on in the community...”

MORE PARKS & GREEN SPACES

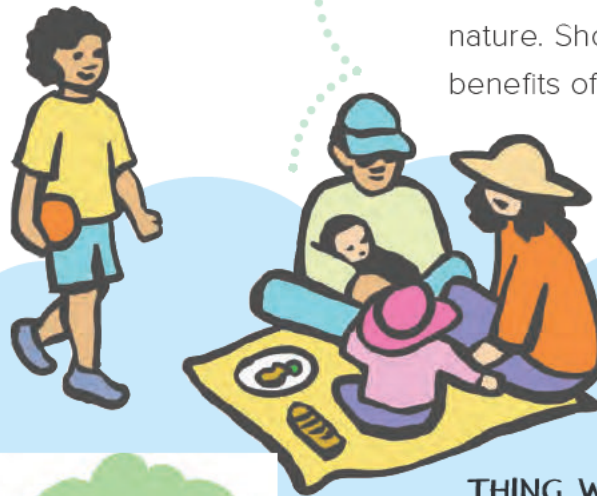
“Create a hub for children, pitch in days to clean up parks, have all members request for park upgrades”

“More parks and/or water parks with shade and parking”

MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO PLAY

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



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

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

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

PARENTING/ CARER SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT

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

LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF FAMILIES AND CHILDREN AND ACT

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

“ Create more opportunities for young people to have a voice and action those ideas within community on a platform that will lead to pathways”



LOVED & SAFE

“ 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”



SENSE OF CULTURE & IDENTITY

ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE AND BELIEVE IN THEM

“ Cultivate our children’s voices and give them the microphone (space to be heard)”

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.”

WHAT IS ONE THING WE COULD DO TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE THOSE HOPES AND DREAMS?



BE ROLE MODELS

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

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.”

IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF SCHOOLS

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

...We need for schools to not be one size fits all.”

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...”

HELP RAISE AWARENESS OF THE VALUE OF EDUCATION

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

LEARNING



HELP OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS & OTHERS UNDERSTAND THE CHALLENGES IN LOGAN

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





HEALTHY

“ 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”

IMPROVE ACCESS TO THE HEALTH SYSTEM

“ That it’s ok to parent with mental health and that you can ask for support when it’s hard”

WHAT IS ONE THING WE COULD DO TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE THOSE HOPES AND DREAMS?





WHAT'S NEXT?

Logan Together is a community movement. Your voices will help build a plan for action. We will create a common understanding of what success looks like across the community and start creating that success.

Community will lead this work. And we will be checking-in with community to make sense of what we are hearing across all the voices.


**Be part of the conversation and stay in the Logan Together loop.
We can't do it without you!**

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THANK YOU



We offer our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has given their time and shared their voice.

These are your voices and this work belongs to you.



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