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## FISH OF THE MONTH MARCH WINNER

**Congratulations Toni Grima!**

Please contact Gladstone News to arrange collection of your \$50 voucher.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- The most common Bream is the Yellowfin Bream, *Acanthopagrus australis*
- Found by anglers fishing the estuaries and beaches along the east coast from around Cairns in north Queensland to eastern Victoria.



Name: Toni Grima  
Fish Species: Bream

# what's on

FROM MARCH 14

## 14 MARCH

### Triple J Hottest 100 of the decade party

Listen to Triple J's Hottest 100 of the decade this year in the courtyard at Lightbox Espresso + Wine Bar and join in on fun and games provided by the hosts. Lightbox Espresso + Wine Bar | 11am | FREE

## 19 MARCH

### Feast On East Markets

With local art, handicrafts and enticing cuisine, for cruise passengers and locals alike. Wander through the markets or relax and enjoy the local entertainment. The best our region has to offer is all in one stunning location. East Shores Precinct | 9am-6pm | FREE

## EVERY SATURDAY

**FREE Boot Camp with Beccfit** To secure a place, contact Beccfit through Facebook or on the PT Minder app! Beccfit - Tannum Sands | 7.00am | FREE

## 21 MARCH

### Family Movie Night

Join in the fun with the Gladstone Drought Appeal Fundraiser for a family movie night featuring a FREE screening of Abominable with kids entertainment, food and drink! Gladstone Ports Corporation Marina Stage | 5pm | Donations for the drought welcomed

## 28 & 29 MARCH

### Boyne Tannum Orchid & Foliage Show

**2020** With plant sales, guest speakers, raffles, refreshments and more, you won't want to miss out on the show! Visit the Boyne Tannum Orchid & Foliage Society for more information.

**Saturday 28th March** - 8.00am-4.00pm •

**Sunday 29th March** - 9.30am - 1.30pm

St Francis Catholic Primary School, Tannum Sands | Admission \$3.00 (children under 16 FREE)

## 8 - 12 APRIL

### Gladstone Harbour Festival

Jam packed with fantastic free entertainment, thrilling rides, all the fun of sideshow alley, free activities for the kids, hilarious novelty events, spectacular firework displays and much more!

Gladstone Ports Corporation Marina Main Stage | 6pm-10pm | FREE

## 11 APRIL

### B2GV – Seafood Festival

With focus on all varieties of seafood, this free event will provide people of all ages the opportunity to engage in the carnival type atmosphere of the B2G Village.

For more information visit the Brisbane to Gladstone Village Facebook page.

East Shores Precinct | 10am-10pm | FREE

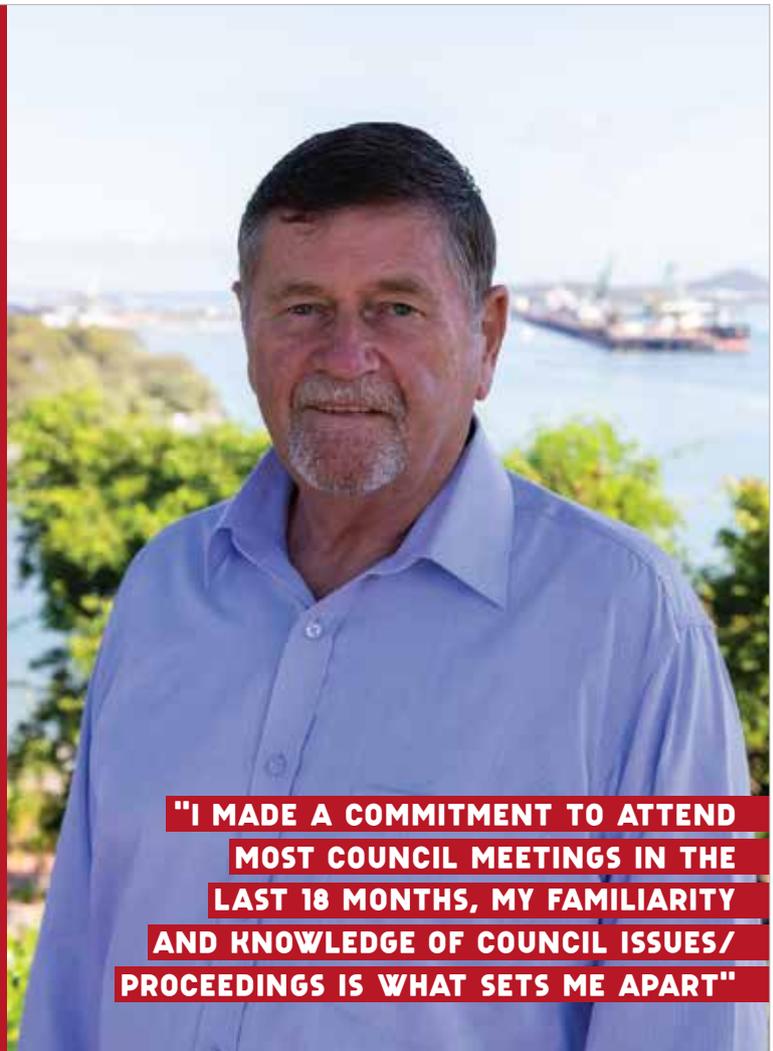
*It's time for a change!*

**VOTE FOR PHIL FLEMING**

CANDIDATE FOR GLADSTONE REGIONAL COUNCIL

- ✓ *Listens to voters*
- ✓ *Common sense decisions*
- ✓ *Committed to our community*
- ✓ *100% full time*

Authorised by Phil Fleming, 4 Ormiston Street, Clinton, Gladstone (Candidate).



