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+ 2019 Ecofest

Gladstone Tondoon Botanic Gardens

9am - 3pm, Sunday 2 June

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Little Day Out

This years fun includes an animatronic dinosaur display, free craft activities, games, guinea pigs plus your chance to win the Golden Ticket *children's addition* and 2 return tickets between Gladstone and Brisbane thanks to Alliance Airlines.



May 26 | 10am - 3pm | From \$5
Bookings Required - 4972 2822
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Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre

ABC's Dirtgirl world will be visiting GECC's theatre for some extra fun! Tickets sold separately.



Gladstone Tondoon Botanic Gardens *June Event Guide*

TONDOON TINY TOTS

Bring your baby or toddlers for a free morning out. There'll be swings, slides and playhouses too! Enjoy a coffee while meeting other parents.

9am - noon, 5 June | Free | Bookings not required
Below Savour the Flavour café,
Gladstone Tondoon Botanic Gardens



GROW YOUR OWN MICROGREENS WORKSHOP

Learn the process of how to grow and maintain your own microgreens in your kitchen. Hydroponic planter, seeds, and information booklet supplied.

9am - 11am, 15 June | \$30 | Bookings Required
Administration Building,
Gladstone Tondoon Botanic Gardens



FAMILY FUN ACTIVITY MORNING

There will be kids' rides, giant slides, jumping castles and much more! Bring your picnic blanket, as there will also be food vendors onsite.

8:30am - 12:30am, 16 June | Free
Bookings not required | Arboretum Area,
Gladstone Tondoon Botanic Gardens



COOKING CLASS HOMEMADE SOUP

Learn to cook the ultimate homemade soup and bread to impress at your next winter family gathering!

10am - 11:30am, 19 June | Free
Bookings required | Arboretum Shelter,
Gladstone Tondoon Botanic Gardens



THURSDAY (EACH WEEK)

THURSDAY ARVIE BARBIE – Drop into the PCYC for a free sausage sizzle and pizza with music, board games, art, pool tables and ping pong, PlayStations and big screen TV. 3:30pm – 6:00pm.

24 MAY

STAND-UP-COMEDY AT TANNUM SANDS HOTEL - Two massive headline acts will be performing LIVE for a double feature that'll have you doubled over with laughter – South Africa's Dusty Rich & America's Mike Goldstein. \$10 at the door. For more info, contact Tannum Sands Hotel.

24-26 MAY

GLADSTONE REGION 1770 FESTIVAL – Enjoy the surf, soul and sound of this annual festival. You'll have the chance to see and listen to surf legends, like Layne Beachley AO and mix with fishing stars Scott Hillier and Olivia Degn. For more info visit www.visitagnes1770.com.au/1770-festival

26 MAY

CALLIOPE JUNIOR ROOSTERS COLOUR SPLASH FUN-RUN - a 2km fun run open to participants of all ages. \$25 per person or \$65 for family passes. Begins 8am, Bunting Park, Sutherland Street Calliope. Tickets - www.eventbrite.com.au

26 MAY

LITTLE DAY OUT - GECC will host a jam-packed day full of activities, games and interactive fun. This year's fun includes the Walk Through Safari Trail, Performances by Dinkum Dinosaurs and Mr Snottbottom, free craft activities, games & giveaways. 10 am. Children aged 2-12yrs \$5 under 2 and over 12 – FREE

1 JUNE

THE GREAT RIO TINTO YARWUN VALLEY RALLY! Join the 'scavenger hunt' car rally around the Gladstone Region! You will be given clues and activities to do for the whole family! Get your tickets now from www.yarwunvalleyrally.eventsmart.com

2 JUNE

THE WHALE'S TALE !

An environmental tale to warm the heart while reflecting on the consequences of our actions and our impact on the environment. The Whale's Tale is a rollicking journey that will leave you and your children wanting to make a difference for our oceans. FREE event at ECOFEST – Gladstone Tondoon Botanic Gardens 11 am & 2 pm

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Djuki Mala

Presenting their internationally acclaimed smash hit production, direct from North East Arnhem Land, Indigenous dance sensation and landmark dance/theatre company, Djuki Mala, have taken the world by storm. Unique, infectious, high energy... like a confetti cannon point blank to the heart. Djuki Mala wow audiences with a spectacular fusion of traditional dance, pop-culture and storytelling that is a marvel of timing, comedy and clowning with a hefty dose of heart and soul!

