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WHAT'S ON IN Gladstone

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Gladstone's Biggest Water Fight

FRIDAY 26TH JANUARY

Where: The Club Hotel Gladstone

When: Live Music From 1pm

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WELCOMES STUDENTS BACK TO SCHOOL

Social justice would be a key focus area in 2024 for communities within Catholic Education – Diocese of Rockhampton (CEDR), according to CEDR Director Leesa Jeffcoat AM, as around 3000 staff welcomed back more than 18000 students enrolled in CEDR Kindergartens, Primary Schools and Colleges this week for the start of the school year.

Amidst the excitement and anticipation of the first week back at school, Miss Jeffcoat said building social justice consciousness and action was an important aspect of the religious life of Catholic schools.

“Social justice and action are key characteristics of a Catholic education as we seek to follow Christ’s example of mercy, kindness and compassion within the Catholic tradition,” Miss Jeffcoat said.

‘Social Justice and Action’ is the theme for this year’s CEDR Bishop’s



Together, WE MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

Inservice Day to be held in February. The formation day for all staff would include presentations from Bishop Michael McCarthy, Catholic Bishop of Rockhampton and Miss Jeffcoat as well as a series of workshops from acclaimed international and national theologians and experts.

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We value highly our partnership with families as we continue to seek ways to improve our delivery of an excellent faith-based education that serves the needs of those in our communities

“It’s an opportunity for all of us to take time together to gain a deeper understanding of this important dimension of Catholic Education and the intrinsic role it represents in the mission of the Church and in contributing to the development of compassionate global citizenry within

a faith context,” Miss Jeffcoat said.

For this week though, Miss Jeffcoat said attention would be on welcoming everyone back and settling students into good routines.

“Our teachers and staff are very much looking forward to commencing a new year of teaching and learning in our school communities,” Miss Jeffcoat said.

Miss Jeffcoat said that on behalf of CEDR she would like to extend a warm welcome to all new families joining various school communities throughout the diocese, and to sincerely encourage parents to embrace the many opportunities Catholic schools provided to participate and engage in their child’s education.

“We value highly our partnership with families as we continue to seek ways to improve our delivery of an excellent faith-based education that serves the

needs of those in our communities,” Miss Jeffcoat said.

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GLADSTONE REGIONAL COUNCIL CONSIDERS LEASE OF BYELLEE WETLANDS FOR YARALLA SPORTS CLUB'S *Golf Course Expansion*

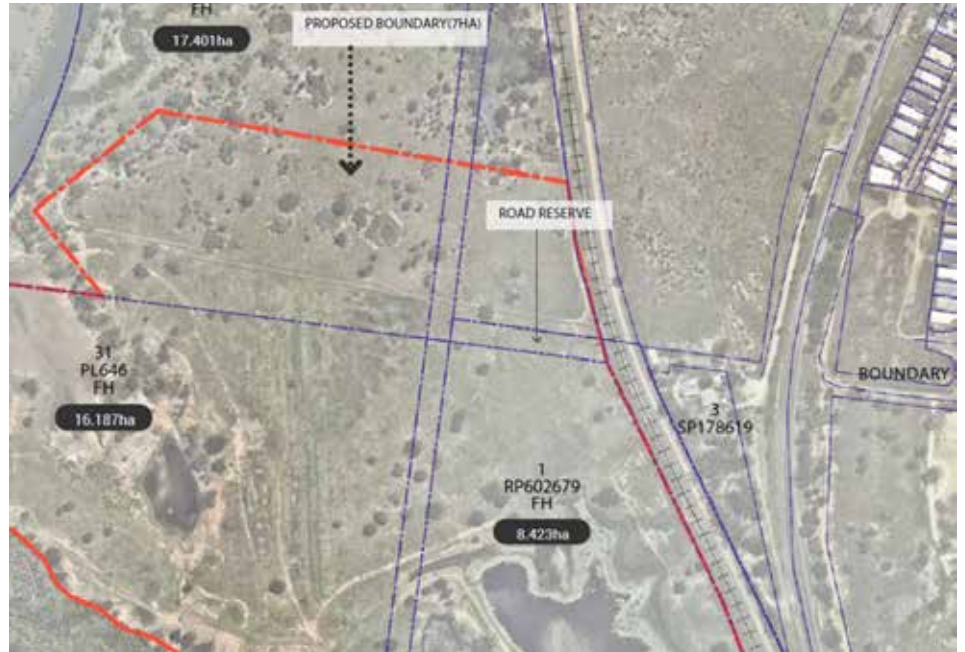
In a recent council meeting held on January 16th the Gladstone Regional Council deliberated on the proposal to lease a portion of Lot 32 on PL646, part of the Byellee Wildlife Reserve, Yaralla Sports Club.