**"I MADE A COMMITMENT TO ATTEND MOST COUNCIL MEETINGS IN THE LAST 18 MONTHS, MY FAMILIARITY AND KNOWLEDGE OF COUNCIL ISSUES/ PROCEEDINGS IS WHAT SETS ME APART"**

**EXPLORE** the **WONDER** of **WHY** at

# World Science Festival Queensland

Saturday 21 March, 9am – 4:30pm at **GECC**

## **WORLD SCIENCE FESTIVAL QUEENSLAND RETURNS TO GLADSTONE WITH A FREE COMMUNITY DAY ON SATURDAY 21 MARCH.**

This year's festival celebrates the Wonder of 'Why', with a program placing the spotlight on insightful conversations and an escape to new and entertaining experiences.

A fusion of fun and inspiring science demonstrations, hands-on activities and science shows will be on display at the new City of Science.

Queensland Museum Network CEO Dr Jim Thompson said the success of World Science Festival Queensland in Gladstone has stemmed from the community's enthusiasm for all things science.

"This is our fourth year hosting World Science Festival Queensland in Gladstone and it's encouraging to know that people look forward to the festival every year."

Shell's QGC business Head of Digital Innovation Nikki Rankine said the festival is a unique learning opportunity to inspire local youth to become the STEM leaders of the future.

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in Queensland

# Gladstone Community Day

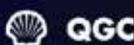
Free | 21 March

Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre  
[worldsciencefestival.com.au/gladstone](http://worldsciencefestival.com.au/gladstone)

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### **Moulding and Casting**

Discover the art of moulding and casting and learn to make replicas of animal tracks, fossils and more.

“The festival challenges the idea that science is locked away in a lab, it connects students to real life STEM professionals and experiences,” Ms Rankine said.

### **Explore City of Science**

Take time out to explore the City of Science program, where leading researchers and local participants will be showcasing the wonder of science through activities and displays. Here is a taste of what will be on offer.



### **Scientific Illustration**

Scientific illustrators meticulously illustrate and interpret specimens, concepts and processes that help us understand science, nature and the world around us. Get tips from an expert as you draw for an array of objects and taxidermy specimens.

### **It's Rocket Science!**

Aspiring young rocket engineers will experience the rush of adrenaline as they build and fly their very own rocket! Connect curiosity and creativity while learning about the science of rocketry and flight.



### **Arachnids**

Overcome fear with fascination as Queensland Museum experts introduce you to the eight-legged world of spiders and arachnids.

### **The Snail Whisperer**

Join Snail Whisperer Dr John Stanisc and discover the world of snails with local and international specimens on display, including terraria of live local land snails.

### **Shell Eco-marathon**

The marathon is a global programme for STEM students to design and build ultra-energy-efficient cars and take them out on the track in competition. Come and chat to one of the participants who has used his STEM skills to start an exciting career in the V8 Supercar Championship.



World Science Festival Queensland in Gladstone is presented by Queensland Museum and supported by community partner Shell's QGC business. For more information, visit [www.worldsciencefestival.com.au/gladstone](http://www.worldsciencefestival.com.au/gladstone).

# YOUR VOTE COUNTS

## 2020 Local Government Election

**LOCALS IN THE GREATER GLADSTONE REGION ARE PREPARING TO PARTICIPATE IN QUEENSLAND'S NEXT LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION FOR MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS ON SATURDAY THE 28TH OF MARCH 2020.**



Voting is compulsory and failure to vote will result in a \$133.45 fine, a vote can be cast using the postal voting process, at a pre-polling location or on election day.

Early voting will begin on Monday the 16th of March and ends on Friday the 27th of March 2020. You can cast an early vote at the Ro Office for the Gladstone district, the Boyne Island Community Centre for the Boyne Island district and the Agnes Water Community Centre for the Agnes Water district.

If you are in the Agnes Water district cast your vote on election day at the Agnes Water Community Centre, Ambrose at Ambrose State School, Baffle Creek at Wartburg State School, Benaraby at Benaraby State School, Bororen at Bororen State School, Boyne Island at Boyne Island Community Centre, Calliope at Calliope State

School, Chanel at Chanel College, Clinton at Clinton State School, Gladstone Central at Gladstone Central State School, Gladstone South at Gladstone South State School, Gladstone West at Gladstone West State School, Kin Kora at Gladstone Uniting Church, Miriam Vale at Miriam Vale Community Centre, Mount Larcom at Mt Larcom State School, Rosedale at Rosedale Memorial Hall, Seaview at St John the Baptist, Tannum Sands at Tannum Sands State High School, Ubobo at Ubobo Community Hall and Yarwun at Yarwun State School.

It is incredibly important for members of the Gladstone community to ensure that they are enrolled to vote and that their details are up to date. If you haven't already enrolled to vote or would like to check/update your details head to the Australian Electoral Commission website [www.aec.gov.au](http://www.aec.gov.au)

# Kahn GOODLUCK



Looking after locals *local jobs, local content*

### AGED CARE/ RETIREMENT LIVING

- Every time we lose a senior from our region due to lacking facilities we lose a grandparent, a volunteer and an important part of the social fabric of our society.
- We need a renewed focus on attracting developments and investment in aged care and retirement living.

### YOUTH

- As a father of three young children, I know our young people are our future and they need facilities to help keep them active, entertained and to help them grow and develop.
- We need continued investment in facilities for our youth.

### APPROACHABLE AND HONEST

- I will always work hard to ensure I am approachable and have honest conversations with people. Whether it's by phone, email, Facebook, or face to face over a coffee, I'm always happy to catch up and help work towards solutions.