Tour supported by The Playing Queensland Fund and atTour, initiatives of the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland. A photography acknowledgement is also needed: Photo by Sean Young Photography
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Ecofest 2019

Gladstone Tondoon Botanic Gardens

9am - 3pm, Sunday 2 June

Ecofest Trail Run

Gladstone Road Runners - 8am

Register on the day for an 8am start. This event is for all individuals and fitness levels, there will be a 3km and 10km run. Entry is \$5 for 3KM and \$10 for the 10KM

Face Painting - presented by Orica 9am - 3pm

Have your face painted by the fairies from Fantasy Faces.

Recycled Arts & Craft - presented by Bunnings - 9am - 3pm

Residents are encouraged to come and join the Bunnings team and make sea themed craft out of recycled materials. In the Bunnings marquee.

Rock Climbing Wall & Mega Slide 9am - 3pm

Join the fun, and try to reach the top of this Rock Climbing Wall. It will challenge your strength and agility. Children will have a blast on these slides and get fit at the same time.

Quoin Island Turtle Rehabilitation Centre

Quoin Island Turtle Rehabilitation Centre (QITRC) established in 2012 is licensed to rehabilitate up to 10 marine turtles at any one time. Carers have rehabilitated green, hawksbill flatback and baby loggerhead turtles. Come on over to QITRC marquee where there are displays slide shows activities and a live turtle education display. What a great way to learn about our sea life than see them up close and personal. If you see a sick or injured sea turtle call 0408 431 304.

Take pART: pop up public performance art presented by GRAGM, 9am - 3pm

Local visual and performance artists working with the Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum, have collaborated to present eight pop up performances throughout EcoFest, during Take pART. Keep an eye out for original music, poetry, storytelling, puppetry and theatre performances, in all areas, as well as a special Main Stage presentation.

RAGM is a partnership between the Queensland Government and Gladstone Regional Council to support local arts and culture in regional Queensland. The Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum is a community cultural initiative of the Gladstone Regional Council.

Radical Reptiles - 10am, Noon, 1pm

Radical Reptiles will be back again and will conduct three 30-minute demonstrations at 10am, noon and 1pm. Radical Reptiles Training has been in business for over 10 years bringing Educational Entertainment to the public. Radical Reptiles currently hold Australia's only Nationally Recognised Course for Reptile Awareness and Safety.

Whales Tale presented by GECC 11am - 2pm

A giant nine-metre inflatable puppet whose eyes move, flippers flip, tale lurches and it even has a water spout that works! An environmental tale to warm the heart, with reflections about the consequences of our actions. The Whale's Tale is a rollicking journey that will leave an audience and their children wanting to make a difference.

Gladstone District Wildlife Carers Association

Meet the team and their animals in care. You may be lucky enough to see Eastern Grey Kangaroos and Wallabies being fed! Get up close to reptiles and an array of other animals.

Creative Recycling Centre Pledges of Hope

Creative Recycling Centre, Conservation Volunteers Australia and Tangaroa Blue joined forces for this project to connect with our young people and provide a public platform that acknowledges their ideas, voices and pledges. The interactive workshops were delivered to over 1,000 students from our local primary schools. Each child came up with their own personal pledge which they embedded on a recycled fabric flag. These will be proudly displayed at EcoFest 2019 at the Tondoon Botanic Gardens. The flags are an inspiration to the rest of the community who will be encouraged to join in on the day with their own pledge.

World Community Arts Day - 2020 Project Launch - Melissa Peacock, Visual & Community Artist

These workshops will consist of participants making handmade paper cubes which form a large collaborative community art installation. This workshop is suitable for people of all ages and abilities, and it offers an opportunity to learn a new skill that is environmentally friendly.

Calliope Garden Club

Established in 2012, the Calliope Garden Club Inc. bring both keen and amateur gardeners together to share their passion and grow their skills. The aim is to educate and further gardening and fellowship in a harmonious environment, and to provide community education and assistance within a range of gardening activities. Calliope Garden Club hope to create a healthy and organic shared community garden to encourage involvement and participation by the community.

