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16 JANUARY

Festival of Summer Sounds | Ages 18+

When: Saturday January 16 at 6 PM - 11 PM

Where: Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre

Cost: \$40

FOSS 18+ is an indoor concert, featuring a line up of unearthed performers including Nathan Bedford, Jacinta Bradley and SHAW, along with national headline acts Jack Botts and The Dreggs. Food and a full bar will operate.



16 JANUARY

Snake Information Session

When: Saturday January 16 at 10 AM - 11 AM

Where: Tondoon Botanic Gardens

Cost: FREE

Kris Foster, snake catcher, will teach you all about the snakes of our region along with snake bite first aid and snake awareness. Booking required!

20 JANUARY

Watercolour Sip'n Paint Gumnut Workshop

When: Wednesday January 20 at 6 PM

Where: The Workshop Bar

Cost: \$45

Take home a piece of beautiful art you will be proud of. If your wanting a social evening with friends, loved ones, a bit of time for yourself or a date night, this is a workshop for you. BYO bubbles and nibbles. All other materials supplied.



16 JANUARY

Clay Workshop for 10-16 Yr olds

When: Saturday January 16 at 9:30 AM

Where: Potters Place Fine Art Gallery & Gift Shop

Cost: \$35

Hand building clay workshop, create a cactus vase in 2hrs! includes clay, pigments and firings + electricity. Limited spaces available. Bookings are REQUIRED.

25 JANUARY

Taekwondo Open Day

When: Monday January 25 at 6 PM - 7 PM

Where: Gladstone State High School

Cost: FREE

Adults and kids intro session for all new beginners in Gladstone.

EVERY FRIDAY

Gladstone Suns AFL Raffles

When: EVERY Friday

Where: The Precinct Gladstone

Cost: FREE

Every Friday night join the team from Bill Robertson Toyota Gladstone Suns AFL with raffles, loads of prizes and good times.

26 JANUARY

Australia Day Family Fun Day

Where: Millenium Esplanade, Tannum Sands

When: Tue 26th Jan 2021, 3 - 7pm

Cost: Free, booking required visit Gladstone Regional Council website.

Celebrate Australia Day with market stalls, food vendors, live music, Aussie-themed activities and games, free sausages and ice blocks!

FISH OF THE MONTH WINNER

Congratulations Ella Beard on catching this Catfish!

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

DID YOU KNOW?

The entire body of a catfish is covered with taste buds that can detect chemicals in the water and respond to touch.



Name: Ella Beard
Fish Species: Catfish
Location: Benaraby River



Darrin Price Constructions

win awards at Master Builders' Regional and State Finals

GLADSTONE BUILDER DARRIN PRICE AND HIS STAR APPRENTICE BAILEY PRICE ARE NOW OFFICIALLY AMONG THE 'BEST OF THE BEST' IN THE QUEENSLAND BUILDING INDUSTRY.

With a firmly secured reputation for building quality new homes in CQ, the

team from Darrin Price Constructions took out two awards at the Master Builders Awards; one at regional level and the other at state finals both held virtually in 2020.

Bailey was named CQ Apprentice of the Year and Queensland Apprentice of the year in 2020 and was named a finalist at the National awards.

Meanwhile, recognition was given to Bailey for his "maturity, quality workmanship, genuine passion for building and his professional approach to clients and their projects whilst also studying engineering at uni". Darrin said "This award means a lot to me as I believe very strongly in the future of the industry and the next generation of builders. I just couldn't be more proud of Bailey. This young builder is making such a valuable contribution to the Darrin Price Constructions team and he'll certainly have a very exciting career ahead of him."

Bailey has been working for Darrin

Price since the start of 2017.

Having completed his school base apprenticeship with Darrin Price Constructions 2019, he started his full time apprenticeship in 2020 as a 3rd year and part time uni studying engineering at CQU.

Bailey said, "Through my apprentice with Darrin Price Constructions I gained experience on various project scopes including house extensions, decking and new home construction. This has certainly laid a strong foundation for success in my career, as the skills I have developed are both essential and invaluable. My proven skills and performance have seen my level of responsibility increase on each new project.

However, perhaps the most definitive sign of progress has been how I approach my work. As I



continue to become more independent, I have seen myself develop an underlying sense of intuition towards the application of skills needed to excel in the field of carpentry. This, coupled with an innovative mind for my craft, not only makes me a reliable employee but resourceful as well."