# Michael Fearn

Putting Locals Needs First **FOR MAYOR**

- ✓ **No council rates** or charges increase for the next four years.
- ✓ **Work on the elimination** of wasteful use of ratepayers money.
- ✓ **Ensure strict control** and adherence to council budget and procedures.
- ✓ **Allocate each councillor** a specific portfolio based on the council organisation structure.
- ✓ **Council meetings** to be held in public areas around the region: *for example, GECC not council chambers and councillors to stay on for formal meetings with residents.*
- ✓ **Make all council policy** and procedure documents free available online.
- ✓ **Update all council policy** and procedure documents.
- ✓ **No secret meetings** or deals.
- ✓ **Ensure our region receives a fair share** of state and federal money.
- ✓ **Adopt and open door policy**, not hide behind a PA.
- ✓ **Reduce the mayor remuneration** by 25% and remove the mayor superannuation and car entitlements.
- ✓ **I have never been** and never will be a member of any political party.



Authorised by Michael Fearn – 17 Dennis St, Boyne Island



## KYLE "OCKA" BEALE

2020 GLADSTONE REGIONAL COUNCIL CANDIDATE

**In the lead up to this month's Gladstone Regional Council election it is vital to acknowledge that, as potential councillors, we are signing up to serve the public.**

I am passionate that we need to be looking beyond where we are today and focussing on what our region needs into the future. I am proud to have a long history here in our community, having built several businesses, helping to deliver jobs and growth.

In our business we often talk of this region's huge potential and incredible dynamics. The Gladstone Region's dynamic strength is water, both salt and fresh. They are the two things that can potentially set us apart and ahead of rest, creating jobs and opportunities. We need the leadership and fortitude to persuade others to get onboard and share this vision.

Council, like all good businesses, must be built on a culture of quality of service. If you lose this culture you will eventually lose your customers and your business. I understand that ratepayer money needs to be managed and spent effectively.

It's there to be expended efficiently on projects and infrastructure that best delivers for the region not a political agenda.

This is what will support our jobs and deliver the services our community needs.

Council needs to focus on keeping the regions infrastructure maintenance completed on time, every time as this will save ratepayers money over the long term. Streamlined and predictable approvals processing for buildings, businesses and major projects needs to be a priority to keep our economy moving to support well-paying and rewarding jobs.

If an issue arises Councillors need to be willing to get in and fix it.

I encourage all local to contact me with your needs as well as your new ideas that promote growth and prosperity for our and our children's futures.

I will be attending the GRC arranged "Meet the Candidates" throughout the Region in March. Feel free to come along and have a chat.

*Written & Authorized by Kyle (Ocka) Beale – 84 Morcom Street Calliope.  
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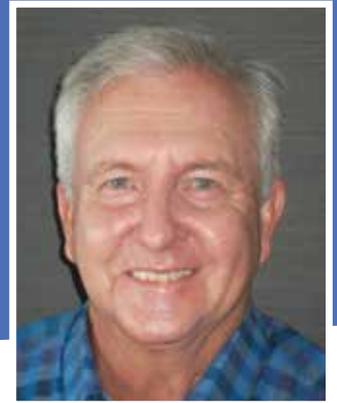
**PLAN  
TOMORROW  
TODAY** >>>

Keep updated @KyleOckaBeale01

# Chris Cameron

Business Experience - Community Service

**Councillor Candidate Gladstone**



## Vote 1

- ✓ Diversity to Council
- ✓ Sustainable Development
- ✓ Encourage Local Jobs & Business

### ABOUT CHRIS

- Chris has been a Gladstone local for 21 years
- Project Manager & Retired Open Builder Contractor
- 3 Adult children - Kristin, Drew & Brie - 6 grandchildren
- Partner Lenore, local for 40 years, Registered Nurse (Aged Care Sector)

**Interests:** Golf, Fishing, Boating, Travel, time with family & friends

### BUSINESS EXPERIENCE

- Successful in the Building Industry for 46 years.
- Open Unrestricted QBCC Builders Licence - "with clean slate"
- Member of Master Builders (Qld) for over 40 years.
- Member of Australian Institute of Building Qld. Chapter
- Chris has been semi retired for some years undertaking Project Management & Consulting work - Dispute Resolution & Building Audit work
- Building contracting- Own company (Chris Cameron Homes Pty Ltd) Gladstone.
- Principle Contractor (Housing) Blair Athol & Oaky Creek Coal Projects in Clermont & Tieri.
- Joint Venture housing projects in Mackay & Gladstone.

### COUNCILLOR SKILLS (as per Electoral C. Qld. Website)

Chris can offer:

- Good communication skills & the ability to engage with people
- Good problem solving & negotiation skills.
- Motivated to work with others & achieve results.
- Leadership qualities.
- Business & Financial Management skills.
- Willingness to do the right thing faced with a conflict of interest.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Chris is a Rotarian of 24 years, served as President & Secretary
- Awarded the Paul Harris Fellowship for service to Rotary & the Gladstone Community.
- Judge for Qld. Master Builders Housing Award judging various buildings, in an area stretching from Gladstone to Longreach.
- Life Member & Past President - Clermont Golf Club for services to the community
- Past President of Lions & Apex in his earlier days. Port Curtis Day Respite Centre past Vice President supporting the centre thru to its current restructure