Main tent stage program

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| 10.00am | Official opening and Welcome to Country by Gladstone Region Acting Mayor Chris Trevor | 12.55pm | Boyne Island State School: Take pART pop-up art performance poem by John Andersen |
| 10.20am | Tondoon Talks: Composting, worm farming, bokashi bins | 1.15pm | Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, Rebecca Allen: Don't let your litter bug our reef |
| 10.50am | Tondoon Talks: Port Curtis plants | 1.30pm | Bill Robertson Toyota representative: Toyota Mirai fuel cell vehicle |
| 11.00am | Jodi Jones & Ian Anderson: Tangaroa Blue, marine debris | 2.00pm | Ecofest 2019 Awards |
| 11.20am | Gladstone Regional Council Waste Program Delivery Team: Sustainable waste reduction | 2.10pm | Gladstone Tondoon Botanic Gardens, announcement of prizes |
| 11.40am | Take pART pop-up art performance | 2.20pm | Highlights of Ecofest 2019 |
| 12.00pm | Molly Steer: Straw No More campaigner | | |
| 12.30pm | St Francis year 5 project: Waste Warrior program | | |
| 12.45pm | Central State School: Litter free lunch boxes | | |

Native Plants Queensland Pavilion Site

There will be various activities taking place throughout the day, including:

1. Native Plants Capricornia
2. Native Stingless Bees
3. Port Curtis Organic Growers - Displays and short talks about organic gardening
4. Seed Saver - Cheryl Hannant
5. CQ Koala Volunteers - Dr Alistair Melzer
6. Honey Bunch - Beeswax candles, beeswax food wraps
7. Betty Laver - Author and book sales
8. Lyn and Lyndon Field - Ornamental plant sale
9. Earthly Enterprises - Butterfly display and hot plants
10. Gladstone NPQ - Host plants and life cycles of butterflies at Tondoon
11. Rocks and fossils Display - Jimmy and Bernice Harris
12. Alan Knight - Bush tucker
13. Wendy Lahey NPQ - Small plants For Sale
14. Gladstone NPQ - Branch display
15. Ruth Crossan - Frogs of Port Curtis
16. Ruth Crossan - Wildlife Nest Box Display
17. Ants Picnic
18. Children's Activities
19. Maureen Breslin - Craft demonstrations for children
20. Teale Britstra and members of NPQ - Discover
21. Tondoon walk 11am - 12noon

Benaraby Plant Farm

You don't need a large garden or yard to grow your fruit and vegetables. Ion Daetz will answer all your questions on container gardening and setting up your own vegetable garden boxes.

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THINK TANK FOR LOCAL ENTREPRENEURS

Calliope River Historical Village is inviting local entrepreneurs to bring their ideas and their passions to a special Think Tank event. Held during Queensland's Small Business Week (QSBW) the Think Tank is an opportunity for local businesses to attend a business entrepreneurs' workshop. The workshops will explore opportunities to start a business, grow a business and/or diversify a business using the village as a venue.

Queensland Small Business Week 2019 (QSBW) celebrates the small businesses who make a vital contribution to our state's economy and play an essential role in our regions and communities

across Queensland. Each year, QSBW continues to grow, with more events in more locations, delivering a range of opportunities for small business owners to network, connect and learn new skills that will help them succeed now and into the future.

Lyndal Hansen, Armana Director, said the Think Tank event will provide the time and space for entrepreneurs to collaborate and utilise the existing commercial property to benefit this community. "Come along and bring your ideas to the Calliope River Historical Village Think Tank," Ms Hansen added. The Port Curtis Historical Society Inc. would like to support small businesses,

or organisations seeking to the utilise the Calliope River Historical Village in the future. The society aims to capture and preserve the early history of the Port Curtis region for future generations and feel that exploring opportunities for collaboration can help diversify the way the village is utilised.

The Think Tank will be hosted by the Calliope Historical Village on Thursday 30th May from 5.30pm to 7 pm.

To register your interest in attending contact Lyndal Hansen via email on lyndal@armana.com.au or phone 0408 071 465.




Photo: Karen Windress Tax Accountant

Small Business and Bookkeeping Workshop 30th May 2019

Hosted by Registered Tax Agent, Karen Windress, H&R Block Gladstone is holding a special small business workshop that will help you through the confusing process of starting your own business or you might be already an established business and require a refresher of the below topics.

If you've been thinking about starting a business, but you're not sure how or where to find the answers you need, then this is the seminar for all of the above.

Topics of discussion:

- * Business structures
- * GST and accounting basics
- * Single Touch Payroll
- * Cloud based Bookkeeping
- * Tax updates for 2019.

Our business services associates are experienced and qualified professionals dedicated to providing timely and proactive solutions for all your accounting, taxation and business needs.

TICKETS

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In addition, H&R Block Australia are doing the "Grants for Growth" campaign again for 2019.



LOCAL SWIM SCHOOL SHINES AT NATIONAL AWARDS!