The General Manager of Assets and Environment presented the agenda item, outlining the terms and conditions of the proposed lease and the associated recommendation for approval.

The recommendation suggests that Council resolves to apply the relevant section of the Local Government Regulation 2012, allowing the lease of part of Lot 32 to Yaralla Sports Club. The terms include an initial lease period of five years, an option for a further five-year term, and a nominal annual rent of \$1.00. Furthermore, Yaralla would have the option to purchase the lease area at market value, subject to certain conditions related to the development of a golf course and obtaining necessary approvals.

Yaralla Sports Club seeks to acquire approximately seven hectares of Lot 32 to facilitate the creation of a championship-level golf course. The proposal aligns with the Corporate Plan's goals of being an Accountable Council, Connecting Communities, and contributing to a Resilient Economy.

Background information reveals that the Council had previously considered a request to dispose of parts of freehold land adjacent to Yaralla's proposed development. Initial concerns included potential risks to bird species, loss of vegetation, and environmental impact.



However, Yaralla's clarification that the request pertains to only seven hectares of Lot 32 has mitigated some of these concerns.

The risk management summary presented by the officers highlights the potential impact on wildlife and the environment. Nevertheless, information provided by Yaralla and their consultants, detailing the nature of the operation and proposed environmental stewardship, has reduced the risk profile.

The Council is presented with two options: to approve the lease to Yaralla as recommended or to reject the request, which could compromise the development according to Yaralla.

Stakeholder engagement involved consultations with various teams, including Strategic Property Management, Asset Planning, Environment and Conservation, and Governance. Legal and regulatory implications, as well as financial and resource considerations, were also discussed during the meeting.

The resolution, passed by the council majority, outlines the specific terms and conditions of the proposed lease to Yaralla Sports Club.

1. Resolves that s236(1)(b)(ii) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 applies to the proposed lease of part of Lot 32 on PL646 to Clava Ltd trading as Yaralla Sports Club ("Yaralla") on the following terms and conditions:

- An initial term of five years;
 - An option for a further term of five years;
 - At a rental of \$1.00 per annum payable on demand;
 - Such other terms and conditions that the Chief Executive Officer deems appropriate in the circumstances;
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to the Lease; and

3. That Council continue to negotiate the purchase of the lease area with Yaralla and bring a further report to Council to discuss the options.

If approved, the proposed lease is expected to commence on July 1, 2024. The decision underscores the delicate balance between economic development and environmental conservation, with the Council striving to meet the needs of the community while safeguarding the Byellee Wetlands.

Road upgrades will soon take place along Glenlyon Street between Bramston Street and Herbert Street.



Facelift to take place along popular stretch within CBD

Gladstone Regional Council will soon commence work to revamp a section of road bordering the Gladstone Central Business District.

The Glenlyon Street (Bramston St to Herbert St) Road Upgrade will involve significant road pavement renewal and widening along Glenlyon St (north and southbound lanes), with footpath work, kerb and channel replacement, removal and installation of road signs and landscape works within the median strip also taking place.

Works will commence from Monday 5 February and continue until late June 2024, site conditions and weather permitting.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said these upcoming works will improve asset performance and longevity, while reducing ongoing maintenance costs for road infrastructure in the area.

"Works will be conducted across four stages, beginning with Stage 1 which involves the

southbound footpath works along Glenlyon Street," Councillor Burnett said.

"Stage 2 will see work carried out on the North and Southbound Central lanes median strip, Stage 3 will concentrate on the North and Southbound outside lanes and Stage 4 will see final asphalt and line-marking works take place in all areas.