For your convenience, mark your sample "How To Vote" card prior to Voting Day

### VOTER 1

### VOTER 2

**1 Cameron, Chris**

**1 Cameron, Chris**

Keating, Janine

Keating, Janine

Ramos, Rio

Ramos, Rio

O'Grady, Desley

O'Grady, Desley

Fleming, Phil

Fleming, Phil

Spencer, Vickie

Spencer, Vickie

Wagner, Michelle

Wagner, Michelle

Puku, Jordan

Puku, Jordan

Churchill, Glenn

Churchill, Glenn

Branthwaite, Darryl

Branthwaite, Darryl

Trevor, Chris

Trevor, Chris

McLaughlin, Mark

McLaughlin, Mark

Tomsett, Craig

Tomsett, Craig

Gleixner, Dominique

Gleixner, Dominique

Goodluck, Kahn

Goodluck, Kahn

Hansen, Rick

Hansen, Rick

Earnshaw, Gordon

Earnshaw, Gordon

McCaully, Mick

McCaully, Mick

May, Lorraine (Lori)

May, Lorraine (Lori)

Muszkat, Natalia

Muszkat, Natalia

Beale, Kyle "Ocka"

Beale, Kyle "Ocka"

Place the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 in the squares opposite the candidates of your choice

# GLENN CHURCHILL

*Your Choice as Your Voice*

**I HAVE BEEN, AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE, A STRONG VOICE FOR THE GLADSTONE REGION**

I have been an active, loyal and proud resident of the greater Gladstone Region and CQ for nearly 30 years; serving our communities and delivering results.

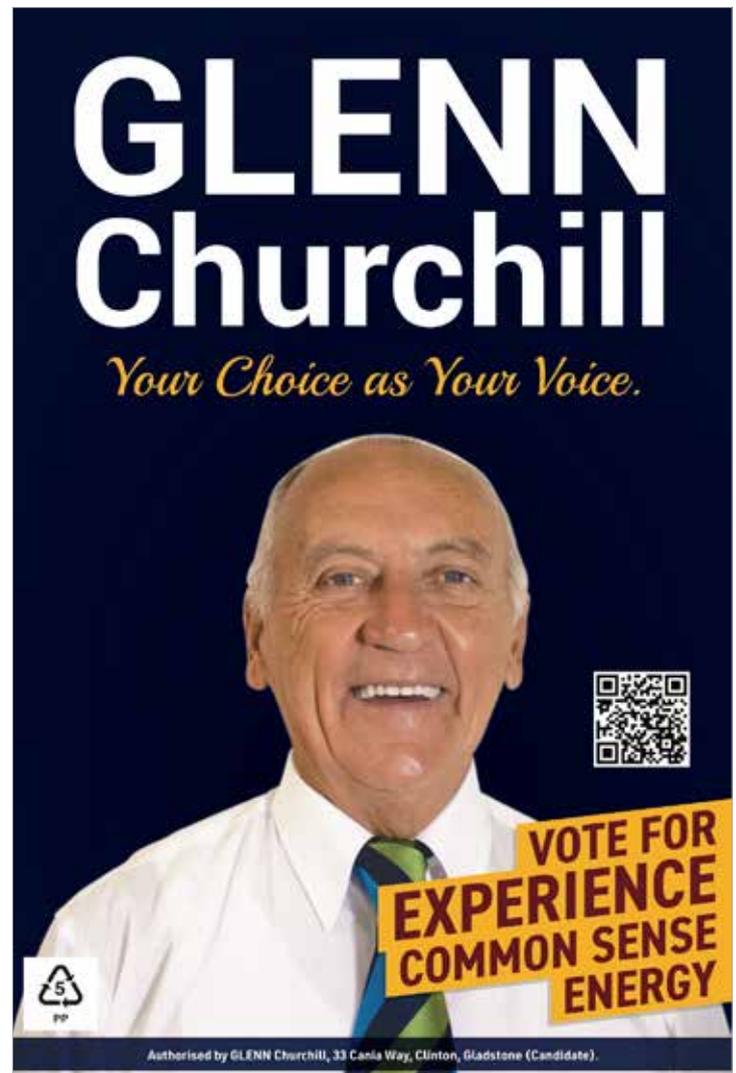
I have the *experience, energy and commitment* to bring a *common sense* approach being "**Your Choice as Your Voice**" to the Gladstone Regional Council.

Together with my wife Sue and extended family, I have had the great privilege of serving the best interests of the residents, businesses, visitors, investors, local governments, volunteers, hard working people, and community groups of our Region.

I am excited about the progress being done and the future plans for our Region; **we should be proud of what we have, plan and fight for what we need, and together let's get what we deserve.**

As one of your selected councillors, I give you my continued assurance that I am committed and determined to work hard for the communities and our Region.

**GLENN CHURCHILL**



A campaign poster for Glenn Churchill. At the top, the name "GLENN Churchill" is written in large, bold, white letters against a dark blue background. Below the name, the slogan "Your Choice as Your Voice." is written in a gold, cursive font. The central image is a portrait of Glenn Churchill, an older man with a receding hairline, wearing a white shirt and a blue and green striped tie, smiling. To the right of his head is a QR code. Overlaid on the bottom right of the portrait is a yellow banner with the text "VOTE FOR EXPERIENCE COMMON SENSE ENERGY" in bold, black, sans-serif font. In the bottom left corner of the portrait, there is a small recycling symbol with the number "5" and "PP" below it. At the very bottom of the poster, in small white text, it says "Authorised by GLENN Churchill, 33 Canla Way, Clinton, Gladstone (Candidate)." The background of the entire poster is dark blue.

# MICK M<sup>C</sup>AULLAY

for Council *Keeping it Local*

- ✓ Infrastructure Improvements
- ✓ Promote Tourism
- ✓ Prevent Rates Increasing
- ✓ Supporting Local Businesses

Approved by- Michael Mcallully 46 Camille Street, Clinton QLD

 @mick.mcaullay

# WORLD WATER DAY 2020



**WORLD WATER DAY IS AN ANNUAL UN OBSERVANCE DAY THAT HIGHLIGHTS THE IMPORTANCE OF FRESHWATER.**

Held on Sunday the 22nd of March, the theme for 2020 is water and climate change - and how the two are inextricably linked. As the global population grows, so does the demand for water, which depletes natural resources and damages the environment in many places.