ABOVE AND BEYOND SWIM SCHOOL FOUNDER SHAD ROYSTON HAS BEEN RECOGNISED FOR HIS OUTSTANDING DEDICATION TO DELIVERING AQUATIC EDUCATION FOR LEARNERS WITH A DISABILITY. SHAD HAS RECENTLY BEEN AWARDED THE SWIM AUSTRALIA 2019 ACCOLADE OF AUSTRALIAN SWIM TEACHER OF THE YEAR FOR LEARNERS WITH A DISABILITY.

"It is wonderful to be recognised for something I am so passionate about," Shad said. Shad worked tirelessly behind the scenes at the swim school to develop the NDIS Program. "We were one of the first swim schools in Queensland to become an NDIS provider," he added. At the award ceremony, held in Brisbane, Shad was honoured to meet Laurie Lawrence, a swimming legend and the Five Alive advocate.

Above & Beyond Swim School was founded in 2016 by Shad and his wife Toni. Combining Shad's experience in professional sport and junior development and Toni's knowledge and experience in teaching, the couple have

created the perfect environment for children to learn to swim. "We have been lucky enough to have won a number of awards so far; we were BDAQ state finalist for the design of our facilities and we won 'Business to Watch' at the Gladstone Best in Business awards, but the pinnacle now has to be the Australian Swim Teacher of the Year Award." Shad explained. While Shad was honoured to accept the award, he credited the hard work and dedication of his staff as a key factor behind his success.

Shad's nomination was selected by a panel of judges who looked at the following areas: length of service, personal attributes, teaching experience, professional development and leadership. "We received mind blowing testimonials from our NDIS customers stating what an amazing impact Shad has had on their progress and the positive influence he has on their kids," Toni added.

As a registered NDIS provider, Shad and Toni have created an Inclusive Swimming Program for participants with special needs who require a




more personalised approach. "Our qualified, passionate teachers are led by instructors with ASCTA's Teacher of Learners with a Disability qualifications, and we specialise in swimming lessons for children with Autism, Communication Difficulties, Sensory Processing Disorder, Developmental Delay and Physical Disabilities," Mr Royston explained. Above and Beyond Swim School's NDIS Program allows members of the community to access services that were not previously available to them.



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25 YEARS OF LARCI**ng** *built to last!*

2019 marks an extraordinary milestone for 1770 LARC! tours, as they celebrate 25 years of LARCI**ng** around. Since they first began operating in May 1994 the iconic pink LARCS have been transporting guests from the Town of 1770 to explore the Lightstation of Bustard Head.

Visionary Des Mergard, wife Betty and family, wanted to share the beauty and isolation of Bustard Head Light Station with visitors. However, with challenging terrain and ever-changing sea conditions, there was only one type of craft that was fit for the job, and Des knew where to find it. All the way from a car yard in Rockhampton already dressed in pink, Sir Joseph Banks joined the family.

This ex-military Lighter Amphibious Resupply Cargo (L.A.R.C) vessel named after botanist Sir Joseph Banks, proved

to be well equipped for accessing the 27km of picturesque coastline boarding the Southern Great Barrier Reef. Climbing headlands, 4wding over sand dunes, traversing tidal creeks and riding the surf, even with heavy loads proved to be a piece of (birthday) cake. The capabilities of 1770's first LARC impressed everyone so much that in 1997 Sir Joseph Banks was presented with a sidekick.... another LARC! Suitably named Dr DC Solander.

Neil Mergard, the youngest son of Des and Betty, carries on the LARC! legacy as owner and operator. "I'm so proud to continue sharing and preserving history in this region," Mr Mergard said. "My family and so many others, along with us, have a genuine commitment to showcasing our natural assets and protecting them for the future."

Also known as LARCman, Neil is still excited every day to showcase the stunning region to people from all around the globe. His enthusiasm for LARCI**ng** around is contagious and filters through to his guests and staff. Neil is committed to supporting the local community, protecting the environment and is proud to be EcoTourism Certified for over 16 years.

What's next at 1770 LARC! Tours...? The team have some fantastic ideas in the pipeline and an exciting new project underway. It's safe to say that the pink LARCS will continue to greet visitors at the entrance to the Town of 1770 for another 25 years.



Experience the **LARC!** *Family fun Est 1994 | Eco Certified Tourism*



Paradise Tour

Take an amphibious adventure across four tidal creeks to access Queensland's only open, operating Lighthouse. Sandboard down 35 meter dunes or take a dip in the refreshing waters of Jenny Lind Creek. Includes: Informative commentary, morning tea and picnic lunch.