"During these works, the area of road being worked on will close to traffic, with detours required, so please factor this into your daily commute if using this stretch of road.

"Where practicable, works will be planned to consider peak hour traffic times with detail about any significant disruptions to residences or businesses shared ahead of work starting."

The Glenlyon St (Bramston-Herbert St) Road Upgrade project is funded by the Queensland Government's Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS) (\$256,651) and Gladstone Regional Council (\$202,935).

Pedestrian bridge to honour pioneering woman

The Jeffery name will continue to live on at Agnes Water with the bridge located at Tom Jeffery Memorial Park to be named in honour of Beth Jeffery.

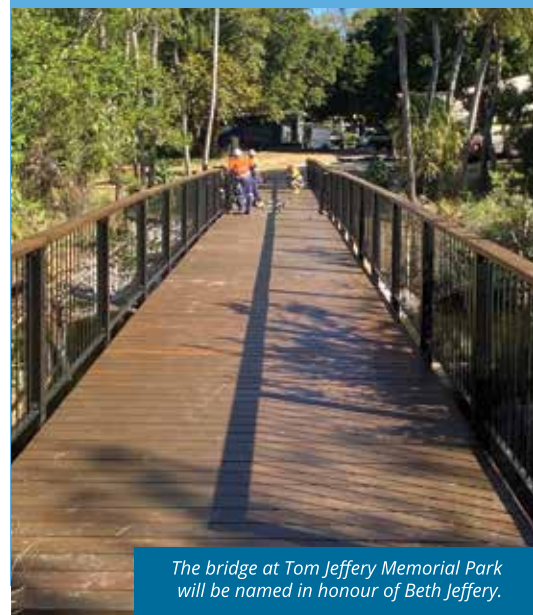
Council received an application in 2023 to add Beth Jeffery's name to the bridge located within Tom Jeffery Memorial Park, with the application approved at last month's general meeting.

Gladstone Region Deputy Mayor Kahn Goodluck said Tom and Beth Jeffery were early local settlers in the area.

"The Jeffery's purchased freehold land in Agnes Water in 1945 and continued to own it until the late 1970s," Councillor Goodluck said.

"Beth Jeffery played a huge role in running the property and assisting holidaymakers in the area.

"Fittingly, the pedestrian bridge linking Tom Jeffery Memorial Park and Agnes Water main beach – the main drawcard for holidaymakers who come the area – will be named in Beth's honour."



The bridge at Tom Jeffery Memorial Park will be named in honour of Beth Jeffery.



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Seashells and Stories

STEVIE RUSSELL'S ARTFUL TALE IN TANNUM SANDS

In the heart of Tannum Sands, Stevie Russell's artistic journey unfolded.

Nestled in this coastal haven since 2021, Stevie found inspiration in the breathtaking beauty of her surroundings and the timeless allure of seashells.

"I've always been creative and drawn inspiration from nature, watercolour is one of my favourite mediums to work with." Having travelled the country, Stevie's love for shell collecting was rekindled upon settling in Tannum Sands. The community's warm embrace and encouragement allowed her to fuse shells and watercolour, giving birth to the enchanting collection 'Tide to Frame,' showcased at the Ocean Breeze Gallery.

Amid the coastal breeze, Stevie embarked on a new chapter, unveiling a children's book titled 'How to Find A Monkey.' The inspiration for this literary venture sprang from a rainy bushwalk with her daughter, Millie, at Wild Cattle. "Life was pretty chaotic at the time, so I wanted to capture that day," Stevie shared. The book, filled with vibrant illustrations and the thrill of searching for monkeys, now graces the shelves of Ocean Breeze Gallery and the virtual aisles of the Blurb Bookstore.

Reflecting on her artistic evolution, Stevie acknowledged the challenge of adapting her watercolour style for characters and objects. "I developed the layering technique so I could still do relatively abstract and colourful backgrounds and then overlay smaller, detailed images," she explained. The outcome, showcased in her book, seamlessly blends abstract backgrounds with intricate characters, a testament to her creative versatility.