This year's campaign aims to show how the correct use of water will help reduce floods, droughts, scarcity and pollution, and will help fight climate change itself. By adapting to the water effects of climate change, health will be protected and lives will be saved. And, by using water more efficiently, greenhouse gases will be reduced.

The key messages for the day, outlined by the UN, are: we cannot afford to wait. Climate policymakers must put water at the heart of action plans. Water can help fight climate change. There are sustainable, affordable and scalable water and sanitation solutions. Everyone has a role to play. In our daily lives, there are surprisingly easy steps we can all take to address climate change.

Choose one thing today:

- Take a five minute shower.
- Choose a plant-based meal.
- Turn off sleeping tech.
- Don't throw away edible food.
- Shop sustainably.

An advertisement for Aussie Gold Natural Spring Water. The background is a blue gradient with a water droplet icon. The text is in yellow and white. It celebrates 26 years of delivering quality drinking water to the Gladstone region. It features three icons: a map of Australia, the GEA logo, and a hand holding a heart. Below the icons are three columns of text describing the water's source, the company's membership, and a donation to the Children's Foundation. At the bottom, it states the company specializes in bulk delivery of drinking water to mining, industry, and business, and provides the website URL.

**AUSSIE GOLD**  
NATURAL SPRING WATER

*Celebrating 26 years*  
OF DELIVERING QUALITY DRINKING  
WATER TO THE GLADSTONE REGION

 Fully Australian owned and we source our water from a single aquifer on our property in Yeppoon

 Proud members of Gladstone Engineering Alliance

 Current donations to Save the Children Foundation now exceeds \$60,000

SPECIALISING IN BULK DELIVERY OF DRINKING WATER TO MINING, INDUSTRY AND BUSINESS

[WWW.AUSSIEGOLD.NET.AU](http://WWW.AUSSIEGOLD.NET.AU)



# WATER WISE

*Every drop counts*



While recent rainfall has been beneficial for the region we are reminded to be cautious and mindful of our water usage.

A simple way to conserve our water usage is by monitoring our shower times.

Free shower timers are available for collection at all Council Offices throughout the region, collect yours today.

For information on how to be water wise visit [www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/water-wise](http://www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/water-wise)

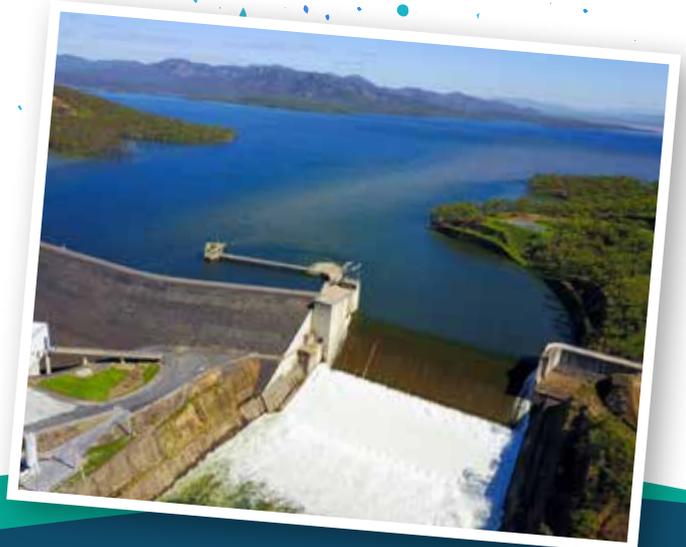


Celebrating  
**WORLD  
WATER  
DAY**

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

**Gladstone Area Water Board offers school group tours of the Awoonga Dam wall and Gladstone Water Treatment Plant.**

Contact us today to find out more.





# Buy From a Bush Business

**'BUY FROM A BUSH BUSINESS' IS AN ONLINE FACEBOOK GROUP THAT IS CONNECTING SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS AND PRODUCERS FROM REGIONAL AREAS WITH BUYERS FROM ALL OVER AUSTRALIA.**

Local artist Tanya Kalantary is one business owner who has seen a lot of success from the page.

"I have gained hundreds of new followers on my Facebook page, which all add up to potential customers, plus I have increased my sales by making posts on the page". Tanya said.

Being a Gladstone local for 14 years Tanya was born and raised just down the road in Bundaberg. She started her business whilst working full time as a teacher thinking it would just be a side hustle. Over the last two years, however, it has grown into becoming her full-time job.

Although the business has only been up and running for two years, Tanya said; "In reality, art has been my whole life".

Tanya currently focuses on creating acrylic paintings on canvas, centred mostly around the theme of native Australian flora and fauna with a strong emphasis on the use of colour, pattern, and textures. In order to gain more exposure, she decided to start posting her work on the 'Buy From a Bush Business' Facebook page.

"I saw it as such a great opportunity to reach a large audience who were wanting to support rural and regional businesses. Without groups like this, I probably wouldn't have a very strong business. Living in regional QLD it is much harder to gain exposure outside your immediate surrounds, so all these groups are great, as not only do they reach hundreds of thousands of potential customers across

Australia, but just the feedback I receive in the comments is really reassuring and people really admire and appreciate my work".

For more information and to purchase some of Tanya's amazing work head to her website [tanyakalantaryartist.com](http://tanyakalantaryartist.com) and to support more small businesses' in regional areas go to the 'Buy From a Bush Business Facebook page.



