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IN BRIEF

Time to live well

WANT to try something new? Logan City Council has launched their latest Live Well Logan program.

Sport chair councillor Phil Pidgeon said the program still offered free and low-cost activities but with more variety.

The Live Well Logan program will run until June 26, 2015. For more information visit www.logan.qld.gov.au/livewell.

Funding boost

THREE community organisations in the Springwood area have received a mid-year funding treat.

East's Springwood Junior Rugby League received \$33,000 to upgrade their sports field lighting, Life Without Barriers received \$4500 to provide household items and Queensland Omnibus and Coach Society received \$8600 to refurbish a 1948 bus.

Buy a daffodil

CANCER Council Queensland is calling on Logan residents to support Daffodil Day on August 22, in hopes of raising \$1.5 million.

» Animal rescue service struggles to meet financial demands of abandoned pets

In need of a helping paw

SHAILER PARK resident Lisa Phillips-Barton saw a need in the community and she is filling it.

Ms Phillips-Barton, alongside good friend Nicole Young, started Furkids Animal Rescue Adoptions.

In just a year they have grown to more than 40 carers across Logan and have taken in more than 390 unwanted or abandoned dogs.

"We started at the end of July last year after I was approached by someone who was going to dump their puppies at the pound when they were just two weeks old," Ms Phillips-Barton said.

"I knew we needed to help."

But not only did she need to help, Ms Phillips-Barton said the organisation now needed help.

"We are self-funded and get all our money through fundraising efforts," she said.

"We get calls when animals are dumped and have recently had a litter of eight puppies that came in in a really bad state, costing over \$1000 per puppy.

"We just can't keep up." The group doesn't put a



» FUR THE LOVE OF IT: Furkids volunteers Lisa Phillips-Barton, Jodie Wilson and three-year-old Nathaniel Dowling with some of the dogs currently in their care. PHOTO: KELLY DANIELS

dog down unless it is recommended by a vet, believing there is a forever home for every dog they take in.

"Our foster carers donate

their time and petrol and we have two vets we use, Petvax and Furkids at Greenbank, which have been great," she said.

Carer Jodie Wilson said

she'd had more than 100 dogs in her care since she signed up last August.

"I love it, I get lots of kisses and cuddles," she said.

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"It's awesome to see the changes in the dogs, some come in so scared."

Anyone wanting to get involved as a carer or help with fundraising can phone Ms Phillips-Barton on 0412 972 228.

You can also follow the group on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Furkidsanimalrescueadoptions.

Get legal on

Australian Roads!

The law states that it is illegal to hold a phone in your hand while operating a vehicle. Drivers are only allowed to use a mobile phone to make and receive phone calls if the phone is secured in a commercially available cradle which is fixed to the vehicle. Any infringement is heavily fined through the Australian government. A fine of \$330 and the loss of three demerit points is no rarity.

Strike, Australia's leading provider of Bluetooth car technologies, recently engineered the most advanced phone cradle yet, the Strike Alpha. The Strike Alpha Car Cradle is Australian designed, engineered and manufactured. It is fully compliant with Australian road laws and will not only minimize driver distraction, but also enhance the user experience.

The Cradle is designed to fit the user's phone perfectly. It has a flush passive antenna that helps boost signal especially in rural areas – eliminating black spot problems.

Additionally, the Strike Alpha Cradle is the only car cradle with an embedded NFC (Near Field Communication) chip allowing NFC enabled phone users to automatically control phone functions when the device is placed in the cradle*.

The Strike Alpha is compatible with all Bluetooth car kits. It is also fully pass through compatible, which means that it can be used with any car kit, entertainment unit or computer. The Strike Alpha Cradle is available for a professional installation or for an easy DIY installation. It accepts 12/24 Volt charging which makes it great for both cars and trucks.

Strike recently teamed up with Telstra, the leading telecommunications company in Australia, to provide their Alpha Cradle to drivers throughout Australia. The Strike Alpha Car Cradle is now available at Telstra Shop Browns Plains, 1 Grand Plaza Drive Browns Plains QLD 4118

* exclusive to android phones



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To participate, you just have to email the following:-

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Address:

Contact Number: Email address:

For a full list of Strike Alpha Cradles available, please visit www.strike.com.au
Entries are open from July 23 to 30. Winner will be contacted on July 31 via email.