Darrin attributes Darrin Price Constructions' achievement to establishing positive working relationships with clients, an increasing number of word-of-mouth referrals, as well as their ability to create new homes that meet – and exceed – clients' expectations. He said their point of difference was their boutique style of product and service.

Taking a hands-on approach Darrin manages every new project, overseeing it from designing/drafting to finish and showing astute attention to detail that ensures each task is completed to the highest standard. "Darrin Price Constructions is committed to taking building to new heights and raising the bar," he said. Using only reputable local trade contractors, Darrin is able to guarantee the quality of his houses.

Darrin Price Constructions'

considered design features - with a strong focus on sustainable living using eco-friendly materials and designs - provide energy and water efficiencies in the home. A Darrin Price Construction home includes many luxury items in their standard inclusions to create distinguished, quality homes and extensions.

From consultation right through to completion, Darrin Price Constructions is renowned for

providing a personal service and successfully delivering challenging, diverse and innovative construction projects whilst consistently meeting community, environmental and government expectations.

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Bill Robertson Toyota

DETAILER WANTED

Bill Robertson Toyota is looking for a Detailer to join its Service Department.

This role involves washing and vacuuming customers' vehicles that are at the dealership for servicing. A high attention to detail is required to ensure customers experience 'Oh What a Feeling'.

You will be required to wash up to 40 vehicles each day.

Vehicle Detailing experience and a manual Driver's Licence is preferred.

If you would like to apply for this position please email your resume to trevor.herbert@billrobertsontoyota.com.au



CASUAL JUNIOR WANTED

We are looking for a casual junior for early morning prep from 5am - 8am, 9 - 15 hours per week.

All we ask for is reliability, own transport to and from and a fun and friendly attitude. On the job training is provided in food preparation and coffee.

Email resumes and a little bit about yourself to: boyesspressobar20@gmail.com



HAIRDRESSER WANTED

Halo Hair is on the look out for our newest family member! We are after a casual, part time or full time senior hairdresser or 3rd year hairdresser, no clientele necessary.

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- Have a can do attitude
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- Willing to learn
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- is responsible for the projection area
- supervises work of employees at lower levels
- understands and applies quality control techniques
- performs work under limited supervision either individually or in a team environment
- exercises discretion within the scope of this level
- may be responsible as required for the administration of the cinema

Drop your resume down to the Gladstone Cinemas or apply via the Gladstone Cinemas Website.

TRUE BLUE

AUSTRALIA DAY ACTIVITIES

HIT THE BEACH

If you're near the beach, make sure you hit the sand and surf. The beach is a great place to enjoy a range of activities, take down a cricket bat and ball and participate in an Australian pastime; beach cricket.



HAVE A BBQ

A barbeque is a great way to celebrate Australia Day with family and friends. Most of us love a good snag, keep it simple and top it off with some tomato sauce and caramelised onions. If you're assembling a burger be sure to make it Australian by adding beetroot and pineapple.

PACK A PICNIC

If you're not a fan of the sand, pack a picnic and head to Lake Awoonga. Try your luck at catching the famed Barramundi, Mullet or Mangrove Jack at Lake Awoonga. Slip into the cool waters for a relaxing dip, leisurely kayak or try your hand at stand-up paddleboarding.



VISIT A NATIONAL PARK

There's nothing more Australian than being surrounded and amazed by its natural flora and fauna. A trip to the Boyne Valley will definitely not disappoint!

Spend the day exploring intriguing natural and cultural wonders hidden among a mosaic of woodlands, rainforests and scrublands, take a bushwalk, tackle the four-wheel-drive roads and of course see the remains of a WWII Liberator bomber that crashed at Kroombit Tops National Park in 1945 and lay undiscovered for 50 years.

ISLAND HOP

Some of Australia's most beautiful destinations aren't even located on the mainland! The Gladstone Region is no exception, with a wide range of stunning islands just off the coast, such as Curtis Island, Facing Island, Heron Island and Lady Musgrave Island.



DIVE INTO AUSTRALIA'S HISTORY

The Gladstone Region is home to many museums and historical sites, they offer the perfect opportunity to discover and learn about the history of this great country and how we got to where we are today.

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ROSEBERRY QLD

Back To School Supplies Drive

THIS YEAR ROSEBERRY QLD WILL, ONCE AGAIN, BE THE COMMUNITY FACILITATOR OF THE BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE, FOR THE GLADSTONE AND ROCKHAMPTON REGION.