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**SESSION 1 22ND APRIL, 5PM TO 8PM**

**SESSION 2 29TH APRIL, 5PM TO 8PM**

**SESSION 3 6TH MAY, 5PM TO 8PM**

**SESSION 4 8TH MAY, 6PM TO 8PM**



**APPLICATIONS CAN BE FOUND ON THE ZEAL FACEBOOK PAGE AND CLOSE 25TH MARCH**



# LOCAL GROUPS SHARE IN \$200,000 FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Representatives of the QGC Communities Fund recipient groups for 2020 celebrated at a breakfast at Spinnaker Park Café this morning including (from left) Glenn Churchill and Ian Boge, Gladstone Thistle Pipe Band; Stephen Rankin, Tannum Sands State High School; Barb McKee, Builyan Many Peaks Community Development Association; Karen Harth, Gladstone Central Committee on the Ageing; Bradley Lawson, Camp Akuna Peaks Crossing; Judy Ferrari, Wartburg Rural Fire Brigade; Ben Lodewikus, Young People Making a Difference (MAD); and Shell's QGC LNG Plant Manager, Peter Norman. ABSENT: Calliope Football Club. Photo: Chrissy Harris Photography



deliver projects that make a real difference to the region," Peter said.

Congratulations to the recipient groups.

Their projects are:

- Builyan Many Peaks Community Development Assn. - Emergency community generator for Builyan Hall
- Wartburg Rural Fire Brigade - Purchase of brigade support vehicle
- Gladstone Central Committee on the Ageing - Kendrick Hall - Improvements including air conditioning and solar panels
- Tannum Sands State High School - Purchase of programmable robotics systems, drone kits and electronics kits as part of the STEM curriculum, and school choral risers for school and community events
- Young People Making a Difference - Youth Suicide Prevention Program
- Camp Akuna Pikes Crossing - Refurbishment of a community hall, including solar panels to reduce running costs
- Gladstone Thistle Pipe Band Inc. - Purchase of new percussion instruments
- Calliope Football Club INC - Commencement of a fully automated irrigation system at Liz Cunningham Park

## EIGHT COMMUNITY GROUPS FROM THE GLADSTONE REGION ARE SHARING IN ALMOST \$200,000 TO DELIVER VITAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS, THROUGH THE LATEST ROUND OF THE QGC COMMUNITIES FUND.

QGC congratulated and honoured all the recipients at a special breakfast event earlier this week at Café Spinnaker Park.

The investment will fund upgrades to community hubs, improvements to local sports grounds and additional support services for at-risk young people in the region, from Tannum Sands to Builyan, Calliope to Wartburg. Since 2015, the QGC Communities Fund has provided \$1.5 million to more than 50 grassroots projects across the region.

Young People Making a Difference (MAD) is among this year's recipients. MAD is not-for-profit organisation bridging the gap in support services and working on suicide prevention for at-risk youths across the Gladstone region. Program coordinator Benjamin Lodewikus said the group decided to apply after seeing other not-for-profit's

from Tannum Sands, such as Tanyalla and Boyne Tannum Men's Shed, secure Communities Fund grants. Up until now, MAD has relied entirely on donations from community members to keep the program going.

"It's a big deal for us. Rather than battling to raise funds, we've now got certainty for at least the year ahead, which is awesome," Benjamin said.

"We're helping about 100 kids every year... hopefully through this we can get more exposure, get into a few more backyards and get even bigger."

Shell's QGC business LNG plant manager, Peter Norman, said it was exciting to see the annual grants make such a difference to local, not-for-profit groups and the communities they support.

"These grants effectively help fast-track these projects. Groups often tell us how they save weeks and months, which would otherwise be spent running sausage sizzles and raffles, and get straight to making a difference, whether that's supporting at-risk youth, providing safer emergency facilities or reducing the running costs of the community hall.

"Our team, the majority of whom are locals themselves, are humbled to be able to help these community champions

The next round of the QGC Communities Fund will open to local not-for-profit groups in mid-2020. Details and dates will be advertised.



**For further information about the QGC Communities Fund, please visit: [www.shell.com.au/qgc-communities-fund](http://www.shell.com.au/qgc-communities-fund)**

# CENTRAL QUEENSLAND'S *major industries expo*

THE ANNUAL SUPPLY CHAIN EXPO IS AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR BUSINESSES IN CENTRAL QUEENSLAND'S INDUSTRY SUPPLY CHAIN TO SHOWCASE THEIR WORLD-CLASS PRODUCTS AND SERVICES TO MAJOR INDUSTRY, FELLOW BUSINESSES AND THE COMMUNITY THROUGHOUT THE WIDER GLADSTONE REGION.

The expo, presented by Australia Pacific LNG, operated by ConocoPhillips, is enormously beneficial to businesses who desire to be more competitive, operate more efficiently, access world best practice and operational procedures, and for those forward thinkers who desire to network and learn from likeminded businesses leaders.

Stallholder space at last year's Supply Chain Expo sold out, and exhibitor space at 2020's event is limited, so don't miss out on your opportunity to be a part of this must-attend event.

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# Caring for Clownfish

## Community And Volunteer Training Afternoon



Please join us for our community and volunteer training morning to assist in the program "Caring for Clownfish" proudly supported by Fitzroy Basin Association (FBA).

This exciting new program promotes sustainability of reef fish through a captive breeding program linked to the Australian Curriculum. Community and volunteers will learn all about fish care, life cycles of reef fish and sustainable aquarium fish trade.

