



LOGAN STANDS TOGETHER Statement

Harmony, love, humanity and peace.

These are the powerful values we stand for in Logan.

We stand for welcoming people of all cultures and faiths and sharing this place, our home.

We stand for being good neighbours, good employers, good leaders and good friends.

Recently we have seen an act of hate - a weak act designed to instil fear and to break down the unity in communities like ours.

But we are standing together to show that harmony, love, humanity and peace are infinitely more powerful than hate.

We are standing together so that our brothers and sisters from New Zealand and of the Islamic faith know that we are with them, and always will be.

We are standing together to say to the Muslim community in Logan: This is your home. You are valued. You are welcome. Our community is better for you being a part of it.

We say to New Zealanders and everyone affected by the trauma of recent events: Your loss is our loss. We share in your grief. We will walk with you through this pain.

There is more we can all do to promote harmony, love, humanity and peace in our city.

Today we pledge to do more.

We pledge in our personal and professional lives and through our community links to take actions that reach out and include and welcome.

Each of us today will commit to a practical action that brings us closer together and we will build on that action to do more in the future.

We stand together today, tomorrow and into the future.

Because harmony, love, humanity and peace are the enduring values we share in this City and we are proud to call Logan home.



Let's show our true colours

Show you are for harmony, love, humanity and peace by:



Displaying the **#LoganStandsTogether** symbol in your home, workplace, school or online.



Lighting a candle with your family, friends or work colleagues and taking a photo or video on social media with the hashtag **#LoganStandsTogether**



Pledging to introduce yourself to, or share a cuppa with, someone from a culture different to yours.



Use your voice as a voter to demand compassionate leadership.



Commit to a practical action you will take that makes a difference to someone from a culture different to yours.

Logan is a community big on heart, full of people who want to help. But sometimes as individuals we may feel powerless in dark times.

But the truth is that sometimes individual acts of solidarity can be the light that is needed in a hurting community.

The acts of violence in Christchurch recently have shocked and saddened everyone. But together we can show that harmony, love, humanity and peace are infinitely stronger than hate.

All of us in Logan - mums, dads, grandparents, students, businesspeople, volunteers - can stand as one united community. We can reach out to our Muslim brothers and sisters, to New Zealanders and to the members of the more than 200 cultural groups that call our City home.

While we may not all be in positions of leadership - we share our streets, suburbs, schools and communities with those who are hurting and we can let them know that they are welcome and safe here.

We have developed a symbol for the **#LoganStandsTogether** movement, which represents this unity - the colours it contains represent the Muslim community, the New Zealand community, the Logan community, the Aboriginal and the Torres Strait community and are combined to show that we are stronger when we are united.

We invite all Logan residents to share or show this symbol in the following ways:

- # Display it in your home or office.
- # Display it online - via Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or your social media channel of choice.