Roseberry is proud to partner with Remax Gold Gladstone, for the 5th year, to facilitate donated school supplies, in readiness for children and young people to return to school in 2021, ensuring they have all the supplies they need.

Roseberry General Manager, Colleen Tribe said that the campaign has been gaining momentum over the past 5 years.

"The supply drive ensures the more vulnerable families, of our community, are able to send their children off to school with the gear they need.

"Research shows us that children who do not have the correct school supplies, struggle at school- it is so wonderful; we have communities that want to donate items to ensure our children succeed at school." Ms Tribe said.

Donations of school supplies can be dropped off at Roseberry's main office on 21 Dawson Road Gladstone or to the Rockhampton Office on 55 Denham Street. Collection of school supplies will be on the 22nd of January at 8:30AM from both sites.



Back to School LUNCH IDEAS

WITH CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR COMING TO A CLOSE, TERM ONE OF THE SCHOOL YEAR IS RAPIDLY APPROACHING.

With a new school year here, that means a lot of packed lunches. Trying to find the perfectly balanced packed lunch can be extremely difficult. So if you're struggling for ideas give these delicious mini quiches a go!

Mini quiches

Easy | 0:05 Prep | 0:25 Cook | Makes 24

Ingredients

- 5 large egg
- 130 ml cream
- 1 tbsop onion grated
- 2.6 sheets puff pastry
- 1 cup cheese grated
- 1/2 cup ham (deli) chopped

Method

1. Preheat oven to 210C.
2. Grease muffin pan.
3. Using a fork, beat eggs, cream, onion, and salt and pepper in a bowl until well-combined.
4. Cut and line each muffin hole with pastry.
5. Divide ham and cheese into muffin holes, and spoon in egg mixture.
6. Bake for 20-22 minutes



new year resolutions

by Kim van O - Health & Wellness Coaching

NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS DON'T WORK - HERE IS A 6-STEP PLAN ON WHAT TO DO INSTEAD!

We pretty much all fall off the wagon when it comes to New Year's resolutions, so don't feel bad. The resolutions sound fantastic, but usually don't work. And then... we get upset with ourselves. Especially when the next New Year's Eve comes, and you realise you didn't turn into this fantastic healthier and happier version of yourself like you committed to at the start of the year. But whatever you do, don't beat yourself up.

1. Put it in perspective

Don't associate a new year with changes you need to make, and put unnecessary pressure on yourself. Instead, reflect on 2020 and write down your biggest accomplishments. What were you most proud of? Take some time to do this, and go through your diary if necessary.

Also, don't crave to be different than who you are right now. Transformation often begins with accepting yourself first. You've already got everything you need within you. Be gentle with yourself.

2. Review your past year

Write down what didn't work so well in 2020 and what you're ready to let go off.

- What is one mistake you made and the

lesson you learned?

- What is holding you back?
- What is making you feel stuck?
- Are there things or behaviours that are preventing you from making progress and moving forward?
- Any bad habits?

Just write it down and let it go.

3. How do you want to feel at the end of 2021?

What is going to make you happy? What are the benefits for you and the people around you? WHY do you want to feel like this?

Be super honest with yourself here and don't write down any resolutions that are based on other people's expectations, or something that you've seen or read in a magazine.

4. Break it down in little steps

Brainstorm what you can do to reach your goal and write it all down. Be as specific as possible and plan your actions through 2021 for it. Break your end goal down in smaller weekly goals so you're working towards something immediate, this will create little wins and will keep you motivated. Commit to taking consistent action to reach your goal. Do something daily. It's not what you do every now and then, but what you do every day that counts.

5. Find some buddies

Find some buddies who are already further advanced on this path, or someone who is

like minded and willing to go on this journey with you. Hang out with people who inspire you to be more, do more and have more. They should be a positive force in your life, not a negative one. Stay away from people who are draining you emotionally and physically, aka "energy vampires".

6. Don't be too hard on yourself


It's okay to make a mistake. We all do, nobody's perfect. Just dust yourself off and keep going.

If you're really committed to becoming a happier and healthier version of yourself this year, be realistic and get a health and nutrition coach! Your coach will help you with all the steps above. No single diet, lifestyle or exercise routine works for everyone. It's hard to find what actually works for you without losing motivation.