### Outline of morning:

- Guest speaker – Ms Rebecca Phyland, Flinders University, Adelaide – Saving Nemo Project and ic-anemone project
- Guest speaker – Mr Brett Murphy, STEAM coordinator Belgian Gardens SS, Townsville – Reef BG
- Training processes – Brett Murphy, Rebecca Phyland, Tony Vloedmans – Feeding, water quality, water changes, tank set up and maintenance
- Volunteer roster and responsibilities – Outline of duties and responsibilities as a volunteer
- Sausage sizzle at 12pm!

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**When:** Saturday 14th March 2020  
12.00 pm (noon) – 3.00 pm

**Where:** Boyne Island  
Environmental Education Centre  
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**Who:** 16 yrs+ interested & committed community members.

**RSVP Monday 13th March**



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# Everyone has a role to play in saying **BULLYING. NO WAY!**

by Rachel Hardy

## **THE NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE (NDA) IS COMING UP ON FRIDAY THE 20TH OF MARCH 2020.**

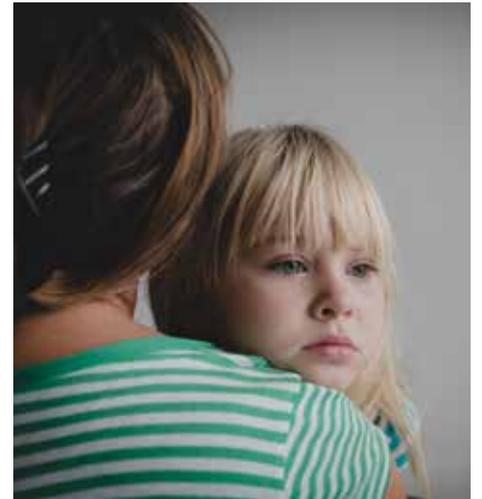
The NDA 2020 marks the 10 year anniversary of Australia's key anti-bullying event with the theme for the year being 'Take Action Together'. Everyone has a role to play in saying 'Bullying. No Way!' And it is important to start thinking about how we can show support for the NDA.

I believe we need reform. We need to increase funding to front line services for prevention, and we need to address the police and the court system, so that we can better support families who are fleeing violence and trying to keep themselves safe. I also believe that the

family law system is not only putting women and children at grave risk but is failing to protect the family unit all together. Safety risks are not being managed. Professionals in a multitude of industries need to have a better understanding of family violence, child protection and child support. The system is failing to protect the most vulnerable within society.

The federal Government is planning to conduct an open competitive procurement process. This process aims to appoint a provider who will deliver Australia's sexual assault, domestic and family violence counselling service to meet an increasing demand and provide the highest quality support. 1800RESPECT already provides a critical service to support to anyone who has experienced or is at risk of family violence and sexual assault as well as their family, friends and support workers.

Tragically in Australia every two minutes police are called to a domestic and family violence matter and every day 12 women are hospitalised. Demand for 1800RESPECT has grown rapidly since it started operating in 2010 when it was estimated the service would receive 20,000 calls each year. During the 2018-19 financial year 1800RESPECT responded to more than 163,000 phone and online contacts – a 66 per cent increase from the previous year. We need more crucial services like this if we want to take action to stop violence.



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# NATIONAL PLASTICS SUMMIT

## SIGNALS CHANGES FOR PLASTIC RECYCLING

**THE MORRISON GOVERNMENT HAS CONCLUDED THE FIRST-EVER NATIONAL PLASTICS SUMMIT, REINFORCING ITS COMMITMENT TO WORKING WITH INDUSTRY TO INCREASE OUR RECYCLING CAPABILITIES, ENSURING MARKETS FOR RECYCLED PRODUCTS AND REDUCING PLASTIC WASTE.**

Ken O'Dowd MP said Monday's National Plastics Summit, attended by more than 200 representatives from local and global businesses, state and local government, industry and community sectors have set the tone for the future of plastic waste management in Australia.

"The Prime Minister has outlined three pillars of action around recycling plastic waste. First and most importantly, we need to take responsibility for our waste," Mr O'Dowd said.

"We can all do our part in Flynn, such as encouraging demand for recycled products at home and by purchasing products that are re-usable, as opposed to those intended for single use. And, through Government intervention, we know that banning the export of waste plastics will keep more of the raw stock here for remanufacturing, helping to lift industry capacity and our ability to use these materials constructively. These are the first of a number of measures the Morrison



Government will take to build demand and capacity in the sector."

Across from Capital Hill in Old Parliament House, students from around Australia met with the Governor-General and Her Excellency Mrs Hurley and discussed issues around plastic waste and recycling.

"It was fantastic to see and to hear students from across Australia get involved and show true leadership in this area. They sent a message of hope along with the conviction that we can and should make a difference," Mr O'Dowd said.

The Morrison Government also announced that it would change Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines to make sure every procurement undertaken by a Commonwealth agency considers environmental sustainability and use of recycled content as a factor in determining the value for money. A number of companies such as

McDonald's and Qantas have made commitments to removing tonnes of single-use plastic items such as cups, cutlery, meal boxes and straws by the end of 2020 replacing them with compostable items.

Recycling in Gladstone has never been easier with the kerbside recycling bin service. Unfortunately, this great effort can literally go to waste by contamination - putting items in the bin that aren't accepted for recycling, or products that haven't been cleaned out properly. Another great way to recycle is through Queensland's container refund scheme, known as 'Containers for Change'. Gladstone has two Containers For Change recycling centres one located in Gladstone Central at 66 Yarroon St and the other at 29 Chapple St.

For more information on how to improve your recycling habits visit [www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/recycling](http://www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/recycling)

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# WHAT'S ON IN Autumn

Get out and about in the Gladstone Region over the next couple of weeks, with entertainment options for everyone on offer.