Tannum Sands, with its golden shores and vibrant community, became more than a backdrop—it became a muse for Stevie. Her original shell frames, a nod to her love for shell collecting, remain a personal collection. Prints of her artwork, however, find new homes while preserving the beauty of Tannum Sands. "More shells can then stay in their home at the beach," Stevie expressed, emphasising her commitment to environmentally conscious artistry.

Engaging with the community became integral to Stevie's artistic journey. A space at Ocean Breeze Gallery provided a platform, connecting her with fellow artists and understanding the local preferences. "Before moving to Tannum Sands, I would never have thought that being an artist was an option for me," Stevie confessed, grateful for the support of local businesses like the Junction Café.

Navigating the dual roles of artist and mother, Stevie found solace in her art. "My art process gives me outlets of mindfulness," she revealed. "Whether it's shell-collecting, painting, framing, or researching, I can fully let go of everything else."

Stevie's mixed-media art, a fusion of shells, watercolour, acrylic paint, and digital media, breathes life into her vision. Her 'modern coastal' style carries a message, with pieces highlighting the beauty and movement of shells juxtaposed against the irony of using ocean plastic and acrylic paint.

As Stevie stands at the cusp of new endeavours, including a combined children's art class and book reading, she reflects on the moments that define her artistic career in Tannum Sands. A commission piece, crafted from locally collected shells that hold decades of memories for a patron, stands out as a testament to the honour she finds in her art.

In the gentle embrace of Tannum Sands, Stevie Russell Art continues to evolve, inviting both seasoned art enthusiasts and newcomers to experience the magic of 'Tide to Frame' and the whimsical world of 'How to Find A Monkey.'





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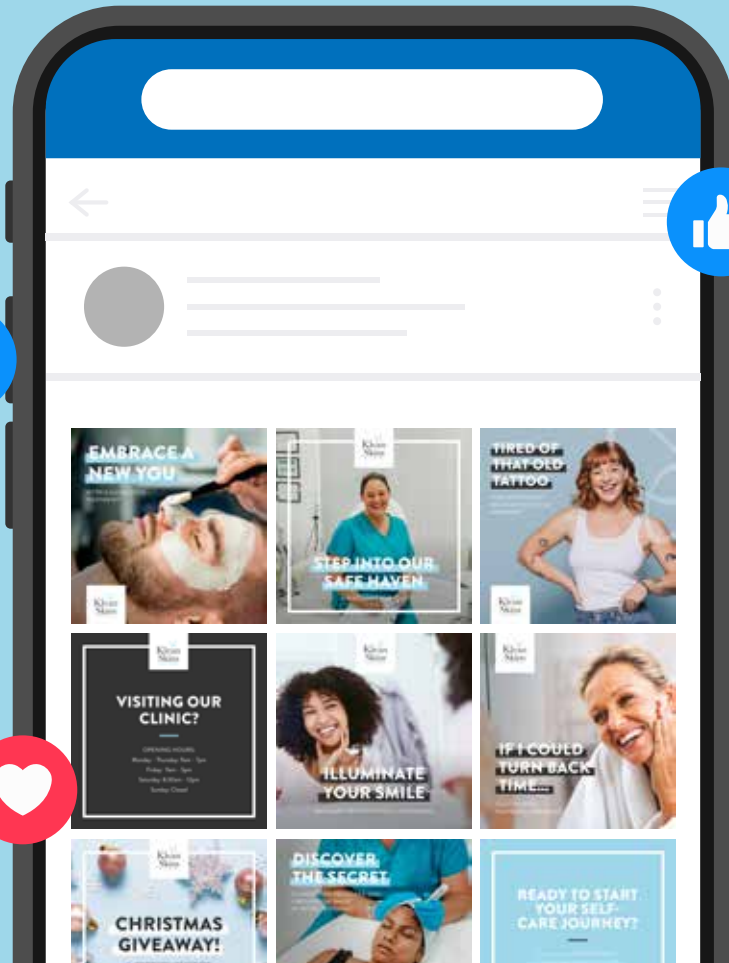
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NIKKI'S RECIPE FOR COMMUNITY CONNECTION



Local cake artist Nikki is turning flour, sugar, and butter into works of art that not only taste delicious but also tell a story of passion and creativity.