Make 2021 your best year yet! There is so much contradicting information out there about nutrition, health and wellbeing. It's easy to get lost and overwhelmed. Book an initial FREE 30-minute online consultation with Kim van O - Health & Wellness Coaching to find out how I can help you navigate through this world of conflicting information. Together we'll find what really works for you and reach your 2021 goals!




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SHOP TO WIN 2020

Congratulations Yvonne Keenan!



GLADSTONE'S SHOP TO WIN COMPETITION HAS WRAPPED UP FOR ANOTHER YEAR WITH GLADSTONE LOCAL YVONNE KEENAN TAKING HOME THE \$10,000 SHOPPING SPREE.

This year there were over 26,000 entries spread across 27 participating retailers.

Yvonne grew up in Mount Morgan and moved to Gladstone in the 80's with her husband from Newcastle. Yvonne and her husband were local business owners themselves owning B&K Hydraulics for seven years.

Yvonne believes she only entered the competition once or twice, and submitted the winning ticket at Gladstone Central News and Gifts after purchasing a birthday present for a friend.

When asked what her first purchase was Yvonne said, "I went to Little Bloom Room and purchased a hamper for the emergency staff that were working at the Gladstone Hospital over Christmas."

"I just wanted to thank all the shop owners who participated in this competition, with COVID-19 a lot of small businesses are doing it tough these days and to put up money for a prize I think is excellent!"

The team at Gladstone News would also like to thank everyone who was involved in Shop To Win 2020.

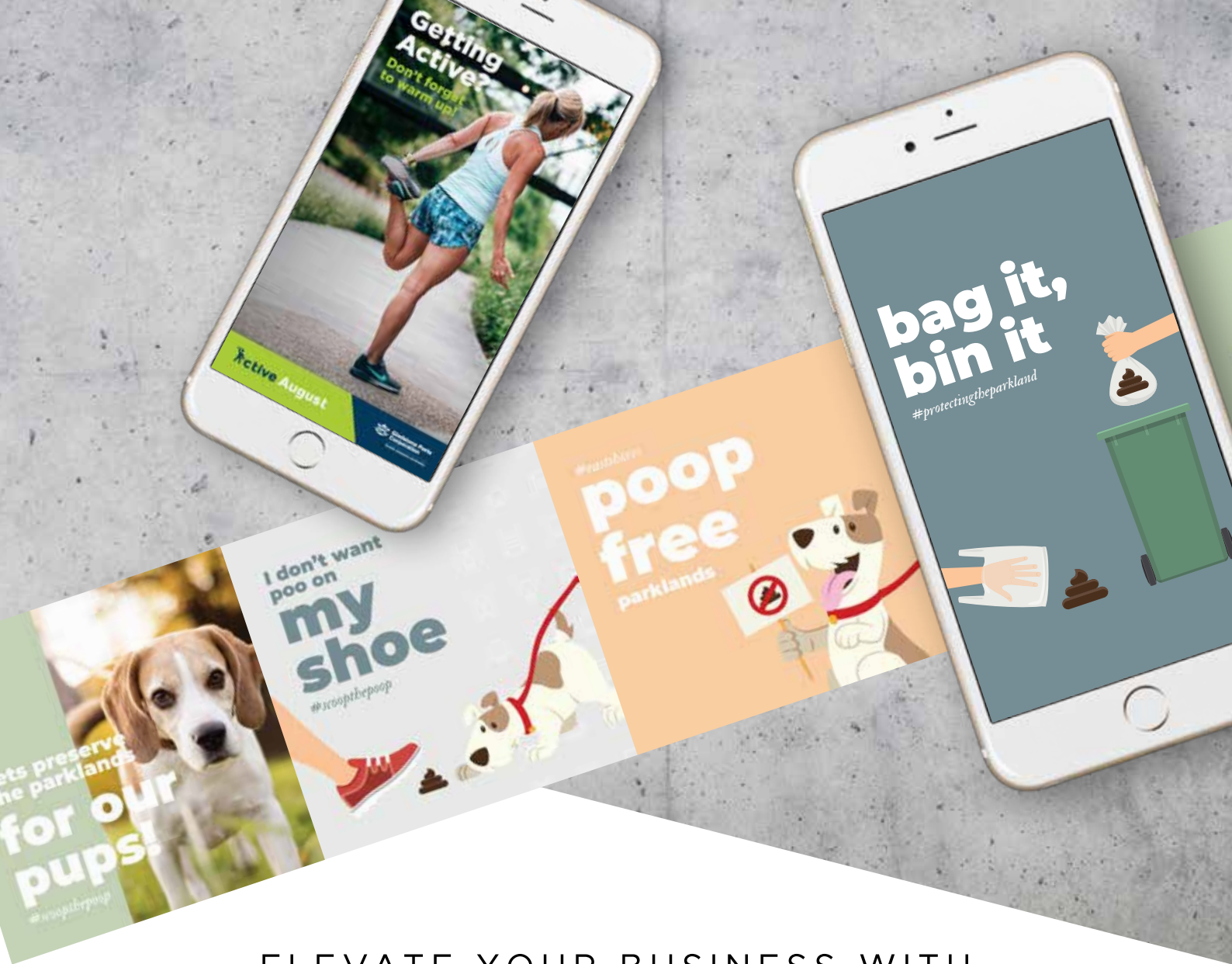
"I went to Little Bloom Room and purchased a hamper for the emergency staff that were working at the Gladstone Hospital over Christmas."