Escape the midday madness and brighten up your lunch break. Live @ Library Square is here to help you recharge, refresh and relax from 11.30am, Thursday, 19 March.

Visit the Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre to see dynamic duo Collister and Fix, The 91-Storey Treehouse or the Moscow Ballet perform Sleeping Beauty. World Science Festival Queensland returns to GECC for a Free Family Fun Day Saturday, 21 March.

The Tondoon Gardens are alive with activities in March including guided tours, workshops and cooking classes. Head to the gardens on Sunday, 22 March for 2 special workshops, Microgreens and Mastering Compost.

Gladstone Regional Art Gallery and Museum have 5 exciting new exhibitions on display now. 2020 Celebrate Australia Primary School Art Competition, Ken Done Paintings You Probably Haven't Seen: Selected Works 2000-2017, Year of the Nurse and Midwife, 2020 Intercity Images Gladstone Saiki Photographic Exchange, and the 40th Anniversary of the Fremantle Class Patrol Boat.

Our Regional Libraries are always a hub of activities with something for all ages and interests. Enjoy kids activities, games, movies, craft, computer classes and much more!

For a full list of events and activities this Autumn grab a copy of Council's Autumn Events Guide from any of our contact centres, or view the guide online at [gladstone.qld.gov.au](http://gladstone.qld.gov.au)



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# 10 YEAR OLD LOCAL donating hair to those without

**LILLY-ROSE KAINE OF CALLIOPE IS HOPING THE COMMUNITY AND LOCAL BUSINESSES WILL GET BEHIND HER EFFORT TO RAISE FUNDS FOR VARIETY – THE CHILDREN'S CHARITY WHO GIVE AUSSIE KIDS A FAIR GO.**

On 18th April 2020 at Alive Pharmacy in Calliope, Lilly-rose is chopping off her long locks and donating them to Variety. The donated hair will be sent to specialised wig makers, who make wigs for those who have lost their hair due to medical conditions; such as alopecia. The wigs give those in need more confidence and better self-esteem so they can feel like themselves again.

All funds raised will be donated to Variety which will go directly back into their programs, so Lilly-rose's hair will assist Variety in helping Aussie kids by providing practical equipment, programs and experiences to help overcome obstacles they face.



Erin, 13, was diagnosed with alopecia and within six months she was completely bald. Erin was granted a wig from Variety and reclaimed her confidence and self-esteem. "She just wanted to feel 'normal' again and the wig from Variety certainly made all the difference. Her confidence sky-rocketed," Erin's Mum, Maria, said.

Lilly-rose has been growing her hair for almost 2 years and will be donating 35cm to Variety. When asked why she wanted to donate her hair she said "I know what it's like to feel different to other kids & I want to help someone who doesn't have any hair feel beautiful." She explained that she loves her long hair (which is almost down to her tailbone) but believes someone needs it more than her.

To assist in Lilly-rose's fundraising efforts and for more information visit: <https://hairwithheart.everydayhero.com/au/lilly-rose-kaine>

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# New Not-for-Profit Headquarters

## WELCOME NEWS FOR GLADSTONE NFP'S



### NOT-FOR-PROFIT HEADQUARTERS (NFP HQ) HAS OFFICIALLY OPENED ITS DOORS TO SERVE THE GLADSTONE COMMUNITY.

Speaking from their new home, vibrant with freshly installed signage, NFP HQ have declared they are open for business from their centrally located shopfront, on Goondoon Street, in Gladstone's CBD. Yesterday NFP HQ celebrated its foundation partnership with Gladstone Area Water Board (GAWB). At a launch event in the new space, NFP HQ have publicly thanked GAWB for backing the vision behind this one-of-a-kind, one-stop-shop for NFP's.

As one of six locally appointed Board Members leading the strategy behind NFP HQ, Colin Bourke said, "NFP HQ has been formed with the primary purpose of enabling sustainable, empowered NFPs which in turn strengthens economic and social wellbeing and creates stronger local communities. We are proud and grateful that GAWB is partnering with us on this journey."

The partnership between GAWB and NFP HQ will see GAWB receiving corporate services in the form of community relations support in exchange for office space to accommodate NFP HQ's operations. The new office space provides a location for NFP's to meet, create and collaborate. In addition to meeting space and administrative supports, NFP HQ will match and tailor services for not-for-profits including training, upskilling, mentoring, team building, workshop facilitation, program reviews and process development across all areas of NFP management including leadership, operations, governance, strategic planning and business development.

Speaking about what this new partnership means for Gladstone, NFP HQ Board Member, Colin Burke said that GAWB's backing of NFP HQ will benefit the entire NFP community, adding value to Gladstone's economic, environmental and social wellbeing as a result.

"GAWB's significant partnership contribution of office space

has already seen a positive flow on of benefits to our local NFP's." Colin said.

"Our NFP Headquarters is shared with our accommodation partners who are a delightful reflection of the diversity of our local NFP Sector, including Boyne Tannum HookUp, Gladstone Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Conservation Volunteers Australia and Gehgre Aboriginal Corporation."

Board Member Mr Burke went on to say that once news about the Headquarters got out, the team experienced a rush of NFP's seeking a space of their own. Some of which had operated for decades from any space they could squeeze into, meeting in local parks and even members kitchens.

"Community response has been sensational. Since moving in at the end of last year, before even having a sign up, we have had a constant flow of NFP's through the door seeking support to explore project ideas and collaboration projects."

GAWB Chief Executive Officer Darren Barlow said that the project was a first for GAWB and offers a great opportunity to demonstrate GAWB's values.



### After School Fitness Program

When: Tuesday & Thursday

3:45pm - 4:30pm

Age: 12 - 17 years old



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