We sat down with Nikki to learn more about the inspiration behind her business and the journey that brought her to where she is today.

The journey of now Gladstone local cake artist Nikki began in her childhood, where the aroma of

baking filled the kitchen. Her mother, who worked in a bakery, became her baking mentor, and her grandmother's kitchen wizardry contributed to the repertoire of recipes that would later shape her business. Little did she know that her venture into the world of cake making would begin with the themed birthday parties she organised for her own children.

Nikki shared, "I love a themed kids party, and that's where it all started."

What sets her cakes apart from others in the market is her unique background as a hairdresser. Drawing inspiration from the color wheel,

Nikki incorporates colour theory into her cake designs, making them not only delicious but visually captivating.

"Knowing what works well together to really make a design eye-catching is crucial," she explained.

Staying at the forefront of the ever-evolving cake trends is no easy feat, but Nikki thrives on the challenge. Engaging with industry peers and keeping a close eye on social media, she absorbs inspiration and continually innovates in her designs and flavours. Her flavour menu is a testament to her commitment to offering a diverse and delightful experience for her clientele.

The journey to success is not without its challenges. Like many small businesses, Nikki faced the hurdles of the COVID-19 pandemic. She reflected on the experience, saying, "It certainly put me back a few steps but gave me time to think about how I would advertise and set my business goals and boundaries."

Despite the challenges, the local community's support has played a pivotal role in Nikki's success. Since relocating from the far south coast of



NSW to Gladstone nearly three years ago, she has been overwhelmed by the warmth and support of the Gladstone community.

"I am so grateful for all the support I receive from my new and returning customers. Everyone in the Gladstone community has been so welcoming and really made it easy to continue doing what I love in a new community," she expressed.

Looking to the future, Nikki has big dreams for her business. Her aspirations include having her own cake studio—a small and intimate space where creativity can flourish. Additionally, she plans to return to her roots by participating in local community markets, offering a nostalgic bake sale experience with a variety of sweet treats and friendly conversations.

Reflecting on her journey, Nikki offers advice for aspiring cake decorators: "Do the best you can as an individual

and not compare yourself to someone else's accomplishments. Set your own personal goals, even if it's little ones at a time, and when you achieve them, it is even more sweet."

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Everyone in the Gladstone community has been so welcoming and really made it easy to continue doing what I love in a new community.

As Nikki continues to sprinkle sweetness and creativity into the lives of the Gladstone community, her story serves as a testament to the power of passion, resilience, and a dash of colorful innovation.



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The iconic Australian spirits brand has initiated a campaign across its home state, drawing attention to Australia's punitive taxation regime, where a staggering 63% of the cost of a 1L bottle of Bundaberg Rum UP goes directly to the federal government in excise.

From Cairns to Caboolture, Yeppoon to Yeronga, and Rockhampton to Redbank Plains, Bundaberg Rum will unveil a series of billboards, radio spots, and social media advertisements to encourage the Federal Government to halt the semi-annual increases to the spirits tax rate.

Australia currently boasts the third-highest spirits tax in the world, trailing behind only Iceland and Norway. The spirits industry is expected to contribute approximately \$5

billion in excise this year alone, with the tax consistently growing twice a year. This mounting tax burden, now at \$100 per litre of alcohol as of last August, is placing additional strain on Australian distilleries, ranging from major players like Bundy to small, family-run operations.

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We do our best to keep our products affordable amid rising costs, but the current tax structure poses a real challenge.

Amanda Lampe, Chair of the Bundaberg Distilling Co., emphasised the challenges faced by consumers as the tax on alcohol continues to rise. Lampe stated, "We know alcohol should be taxed, but a 63% tax on a 1L bottle of Bundy UP just seems outrageous. We do our best to keep our products affordable amid rising costs, but the current

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tax structure poses a real challenge."

Acknowledging that the issue predates the current Federal Government, Lampe urged them to address the problem by freezing excise on spirits. "The tax on Bundy is frankly too much to bear," she added.