Yvonne couldn't believe she had won the competition. "My husband and I were in Rocky for a couple of days and when we arrived home I got a call from Ashleigh (owner of Gladstone News) telling me I had won.

"I thought somebody was pulling my leg!

"I didn't believe it, to tell you the truth I had forgotten all about it. I couldn't even remember where I had purchased things to enter the competition. So it came as a big surprise, it was lovely." Yvonne said.





ELEVATE YOUR BUSINESS WITH ***social media plans***

Was 2020 the year you'd 'post regularly on social media', 'engage with your followers more' and finally get those professional photos done?

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SAVE THE DATE!

CQ Beer And Cider Festival 2021

THE 2021 EVENT CALENDAR IS LOOKING PROMISING AND ONE OF THE FIRST TO KICK THINGS OFF FOR THE NEW YEAR WILL BE THE SECOND ANNUAL CQ BEER AND CIDER FESTIVAL, TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY 6TH FEBRUARY FROM 2PM.

Event organisers were excited to share with the community that the event will be moving to an exciting new location in 2021 – GPC Marina Parklands at 30 Lord Street, Gladstone.

Event Organiser Jemma Tangohau said that the “new location is a perfect setting for this event, and we are really excited to bring the event a bit closer to the city heart”.

The event was really well received in 2020 with over 1200 tickets sold and event organisers are confident that ticket sales will be even better this year and they are encouraging people to snap up their tickets as soon as possible, as Early Bird prices are only available until January 15, and the first 1500 tickets sold will receive a free reusable cup.

With over 50 different varieties of beer and cider, fantastic live entertainment by Maddi and the Hooper's and plenty of other local bands, a pop up barber shop, keg throwing competition and heaps more.

For up to date information on the event and to purchase tickets head to the CQ Beer and Cider Festival Facebook page.



WELCOME TO THE 2021 SCHOOL YEAR *at Gladstone State High School*



GLADSTONE STATE HIGH SCHOOL WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME OUR NEW AND RETURNING FAMILIES AND THEIR STUDENTS TO THE 2021 SCHOOL YEAR.

We trust that each of you have had a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer break. Over the next 12 months we look forward to working with our wider school community to promote our Every Student Succeeding strategy.

KEY DATES

STUDENT RETURN DATES:

Wednesday 27th January – Year 7, 11, 12 students and Year 10 Peer Mentors
Thursday 28th January – all students

FRONT OFFICE: will resume normal operating hours from Monday 18th January 2020 at 8.45am.

UNIFORM SHOP: Extended trading hours
Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th, Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd from 8.15 – 11.15am and Wednesday 20th from 11am – 2pm.



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GPC'S JON KANE LEADS

One Of The Nations Biggest Blood Drives

COMMUNITY CHAMPION JON KANE HAS TAKEN HOME GLADSTONE PORTS CORPORATION'S (GPC) VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD AFTER DRIVING ONE OF AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST BLOOD DONATION GROUPS, IN MEMORY OF A GOOD MATE AND GPC APPRENTICE, BRENT HOLLAND.

The Bleed4Brent program started in 2017 after 20-year-old GPC electrical apprentice Brent tragically lost his life to leukaemia.

Since then, Jon has made 14 whole blood donations and encouraged 80 new donors to donate blood.

Each year, GPC recognises employees who have gone above and beyond for the community with seven standout nominees in 2020 who have sacrificed their time in improving the Gladstone community.

