

CITY IS PARKING MAD



Council is looking to prevent any move to introduce paid parking at shopping centres with local planning laws

BRIEF HEAD

Brumby's at Jimboomba has been robbed after thieves smashed through the front windows with a sledgehammer. Inspector Darren Harland said significant damage was caused to the Cusack Lane bakery during the robbery which occurred around 1.30am on Monday.



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Generous Browns Plains shoppers can take a bough

BROWNS Plains residents have collected more than 120 gifts under the Kmart Wishing Tree.

It's a good start to beating last year's total of 1359 gifts for children and families who would otherwise go without at Christmas.

Christmas appeal spokesman and Salvation Army Major Neil Dickson said he was overwhelmed by the support shown by locals.

"Browns Plains residents are going strong and are keeping us on track to reach our state target of 84,000 gifts and 470,000 gifts nationwide this year," Major Dickson said. "We hope the residents will continue to give generously to support those less fortunate this Christmas."

Gifts can be donated at any Kmart store until Christmas Eve.

To donate, complete a gift tag from a Wishing Tree in any Kmart store and put it with your gift under the tree. Alternatively, donors can make a cash contribution at any Kmart store register or online at kmart.com.au/wishingtree



STILL GIVING: The Salvation Army's Donna Bock and Kmart's Ashlee Walburn at the Browns Plains store. Picture: DERRICK TONKIN

Arrow says no CSG for Logan

INTERNATIONAL mining company Arrow Energy has ruled out coal seam gas exploration in Logan.

The announcement was seen as a win for Logan City Council, which, with other southeast Queensland councils, had formed a united opposition to any CSG exploration in rural shires.

Rural Committees Taskforce spokesman Phil Pidgeon (Division 9) said Arrow Energy had advised council in writing that despite holding exploration permits which covered part of Logan City near Cedar Grove, it had not and would not be conducting exploration within the city.

Arrow Energy holds three Authorities to Prospect in the region.

Cr Pidgeon said Arrow's decision not to pursue CSG did not stop other companies exploring but that no other permits existed at this time.

Member for Beaudesert Aidan McLindon said he had no trust in any of the CSG companies, the State Government or the Opposition when it came to the coal steam gas industry.

"These CSG companies have far too much profit to make to be holding any commitments indefinitely," Mr McLindon said.

Bid to block parking fees

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SPACE WARS: COUNCIL MOVES TO ENSURE SHOPPING CENTRES DON'T CHARGE

LOGAN City Council planners are looking into ways to prevent paid parking being introduced at shopping centres in Logan, amid fears centres will start charging to free up spaces.

Major retailer Westfield has introduced paid parking at its Chermside centre in an effort to stop commuters using centre parks, but so far no Logan retailer has indicated it will follow suit.

Logan City councillors voted to have the strategy and planning manager in-

vestigate the possibility of implementing a temporary local planning law to stop shopping centre owners from charging for parking.

They also voted to inform Translink that adequate parking at bus interchanges was required.

Browns Plains Grand Plaza shopping centre manager Katrina Warren said the centre had 2500 car spaces and a bus interchange.

"Grand Plaza shopping centre has no immediate plans to introduce paid park-

ing, however it recommends commuters make use of the "park 'n' ride" facilities provided by council to assist the centre in managing parking congestion issues," she said.

Logan Hyperdome centre manager Rob Mansfield said the centre had more than 4000 parks and there were "currently no plans to introduce charges for parking".

"We are aware, however, that the Queensland Transport commuter car park adjacent to the centre often reaches full capacity during

the week," he said. "This facility is separate to the hyperdome and is not managed by the centre."

A Department of Transport and Main Roads spokesman said the department encouraged residents to catch public transport directly from their homes where possible.

"If people need to drive to public transport, there are plenty of options. We already have more than 2200 parking spaces at 13 locations in the area with more being considered," he said.

"Introducing paid parking at shopping centres has nothing to do with commuters. It is a commercial decision by centre owners.

"If they were really concerned about commuter parking, they would only charge for people who park all day and not on weekends.

"People who park and ride at shopping centres regularly use the shops to do their evening groceries, or buy a coffee or simply do some window shopping."

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NEWS PACK

TEEN CHARGED

A 16-YEAR-OLD Browns Plains boy has been charged with one count of armed robbery in company after the hold-up of the Park Ridge McDonald's on December 1.

THE PLACE TO BE

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