Afternoon Cruise

Experience the delights of the Town of 1770 and the thrill of our unique amphibious vessels on a one-hour afternoon excursion. Enjoy a signature LARC! splashdown and an entertaining historical commentary.

Goolimbil Walkabout

An authentic indigenous hunting, gathering and tasting experience of a lifetime! Our indigenous tour guide and skipper will take you on a bush walking adventure.

LARC + Lunch!

Enjoy a picnic lunch on a secluded beach and take some time out to explore the National Park and waterways bordering the Town of 1770. Experience the LARC! splashdown and informative commentary.



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Year 7 *for* 2020 Information Evening

Tuesday 28 May

Marian Centre, Chanel College

Tours Start 5.00pm



Year 7 *for* 2020

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- It is the most abundant element in the universe and can be produced from almost anything - even sewage sludge - by using a vast array of primary energy sources, including pollution-free solar and wind power.
- The Toyota Mirai Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle is the world's first mass-produced fuel-cell sedan, and is only currently sold in Japan, the United States and Europe in areas supported by a refuelling infrastructure.

To view the Toyota Mirai FCEV, visit the Bill Robertson Toyota stand at Ecofest, Sunday June 2, 9am-3pm at Tondoon Botanic Gardens.

Ecofest To Host Hydrogen Vehicle

BILL ROBERTSON TOYOTA IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THEY HAVE SECURED THE TOYOTA MIRAI FUEL CELL ELECTRIC VEHICLE (FCEVS) TO BE EXCLUSIVELY ON DISPLAY AT GLADSTONE ECOFEST EVENT ON JUNE 2ND.

There are currently only three Toyota Mirai Fuel Cell Electric Vehicles in Australia.

As an eco-awarded dealer, Bill Robertson Toyota understands the importance of looking forward to future mobility options and this Mirai FCEV with its zero emissions is an important part of Toyota Australia's ongoing hydrogen vehicle journey.

Ecofest attendees will be able to see for themselves what this hydrogen vehicle has to offer. Toyota Australia's Manager of Advanced Technology Vehicles, Matt MacLeod said, "There is a common misconception that hydrogen-electric vehicles, like the Mirai FCEV, drive differently. Besides making very little noise and emitting nothing but water vapour from the tailpipe the only real difference with Mirai FCEV is that it uses different fuel source, hydrogen".

Bill Robertson Toyota Dealer Principal, James Robertson added, "This vehicle visit to our area is a first for Gladstone and we are excited to be able to have it on exclusive display for the Ecofest attendees. We welcome people to come take a look and see for themselves what the future of the vehicle industry can look like".

Join Us at Ecofest Sunday June 2, 9am - 3pm



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All New Rav4 Raises the Bar for SUV Style and Substance

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The fifth-generation model is a revolutionary vehicle delivering a raft of innovations including being the first Toyota hybrid SUV for the Australian market. With the option of 2WD, or mechanical or electric AWD systems, and a choice of two new petrol engines or the powerful and efficient Toyota Hybrid System, the new RAV4 continues to drive Toyota's spirit of adventure.

Toyota Australia Vice President Sales and Marketing, Sean Hanley said the stylish new RAV4 took the SUV essence to a new level. "With class leading safety features, distinctive and dynamic styling, a spacious and flexible premium interior, and agile driving characteristics, the all-new RAV4 delivers outstanding passenger car-like refinement, handling and ride comfort," Mr Hanley said.

As the first hybrid RAV4 for Australia, it will help drive Toyota's ongoing push to offer customers proven technology that delivers strong performance, outstanding fuel consumption and low levels of CO2 emissions.

"The RAV4's all-new powertrains and off-tarmac capability and performance, provided by innovative mechanical and electric all-wheel drive systems, make it the ideal SUV whether your journey takes you across town or out of the city for an active weekend away," Mr Hanley added.

The new RAV4 is available in a choice of 11 variants across four grades with three powertrains – two petrol and the petrol-electric Toyota Hybrid System – and the option of front-wheel drive (2WD) or all-wheel drive (AWD). Priced from \$30,640, the line-up kicks off with 2WD petrol variants available in GX, mid-range GXL and top-of-the-line Cruiser grades.

Bill Robertson Toyota Dealer Principal, James Robertson explained that the latest RAV4 is more versatile and capable than ever. "From the luxurious finishes throughout, to petrol and hybrid engine options that provide efficiency without compromise," Mr Robertson said. "Guests who are looking to upgrade their existing Toyota will be happy to hear that myToyota members have a special offer when upgrading to the all-new Rav4. myToyota members can choose from one of three amazing offers, a \$500 Caltex fuel ecard, \$500 of Toyota Genuine Accessories or 5 years of Toyota Roadside Assist Plus."