Jon Kane took home the top going for his commitment to raising awareness about leukaemia and the importance of donating blood.

Jon's commitment to the Bleed4Brent program has helped save 4908 lives in the past 12 months and put the group in Australia's top 100 for blood donor groups – coming in at 67.

Gladstone's Donor Centre Manager Kerry Myers said the Bleed4Brent program was inspiring with 1180 donations made during one of the hardest years for Lifeblood.

"Jon and his wife and everyone in the Bleed4Brent team come in wearing flannelette shirts when they give blood in memory of their friend Brent Holland so our team has even decided to wear the shirts too," she said.

"It's a wonderful cause we're proud to support because blood and plasma is one of the most powerful gifts you can give someone."

Ms Myers said now was a great time to donate as stocks of platelets for cancer patients were under pressure during the holiday season with less people giving blood over Christmas.

CSIRO joins GPC in eco monitoring

AUSTRALIA'S TOP SCIENCE BODY, CSIRO, HAS JOINED FORCES WITH GLADSTONE PORTS CORPORATION (GPC) TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE ENVIRONMENT AND IMPROVE SAFETY SYSTEMS, WITH A NEW WATER QUALITY AND WIND MONITORING STATION INSTALLED AT THE PORT OF BUNDABERG.

The equipment is located on top of a pylon in the mouth of the river and is expected to collect a more in-depth reading of the water and deliver comprehensive data.

The data collected will offer GPC and CSIRO scientists a better understanding of the environment surrounding the Port of Bundaberg.

It's an upgrade from what CSIRO was previously using at the Sir Thomas Hiley Wharf to measure water quality and wind.

CSIRO Research Scientist Geoffrey Carlin said the pylon at the Port of Bundaberg is well-positioned for monitoring the effects on coastal waters and the effects on reefs.

"The installation of water quality monitoring instrumentation is a collaborative effort that provides key data to CSIRO, GPC, Maritime Safety Queensland, and Queensland Sugar Limited to improve our management of Australia's marine areas," Mr Carlin said.

As well as keeping an eye on the environment, the monitoring technology will be able to send real-time updates to assist our marine pilots further in their navigating ships safely in and out of the Port.

GPC Acting CEO Craig Walker said the technology is a win for the environment and for safety systems at GPC.

"Our employees and their expertise is our greatest asset and they are continuously working to improve every facet of our operations," Mr Walker said.

"Environmental sustainability underpins everything we do and this technology upgrade will enable us to closely monitor the environment we operate in."

Raw data will also be accessible in real-time on the CSIRO website.



14 Gladstone Year 12 graduates are stress-free WITH GUARANTEED ENTRY TO CQUNIVERSITY

OVER A DOZEN GLADSTONE YEAR 12 GRADUATES CAN BREATHE A SIGH OF RELIEF THANKS TO CQUNIVERSITY'S PRINCIPAL'S RECOMMENDATION SCHEME (PRS), WHICH HAS PROVIDED 14 STUDENTS GUARANTEED ENTRY INTO UNIVERSITY WHILE THEIR PEERS ANXIOUSLY WAIT FOR ATAR RESULTS THIS WEEKEND.

The PRS is a program that provides an alternate entry pathway to CQU based on the recommendation of a school Principal, rather than ATAR.

18-year-old Shara Watson was thrilled to receive guaranteed entry into a Bachelor of Accounting/Bachelor of Business and start planning her future before even graduating from high school.

"With 2020 being such a tumultuous year, I began to look at alternate pathways into university," Shara said.

"The PRS gave me a sense of security knowing I have guaranteed entry into my dream course and future career as a data analyst."

Associate Vice-President (AVP) for Gladstone Luke Sinclair believed the program was a great option for students to help take the stress out of school and final exams during a disruptive schooling year.

"At CQUniversity, we believe senior schooling results are an important factor leading to student success. We also recognise that other factors and attributes such as motivation, talent, and passion have a key role to play as well."



Muddys Offroad 4x4 Accessories NOW OPEN IN GLADSTONE

GLADSTONE IS NOW HOME TO A NEW LOCALLY OWNED AND FAMILY OPERATED OFF ROAD AND FOUR WHEEL DRIVE ACCESSORY STORE.



Muddys Offroad 4x4 Accessories, located at 96 Hanson Road, stocks a wide range of brands and quality products.