The Australian Distillers Association's CEO, Paul McLeay, commended Bundaberg Rum for taking a stance against the escalating spirits tax. McLeay highlighted the widespread impact of these tax policies on Australia's 600 spirits distilleries, including small and emerging operations. He urged the government to reconsider policies that hinder the potential growth of Australia's spirits industry, noting the adverse effects on tourism and manufacturing.

"If the Australian Government wants to encourage our tourism and manufacturing industries, then it should stop and think about the impact of policies like this one, which serves as a handbrake on the potential of Australia's spirits industry," McLeay concluded.



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Design the layout of your garden, considering the space requirements and sunlight preferences of different vegetables.

Group plants with similar water needs together.

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Follow the recommended planting depth and spacing for each vegetable.

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Mulching

Apply a layer of organic mulch around the plants to suppress weeds, retain moisture, and regulate soil temperature.

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Fix Network Australia is thrilled to announce the addition of James and Erin Robertson to our network as their latest franchise partners.

In a global first, they will be joining both the Novus and Fix Auto Networks simultaneously. Based out of Gladstone, with an illustrious background in the automotive industry, James and Erin Robertson have steered the success of one of Gladstone's top automotive dealerships, which is fast approaching its 50th anniversary in business. Their decision to expand the business portfolio by acquiring Lowry's Auto Body Repairs in 2021 underscores their progressive approach to the industry.

When looking for support in optimising their collision business venture, James and Erin sought to understand how Fix Auto could help them achieve their ambitions for growth. Being no strangers to working within a global brand and a franchise environment, it was clear that a partnership that embodied their passion for business and community and the global reach and infrastructure of Fix Auto was a perfect fit. Additionally, the synergies between Autoglass and collision were obvious

and the opportunity to integrate those services better through acquiring the Novus Glass franchise would add immediate value to the business and its customers.

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James and Erin embody the entrepreneurial spirit that drives our network forward. Their extensive experience and forward-thinking approach perfectly complements Fix Network's mission.



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James Robertson commented, "We are excited to bring the high standards of Fix Auto and Novus Glass to Gladstone. We always strive to provide our community and with outstanding motor vehicle services. Adding these franchises will ensure we can offer our customers easy access to more of their motoring needs."

"James and Erin embody the entrepreneurial spirit that drives our network forward," expresses Stuart Faid. "Their extensive experience and forward-thinking approach perfectly complements Fix Network's mission to support and empower independently owned automotive businesses."

The addition of Novus Glass Gladstone and Fix Auto Gladstone to the Fix Network family is a significant stride for Fix Network in Central Queensland. We are excited to bring our brands to the Gladstone region with James and Erin's leadership which will undoubtedly bring fresh perspectives and industry-leading practices to the network. We look forward to working together moving forward".



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Here in History

GLADSTONE'S PART IN WWII

With Betty Laver

When World War Two broke out, the Gladstone Council was advised that the protection of civil undertakings was its responsibility.

Within a week the council received instructions on national emergency services.

For the Gladstonites left at home it was a time when ration books and identity cards were used to buy goods and they had air raid shelters built in their back yards. There was no sport on weekends, but everyone was kept busy helping with the war efforts.

By 1942, the war had reached the Pacific and Darwin was heavily bombed in February of that year. Over five hundred men and women had enlisted from the Gladstone area and the Queensland coast was in real danger of being attacked. By March, RAAF single seated fighters began flying over Gladstone and heading north on their way to defend places like Port Moresby and Milne Bay.

Next, ships of the Australian and US navy began to appear in the Gladstone harbour and there were armed guards on the wharves so that unauthorised civilians couldn't intrude. The US 41st Division troops, numbering about 8000, arrived in June 1942 and they camped mainly in tents around Gladstone and Rockhampton. Gladstone became a busy town, with visits of crew from Australian and US Naval vessels and merchant ships, which were frequently in the harbour.

Photo from Jimmy Harris: An Air Raid Shelter in Central Park.