Book your test drive in the new Toyota Rav4 now at Bill Robertson Toyota, 84 Hanson Road Gladstone.



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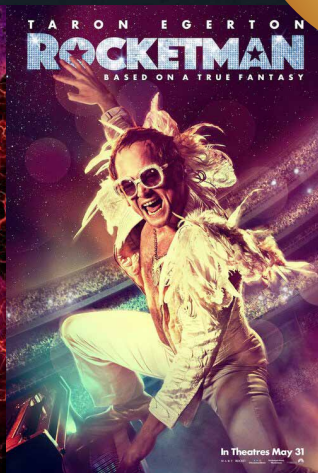
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GLADSTONE ANZAC MEMORIAL BOWLS AND CITIZENS CLUB

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Are you and your friends looking for somewhere fun, family friendly and vibrant for your next social gathering or event?

Look no further than the Gladstone ANZAC Memorial Bowls and Citizens Club! The club's management board chairman, Graham McVean said the club is alive, well and is ready to welcome new members and guests to the venue!

BAREFOOT BOWLS!

Enjoy the feeling of grass between your toes and the thrill of a little competitive fun! Barefoot bowls is a social, fun event where participants play lawn bowls, without shoes! Gather your mates, their families and friends because Barefoot Bowls at the club is an occasion for the whole family! Enjoy a few social drinks, and a delicious meal right in the heart of Gladstone. Mr McVean said the club is open for barefoot bowls Monday to Saturday and on Sunday's for groups of 20 or more players.

Worried that you don't have your own bowls or aren't sure of which end to play! The team at the bowls club are more than happy to help!



WEDNESDAY SUPERDRAW DO YOU WANT TO WIN??

This special cash draw is open to club members only! Want to become a member? For just \$10 for a social membership, you can join the club and receive an entry into the Superdraw along with discounted meals and other benefits.

DELICIOUS MEALS IN THE BISTRO

Rumour has it that the Gladstone ANZAC Memorial Bowls & Citizen's Club serves the best steak in town! Open on Mondays, Wednesday to Saturday and Sundays by appointment, the bistro serves lunch and dinner from their fully equipped kitchen. Mr McVean said the only fish served out of the kitchen is locally caught, Coral Trout! YUM!

FUNCTIONS & CATERING

Conferences, meetings, birthdays and engagements the function room at the bowls club is a blank canvas waiting for your next event! The fully licensed venue can cater for you. Contact the club on 4972 1191 for more information.



Venue upgrade about to begin!



The Gladstone RSL Sub Branch Inc has been approved for \$500,000 grant from The Gladstone Foundation to fund an exciting renovation project at the club.

Club Chairman Graham McVean said his board is grateful to the Gladstone Foundation for the confidence shown in the board by approving the grant to complete Stage One of a three Stage redevelopment of the clubhouse. "We expect to commence Stage One in July and hopefully be finished by December," Mr McVean explained. "Stage One will provide a second story above the RSL rooms to provide better facilities for helping Veterans with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder plus a new alfresco dining deck between the greens."

Mr McVean added that the club is not able to apply for further funding for Stages Two and Three until the club can acquire the land from the State Government. "This cannot be done



until the Gladstone Regional Council agrees to relinquish the Trusteeship. Local State Member Glenn Butcher is very supportive. We have formally written to the Council seeking their support by releasing the Trusteeship forthwith," he explained.

Local contractors and designers have been contracted for the project which will see a second story added to the venue to accommodate the RSL Sub-Branch and a deck extension for alfresco dining along with a new façade.

The Gladstone ANZAC Bowls & Citizens Club is committed to being Gladstone's friendliest club welcomes the local community to come and experience their hospitality!



GAWB PROUDLY

Supporting the Gladstone Region!

GAWB COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The Gladstone Area Water Board is committed to investing in the Gladstone region's future. Recognising the vital contribution that individuals and community organisations make to the development of the Gladstone region, we have established a community education program to support events and organisation's that align with our vision and values. Some of the initiatives we currently offer to the Gladstone region include the following:

COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP FRAMEWORK

Our Sponsorship Framework aims to provide funding in support of our local communities, events and initiatives. This year we have two grant options available – General Sponsorship and Environmental Micro Grants. Launched at the beginning of 2019, our Environmental Micro Grants support ideas or initiatives that will improve the local environment in the Gladstone region. Grants are capped at \$1,500 each to ensure we can support as many programs and organisations as possible!