Owner Nathan Walton is originally from a hot rod background, before moving into four wheel drive modifications.

"I've been in the industry forever since I was a young bloke, and I've worked for multiple companies to the point of running other people's companies and I just wanted to have a go at my own!"

"At the moment we are going to be working with ARB, STEDI and a number of other brands, we are trying to stock more of the quality products. We are a locally owned family business and we are all from a really strong

service background, I believe the customer is everything in business and we will focus on quality products with quality service.

"All the products that we sell we will be able to fit, that includes fuel tanks, suspensions, bull bars, pretty much everything," Nathan said.

When he was asked what inspired him to open the store Nathan explained,

"Our passion for four wheel driving. We have a 700 acre block down at Rosedale and we love the bush, we love the beach, four wheel driving is in our blood!"

The doors opened on Monday January 4 with a grand opening event on Saturday January 16 between 9 AM & 1 PM. The event will include a BBQ and the team at Muddys will be giving away a set of STEDI Type X Sport LED Spot Lights (valued at \$429.99).

the life of elvie brown

100 YEARS OLD ON THE 13TH OCTOBER 2020

by Betty Laver

ELVIE, THE ELDEST CHILD OF DAVID AND ANNIE ALDOUS, WAS BORN IN ROCKHAMPTON IN 1920.

Both her parents were from Calliope and they married when David returned from WW1. Elvie is the fourth generation of her family to live in Calliope and she had four younger brothers. As a child she listened to music on the gramophone and radio. She remembers living a happy childhood, passing the time, and visiting friends by walking to their houses, where they would make cubby houses. An Aunt taught Elvie to play the piano and she kept playing into her later years.

Elvie attended the only school in Calliope (at that time) and there were fourteen students in her class. Some of the students rode horses to school but most had to walk, including Elvie who had to travel one mile. Basketball was popular with female students and Elvie often travelled to Gladstone and remembers winning against the Gladstone State School. Her team never had much luck against the Parsons Point School because they were much too good. Elvie had a passion for tennis, so much so that in later years she travelled to Melbourne to see the Australian Open.

Every Saturday she attended dances

wearing beautiful gowns made by her Grandmother and Aunts who were dressmakers. They taught her to sew, a skill she passed on to her own family.

She left school at fourteen, which was common for girls in that era. Elvie worked at the Grand Hotel for a few months before starting her nursing career. At twenty-one she was employed at the Gladstone Hospital as a domestic and then applied and was accepted for a nursing position in Rockhampton. The Matron convinced her to stay in Gladstone and she nursed soldiers suffering malaria during WW2.

She did not nurse for long before she married Cyril (Sardy) Brown in 1944 in Calliope. He was a jockey like his two brothers and travelled around the state, competing and often winning races. Elvie still has some of these trophies and medals. Cyril and Elvie had five children, Noela, Rhonda, Gay, Beth and Diane. Unfortunately, Noela died at five years of age in 1950. During this time, as a favour to a family member who went on holidays, Cyril and Elvie offered to look after their dairy farm.

Unfortunately, the owner died just before they were to leave on holidays, so Cyril and Elvie took over. They worked and maintained the farm for the next forty years.

Elvie's mode of transport was walking so at the age of forty-five she learnt how to drive a car.

Cyril passed away in 1998 after a long illness. In 2007 she moved to a new house in Calliope and she passes her time there with her favourite hobbies of cooking and gardening, as well as catching up with old friends. She gave back to the community by helping at the local church and raising money for them. Elvie still lives in New Auckland Place.





GLADSTONE CITIZEN SCIENTISTS

support final seagrass flower harvest for the season

PASSIONATE CITIZEN SCIENTISTS HAVE JOINED RESEARCHERS FROM CQUNIVERSITY AUSTRALIA'S COASTAL MARINE ECOSYSTEMS RESEARCH CENTRE (CMERC) TO COLLECT SEAGRASS FLOWERS IN GLADSTONE HARBOUR, FOR THE FINAL HARVEST OF THE SEASON.

Led by CMERC Director Associate Professor Emma Jackson, the group sailed from Gladstone to Pelican Banks on Curtis Island for the research-vital work on Saturday 12 December 2020.

The harvest supports research at CQUniversity's \$6.6 million CMERC facility, where A/Prof Jackson and her team have been germinating seeds from the flowers, to replant and regenerate seagrass meadows.