Brawn Mango Avocado SUMMER SALAD

INGREDIENTS

Salad:

- 2.5 cups cooked risoni or orzo
- 300 – 400g cooked peeled prawns
- 1 large mango , cut 1.5cm / ½" pieces
- 1 large ripe avocado , cut 1.5cm / ½" pieces
- 75 g rocket , roughly chopped
- 250 g cherry tomatoes , halved
- 1/2 red onion , finely sliced
- 1/4 cup coriander finely chopped

Lime Dressing:

- 4 tbsp (60 ml) extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) lime juice (fresh), plus more to taste
- 1 small garlic clove , minced
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp black pepper

METHOD

1. Shake Dressing in a jar.
2. Chop prawns into 1.75 – 2 cm / 2/3" pieces.
3. Place all Salad Ingredients in a bowl, pour over dressing. Toss very gently using rubber spatula. Adjust to taste with more lime if desired. Serve immediately!

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Sparks Hockey Club Celebrates 90 YEARS OF SPORTING EXCELLENCE

The Sparks Hockey Club, a cornerstone of Gladstone's sporting history, is gearing up to celebrate its remarkable 90th anniversary.

The achievement is a testament to the dedication of countless individuals who have been involved with the club since its inception, marking it as the only original club from the Gladstone Hockey Association's inception.

Sparks Hockey Club was officially formed on 7 July 1935 at a meeting held in the Gladstone School of Arts. Harold Jensen, a teacher of commercial subjects at the Gladstone State High School and a State hockey

representative called a meeting of men interested in forming a hockey eleven. The Club played in the first official men's hockey fixture played in Gladstone on 14 July 1935 against Bandits and Sparks has continued to play a major role in the Gladstone hockey scene since its foundation in 1935, with many life members still involved in the operation of the Club today.

President and descendant of one of the club's foundation members, Roy Fenton, expressed the significance of the milestone, stating, "Being president for our 90th year is a special moment for me. It's a great achievement for all those who have been part of the Sparks journey."

Reflecting on the club's rich history, Fenton shared some memorable moments, especially from the early

80s, when Sparks legends like Ross Leask, John Robson, the McKelvie twins, and Ray Flint graced the field. The A-grade men's team's impressive streak of nine consecutive finals

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Sparks remains a family-focused club, engaging with sponsors, local businesses, and the community to support players and provide opportunities for both local and representative achievements.



wins, starting in 2002, stands out, solidifying Sparks' presence in every grand final since 1935.

The Sparks Hockey Club has played a pivotal role in the local community over the past nine decades, fostering a family-oriented atmosphere and encouraging young players to develop teamwork, leadership skills, and personal growth from their early years to adulthood.

Hockey's landscape has evolved since the club's inception, with periods of growth, glory days, and the recent challenges of declining player numbers. The club adapted by embracing artificial surfaces and overcoming logistical obstacles, but it now faces the threat of a dwindling A-grade competition.

Looking at growth and development, Sparks remains a family-focused club, engaging with sponsors, local businesses, and the community to support players and provide opportunities for both local and representative achievements.

However, the journey hasn't been without challenges. The rising costs of participation, attracting sponsors, and keeping juniors engaged in the

face of shifting societal patterns have been ongoing hurdles. To address these, the club has employed various strategies, including reduced fees, fundraising events, and maintaining a strong volunteer base.

The club's contribution to young talent development is evident through the commitment of senior players coaching juniors and the success stories of players progressing to state and national levels. Initiatives to foster youth involvement continue, ensuring a pipeline of talent for the future.

As the Sparks Hockey Club marks its 90-year journey, the club has preserved historical artifacts and memorabilia, showcasing its rich

history dating back to 1935. Plans for exhibitions and displays are underway to commemorate this significant milestone.

Despite the struggles, the club envisions a bright future, thanks to a dedicated committee and coaching staff. The possibility of regional clubs forming their own competition is discussed, offering a potential solution to the financial strain imposed by governing bodies.

To celebrate this momentous occasion, Sparks has planned a special dinner on Easter Saturday at the Gladstone Bowls Club. Former Kookaburras captain Mark Knowles, an acclaimed hockey figure, will be the guest speaker, sharing his journey from a Rockhampton junior to international success. Coaching clinics by Knowles for Gladstone juniors will precede the dinner, making it an eventful celebration of 90 years of Sparks Hockey Club history. All interested in attending are welcome to join in the festivities and hear from a hockey legend.



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