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## LODGING APPLICATIONS

Council has introduced a number of new initiatives. One of these is the ability to lodge development applications via CD.

Applicants are encouraged to submit their development applications on a CD with one hard copy file.

The CD should contain:

- Documents in PDF format.
- Each report, for example an environment report, as a separate document.
- The proposal plans in one PDF document depending on size.
- Each separate document to be no more than 5mb.

This process will assist both the applicant and the DA Branch to lodge applications in a timely manner with some cost savings to the applicant in terms of copies produced.

For more information please contact the DA Branch on 3412 5269.

## DA FORUM

Approximately 170 people attended the Development Assessment Forum on 13 February at Beenleigh Community Centre, hosted by Council.

The aims of the forum were to:

- Re-establish forums to exchange information and ideas (at least three forums each year).
- Establish an environment to discuss issues relating to the development sector in a constructive way.
- Establish a process where issues and actions can be agreed with key stakeholders.
- Promote an open and transparent process for the development and management of development applications.
- Promote a relationship of trust between Logan City Council and the development sector.

Guest speakers included the Mayor, Pam Parker, who assured attendees that Council is committed to working in partnership with the industry to move forward with quality development in Logan City.

Chief Executive Officer, Chris Rose, has been attending weekly meetings with the Logan Development Working Group to look at issues raised by and facing the development industry with a particular focus on how Council can help.

Deputy Premier Paul Lucas, who was unable to attend the forum, sent a message which was read by Deputy Mayor Cr Russell Lutton. The message confirmed the State Government's commitment to working with Council and the industry to "get it right".

Wayne Myers, outlined the Logan Development Working Group's objectives and indicated their intention to work collaboratively with Council in the future to address development related issues.

Other speakers from Council included Mike Pickering Deputy CEO Strategy and Outcomes, Toni Averay Manager Development Assessment, and Bruce James Manager Strategy and Planning.

An 80 minute discussion forum centred around a number of topics. Firstly, guests were asked to discuss what is

working well with the development application process, what isn't working and how the process can be improved.

During the second part of this discussion time, guests were invited to provide comments on the following topics:

- Effective Communication
- Working with the Regulatory Framework—The Law, The Schemes and Policies
- What Else?

A number of points were raised during this process which will assist the DA Branch to work with the industry to approve processes and identified topics to be discussed at future forums.

The next forum will be held on Friday 8 May at the Logan Entertainment Centre and will run from 2pm to 5pm. The agenda will focus on feedback provided by Council on issues raised at February's forum. Invitations will be emailed shortly.



**Date Claimer: Friday May 8 2009 DA Forum  
Logan Entertainment Centre**



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## BRANCH UPDATE

Work continues in the Development Assessment Branch on the outstanding applications with a slight downturn in applications lodged this year assisting this process.

The use of consultants across the Planning and Engineering teams has greatly increased the turnaround time. Recruitment has continued across all areas of the Branch. The Planning team now has a full complement of staff with the exception of two Planning Coordinators. Interviews are currently underway for these positions.

Similarly, the Engineering team has successfully recruited a number of positions including one Coordinator with another position to be readvertised.

The Major Projects team is still recruiting a Senior Planner which will complete the resourcing in this team.

This is the first time since amalgamation that DA has had close to a full complement of staff. We look forward to an even more productive 2009.

## NEW PLANNING SCHEME FOR LOGAN

Logan City Council is integrating its three current Planning Schemes and producing one new Planning Scheme covering all of Logan City.

A review of the three existing schemes is now underway as part of this process. Council's aim is to produce one new Planning Scheme which will help to manage business, environmental and

residential growth throughout all of Logan City.

Council is now seeking feedback on the existing schemes. In particular, we are keen to hear your views about specific aspects of the existing schemes that are considered helpful and problematic.

Have your say at [www.logan.qld.gov.au/LCC/council/haveyoursay/open](http://www.logan.qld.gov.au/LCC/council/haveyoursay/open)

Or email to: [planningscheme@logan.qld.gov.au](mailto:planningscheme@logan.qld.gov.au).  
Closing date for comments is 31 July 2009.

**Logan City**  
Draft Planning Scheme

## DEVELOPING LOCAL PLANS

Local Plans for Logan Central, Jimboomba, Logan Village and Springwood are being developed by Logan City Council. We formally invite your comment as part of this process by 22 April 2009.

A Local Plan is an important planning tool.

When complete, the plan will guide Council and the community in decisions about land use, and development and infrastructure, including roads and street improvements, parks, water and sewerage networks.

It will also inform Logan City's draft Planning Scheme.

Background papers and maps outlining the study areas are available on Council's website at

[www.logan.qld.gov.au/LCC/Council/haveyoursay](http://www.logan.qld.gov.au/LCC/Council/haveyoursay)

and look for Local Plans.

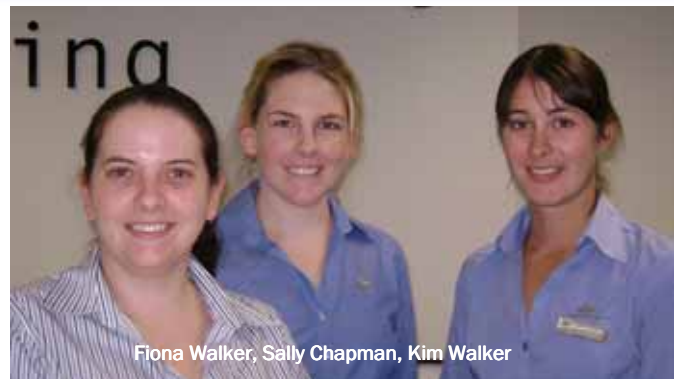
## MEET THE COUNTER STAFF

In January of this year, the DA Branch assumed responsibility for the Development Enquiries Counter located in the foyer of Council's administration building in Wembley Road. The Counter is staffed by a team of Assistant Planning Officers who will provide an increased level of service to customers in terms of lodging applications and response to enquiries.

**Fiona Walker** started her career at Logan City Council in 2006 with the Records Branch. Since then, Fiona has worked in the DA Branch in the Plumbing and Drainage, Operational Works and Planning teams.

In January 2009, Fiona received her Diploma of Logan Government Planning and shortly after, successfully obtained her current position in the DA Branch. Fiona quickly took a lead role in establishing the front line face of DA for our customers.

**Sally Chapman** is currently completing a Master of Urban and Regional Planning at UQ and



Fiona Walker, Sally Chapman, Kim Walker

received a Dean's Commendation for High Achievement. Sally worked as the first point of contact in the Central Administration section of UQ and has seven years experience in front line customer service. Sally's career also includes work in administration and finance.

**Kim Walker** studied for her Bachelor of Science and Masters of Planning at Otago University in New Zealand. Kim is particularly interested in the interaction between development and the environment and the practical side of environmental management.

Kim worked for a planning consultancy firm in Wellington, New Zealand before moving to the Gold Coast early in 2009. Kim joined Logan City Council in February and is currently learning all about the Logan, Beaudesert and Gold Coast Planning Schemes.

Make sure you say hello to these three friendly faces on our Development Enquiries Counter next time you visit Council.