Through citizen scientist initiatives, the researchers have been recruiting volunteers from the community to help harvest seagrass flowers to collect seeds – with careful precautions to avoid resident crocodiles, and manage heat and mud challenges.

"We do that in a way that doesn't impact the seagrass meadows, and it's a great way to get people involved," A/Prof Jackson said.

Local volunteers on Saturday included Josephine Sidhu, Penny Buckwell, Jason Gavin and Morgan Parker, and research assistant Elizabeth Andrews said it was a productive session.

"The flower collection went well and was successful, despite it being a bit windy and coming to the end of the flowering season," she said.

Seagrass meadows are an important coastal habitat which provides food for dugong and turtles, habitat for juvenile

fish and shellfish and act like the kidneys of our Great Barrier Reef, filtering out nutrients and sediments.

Proudly supported by the Queensland Government's Queensland Citizen Science Grants, CQU's Coastal Marine Ecosystems Research Centre (CMERC) received \$29,573 for their project Sea Flowers: growing community engagement for seagrass restoration, across locations in Gladstone, Bundaberg and the Sunshine Coast.



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The Library Out and About Service enables residents to remain connected to their local library's resources without having to visit one of the six located across the Gladstone Region.

The van will visit locations within the Baffle Creek and Boyne Valley areas once a fortnight.

Commencing on Monday, 11 January, the service will visit Wartburg, Rosedale and Lowmead on Mondays, and Nagoorin



and Builyan on Wednesdays.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said the Library Out and About Service has a small collection of fiction and non-fiction books for adults, teens, and children.

"The service also includes large print collections, picture books, magazines, CDs, audiobooks and DVDs," Councillor Burnett said.

"Gladstone Regional Libraries members can borrow up to 20 items of any type for a three-week period and if you're not a member, our friendly staff can assist you in becoming one as long as you have the required documentation.

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CAITY'S *Greatest Shave*

ON JANUARY 30 GLADSTONE LOCAL CAITY DAVIS IS HOSTING A FAMILY FUN DAY AT THE CENTRAL FC SOCCER GROUNDS IN TOOLOOA, WHERE SHE WILL SHAVE HER HEAD FOR THE LEUKAEMIA FOUNDATION.

The 32-year-old mother of five made the commitment to participate in the World's Greatest Shave in May and began fundraising in June with the goal of \$7,000.

Caity said she was motivated to fundraise for the foundation after a child of a long term friend received a leukaemia diagnosis at the age of 2.

"It was sudden and very shocking, to both parents and their close friends and family.

"When I found out, I said to them that I would love to help out, so I asked questions about the help that they have received, and if it wasn't for the Leukaemia Foundation they wouldn't have had the opportunity to receive the help

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that they did."

Caity came up with some innovative ways to fundraise for the event, selling 230 boxes of Krispy Kreme doughnuts and hosting a raffle with prizes donated by local Gladstone businesses.

The event will run from 10 AM - 2 PM and will feature live music, a sausage sizzle, a food van, dippin dots, a balloon artist and hopefully a jumping castle!

The event may be subject to change due to the ever-changing COVID restrictions, to see the latest updates head to the Facebook event page at www.facebook.com/events/373493980494839/

WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE FAMILY FUN DAY

When: January 30 from 10am - 2pm

Where: the Central FC Soccer grounds in Toolooa

Live music, a sausage sizzle, a food van, dippin dots, a balloon artist and more!

sudoku time

SUDOKU IS A LOGIC PUZZLE GAME.

The objective is to fill the 9x9 Sudoku grid with digits 1 to 9 such that each of these 9 digits appears in each row, each column and each 3x3 sub-grid once any only once.

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		1		3		8		9

Answers Top

9	1	4	6	2	5	3	8	7
6	5	7	8	1	3	2	4	9
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5	2	3	1	4	7	8	9	6
1	9	8	2	3	6	7	5	4
7	4	6	5	9	8	1	2	3
4	6	9	3	8	1	5	7	2
2	3	1	7	5	9	4	6	8
8	7	5	4	6	2	9	3	1

Answers Bottom

6	2	8	7	3	4	1	9	5
4	1	3	9	5	2	8	7	6
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9	6	4	8	1	3	5	2	7
7	9	5	3	2	8	6	4	1
2	3	1	4	6	5	7	8	9
8	4	6	1	7	9	3	5	2

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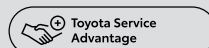
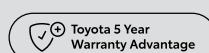
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