SITE TOURS

We offer site tours of the Lake Awoonga Recreation Area, dam operations and water treatment plant for education purposes to local schools. These tours provide great insight into the link between catchments, storage, treatment and distribution as part of the broader water cycle.

HYDRATION STATION

Our FREE Community Hydration Station is available to hire for local community events! Keep your guests hydrated and eliminate the need for single use water bottles! It simply connects to a tap water source and supplies fresh, chilled water on tap for your guests.

For smaller events, we also have 50L water coolers and marquees available for use. Visit www.gawb.qld.gov.au to find out more about our community initiatives today.

ARENA UPGRADE READY *in time for 2019 Mt Larcom Show*

THE BEST AGRICULTURAL SHOW IN CENTRAL QUEENSLAND IS GOING TO BE EVEN BETTER THIS YEAR THANKS TO AN UPGRADE OF THE MT LARCOM & DISTRICT SHOW SOCIETY MAIN RING.

The grounds have now been top dressed, aerated and fertilised and just in time for the 2019 show. Mick Wallace, Mt Larcom Show Society President said the upgrade was completed thanks to the help of many business in the Gladstone Region.

"The community of Gladstone has got right behind the Mt Larcom Show Society, and this is the main reason the Mt Larcom Show is the best agricultural show in Central Queensland," Mr Wallace said.

"We now have a ring that is a great improvement from what we had," he added. Mr Wallace said he had received great feedback

about the centre ring and the show society hopes to attract more nominations for show jumping and dressage events at this year's show.

The show society received assistance from many local organisations to coordinate the infrastructure project. Mr Wallace said Cement Australia had supplied the sand for top dressing at a heavily reduced rate. "The sand was delivered to the site thanks to Keetah, Cement Australia's transport contractor and then we had Michael Newton from Bay Turf Gladstone who helped us out with aerating and fertilising the field. We received a grant from Gladstone Ports Corporation to purchase an irrigator to help with watering and Total Eden assisted with adding additional water points," Mr Wallace explained.

Mr Wallace said the show society had proudly kept everything local, and without the great support received from these local businesses, the centre ring upgrade would not have been possible.

The 2019 Mt Larcom Show will be held on the 22nd & 23rd of June and promises to be a fun-filled family day out!

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FEDERAL MEMBER FOR **FLYNN**

2019 Federal Election

Saturday, May 18th saw the constituents of Flynn return to the polls to vote in the 2019 Federal Election. While at the time of print the results for Flynn were not final, current Member for Flynn, Ken O'Dowd held a substantial margin over Labor candidate Zac Beers. Ken O'Dowd Member for Flynn won the 2016 Federal Election over Mr Beers with a margin of just 1%. On Monday afternoon Gladstone News spoke to Mr O'Dowd, when although the result was not official, he had a significant lead with 75% of the vote counted.

Mr O'Dowd said he wanted to thank the people of Flynn for having the confidence to send him back to Canberra for fourth term. “I look forward to representing all people in Flynn,” Mr O'Dowd said. “I am looking forward

to going back into Government and working with Scott Morrison and Michael McCormack, who are both great leaders,” he continued. Mr O'Dowd said he had received great support for both leaders during the campaign and he looked forward to seeing what the LNP can achieve in this next term.

In a social media post on Monday afternoon, Mr Beers said that while he didn't get the result he wanted at the weekend, it had been a special privilege being able to spend each day fighting for the community he grew up in.

Late on Saturday night, former Leader of the Opposition, Bill Shorten conceded defeat and phoned, Scott Morrison to congratulate him and the Liberal Party on their win. The results came as a shock

to many, as in the week leading up to the election a closer result had been predicted. As a result of this loss, an emotional Mr Shorten also stood down as leader of the Labor Party.



GPC celebrates reconciliation

GPC is committed to reconciliation, with a Reconciliation Action Plan and ILUA guiding real change in our community for today and tomorrow.

National Reconciliation Week celebrates and commemorates two significant anniversaries in our reconciliation journey; the 1967 referendum, on 27 May and the High Court Mabo decision, on 3 June.

This year's NRW theme is **Grounded in Truth, Walk Together with Courage** and GPC will celebrate by participating in an interpretative journey with our employees to continue the national reconciliation effort.

Artwork by Patricia Coleman.

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Overview of *Australien Future - tales of migration*, Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum, 2019.

Exhibitions closing soon

Don't miss the opportunity to see an exhibition by Queensland artist, Deb Mostert, and a display of images from our region's photographers.

Australien Future - tales of migration, 13 April - 25 May

This exhibition of paintings, film footage and sculptural installation by Deb Mostert examining migration.

The works draw parallels between migratory experiences in Australia for both people and birds. Imagery is drawn from Deb's family's migration, overlaid with the migration stories of our shorebirds.

Deb Mostert is a first generation Australian, both her parents having left the Netherlands with their families in the 1950's. The Mostert family initially lived in Gladstone in a small house on Glenlyon Street.

Also on display is digitised footage that the artist's grandfather took in 1955 of the journey from the Netherlands to Gladstone.

This exhibition is supported with funding by Arts Queensland - Queensland Arts Showcase Program.

Intercity Images 2019, 13 April - 25 May

Photographers of the Gladstone Region have captured the spirit of Central Queensland's lifestyle, people and environment for the annual photographic exchange between the Sister Cities of Gladstone Region and Saiki City, Japan.

Intercity Images 2019 is a display of all eligible Gladstone Region entries. Thirty local entries have been selected to be shown in Saiki City later this year.

A Gladstone Saiki Sister City Advisory Committee initiative, supported by Gladstone Regional Council.

The Gallery & Museum is a community cultural initiative of the Gladstone Regional Council, located on the corner of Goondoon & Bramston Streets. Open 10am – 5pm, Monday to Saturday, admission is free. We hope to see you soon.



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This is a photo of Charles Chapman's empty house just before it was moved in c2000.

Charles Chapman's House in Central Lane

by Betty Laver

Charles Chapman selected acreage that was part of the Diglum Out-station of Barmundoo. Charles married Edith (Sophia) Bates of Miriam Vale and they originally had a dairy farm at House Creek south of this township. Charles also worked on the railway for extra income so when a selection block became available towards Kroombit Tops, Charles saw this the chance to expand.

Charles had some of his brothers and their sons take up selection blocks, with the offer that he would buy their land from them. Charles and Sophia rode on horseback from Miriam Vale to their newly selected property. Sophia named the property Rowanlea after the Rowan trees, which fascinated her. The couple had two children, with the eldest Edith Miriam,

and a younger son named Alan Charles. After a time, Charles bought all the land he could, and swapped blocks with Walter Ferris of Hereford Hills, to keep his acreage together. Charles built a home for them on the property and was on the Calliope Shire Council.

They moved into Gladstone in the mid 1930's, when their son, Alan took over the property. Charles and Sophia had a large house on the hill behind the Civic Picture Theatre.

While in town he still led an active life, being President of the Show Society and the Hockey Association in 1936. Charles died in 1955 at seventy-eight years of age and was cremated in Rockhampton.

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GLADSTONE'S FISH HABITATS TRASHED

Local conservation groups are concerned about the volume of trash and marine debris washing up in Gladstone's mangroves and saltmarsh and its impact on marine life.

Conservation Volunteers Australia encouraged local volunteers concerned about Gladstone's mangroves and marine debris to attend a community mangrove ideas forum and training day to become MangroveWatch citizen-scientists. The volunteers will help scientists to assess the health of Gladstone's mangroves and saltmarsh, identify sites of marine debris and help with clean-up events.

CVA's Central Queensland Manager Linda Fahle says that the local community have been active in cleaning up beaches in the Gladstone region and are making a real difference. "It's time to turn our attention to the mangroves and saltmarsh," she said. "We encourage everyone with an interest in fishing and Gladstone Harbour to learn more about mangroves and what can be done to help this important habitat," Ms Fahle added.

Rubbish, litter and debris has been identified at 251 sites along the mangroves in the Gladstone region. Researchers from TropWATER, James Cook University, identified the marine waste during aerial and field surveys in the past week. All sites visited by boat had rubbish present.



A team of volunteers have joined forces and are working hard to combat this problem, working to identify marine debris hot-spots and clean up Gladstone's mangrove and tidal wetland habitats.

MangroveWatch Director and JCU researcher, Jock Mackenzie says the mangroves natural tendency to trap objects means it lends itself to becoming a natural rubbish dump. "Mangroves are very good at trapping sediment and nutrients from land-based runoff which protects the reef, but that also means mangroves are very good at trapping trash and marine debris. Plastic is everywhere you go in the mangroves," he said.

Former professional crabber and Gidarjil land and sea ranger, Gregg Appo, he said he is concerned at the number of abandoned crab pots observed. "Turtles and shorebirds can become trapped in the pots and die. We need to take more care of the environment that support mud crabs and other seafood species," Mr Appo explained.

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