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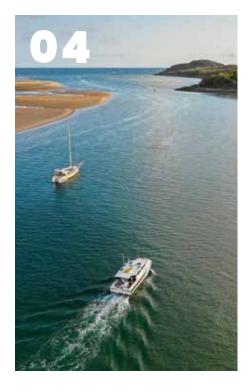


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20 FEBRUARY

Mantis HQ Grand Opening When: Saturday, February 20 at 9 AM Where: 4B/10 Side St, Gladstone

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20 FEBRUARY

Jon Stevens - The Noiseworks & INXS Collection When: Saturday, February 20 at 9:30 PM · Where: The Harvey Road Tavern · Cost: \$50

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20 FEBRUARY

Race Day 2021 When: Saturday, February 20 at 11 AM Where: Gladstone Turf Club • Cost: \$13 GA

Our first race meeting of 2021. Get your mates together and head out for a great day at the track.

20 MARCH

Good Morning Vietnam - Music from the Vietnam War era When: Sunday, March 21st at 2PM Where: Gladstone Entertainment and **Convention Centre** Cost: \$60

The Vietnam War, AKA the 'Rock and Roll War', generated some of the 20th Century's most iconic rock, country, folk, soul and pop songs. These are the songs of hope, courage, love, loss, anger, frustration, and resistance... most of all, these are the songs of connection.



GLADŠTONE HEALTHY HARBOUR PARTNERSHIP

2020 GLADSTONE HARBOUR REPORT CARD RELEASE

Healthy Harbour, Healthy Future

THE GLADSTONE HEALTHY HARBOUR PARTNERSHIP IS PROUD TO RELEASE THE 2020 GLADSTONE HARBOUR REPORT CARD.

The report card was produced with the support of 21 partners, representing community, traditional owners, industry, science, government and harbour management.

Report cards are a globally recognised method of reporting on waterway health and monitoring changes over time. GHHP has been working for the past twelve months to produce the 2020 Report Card for the community and stakeholders, rating indicators from very poor (E) to very good (A).

Minister for the Great Barrier Reef, Meaghan Scanlon congratulated GHHP on delivering its sixth report card and welcomed the positive results across a number of key indicators.

"It is fantastic to know that our long-term investment continues to deliver water quality benefits for Gladstone and too, for our Great Barrier Reef," Minister Scanlon said.

The Queensland Government recognises the importance of regional waterway report cards and the community partnerships that drive them in delivering a healthy Reef and strong regional economies. It has provided more than \$6 million in funding across five regional partnerships since 2017.

The 2020 Report Card presents the results of Environmental, Social, Cultural and Economic monitoring within Gladstone Harbour and the Gladstone Local Government Area, between July 2018 and June 2020. Information and data used in the report card has been provided by scientific research organisations, universities and specialist consultants overseen by the GHHP Independent Science Panel and the GHHP Science Team.

After five years of satisfactory grades (C) the Environmental grade improved to a B, a result of higher grades for seagrass, fish recruitment and water quality. Seagrass has continued to improve from a poor grade (D) in 2018 to a good grade (B) in 2020. Fish recruitment improved from a D in 2019 to a C in 2020. Water and sediment quality continued to be very good (A) with water quality receiving its highest score since the first full report card in 2015. As a result, this was the first time the overall water quality indicator received a very good grade (A). However, coral received a very poor grade (E) and mud crabs received a poor grade (D).

Of the environmental indicator groups water and sediment quality received an A, habitats—made up of seagrass, mangroves and coral—received a C and fish and crabs—made up of fish recruitment, fish health and mud crabs also received a C.

The Social component grade for 2020 was good (B). Results were consistent with previous years with community perceptions of harbour usability staying as satisfactory (C), and harbour access and liveability/wellbeing both remaining good (B). The scores for the Social component have remained relatively stable since it was included in the pilot report card in 2014. As a result, this component will only be monitored every third year and no new monitoring was conducted in 2020. The 2019 Social component scores are used for the 2020 report card.

The overall grade for the Cultural component was satisfactory (C). The grade for sense of place remained good (B). This score has changed little in five years and suggests that the community's expectations of the harbour area are being met. The score for place attachment was slightly higher than previous year's, suggesting an increased engagement with and appreciation of the harbour. The scores for the Cultural component have remained relatively stable since it was included in the pilot report card in 2014. As a result, this component will only be monitored every third year and no new monitoring was conducted in 2020. The 2019 Cultural component scores are used for the 2020 report card.

The overall Economic grade for 2020 was good (B). Economic performance remains an A, owing to the continued strength of shipping and tourism. However, commercial fishing received a poor score for the fourth consecutive year. The scores for the Economic component have remained relatively stable since it was included in the pilot report card in 2014. As a result, this component will only be monitored every third year and no new monitoring was conducted in 2020. The 2019 Economic component scores are used for the 2020 report card.

The GHHP website and technical report contain further information on the grades presented in the 2020 Gladstone Healthy Harbour Report Card and the methods used to determine them. Visit www.ghhp.org.au for further information.



REPORT CARD RESULTS 2020









FAQS

Why did seagrass scores improve?

Results suggest that improvements in seagrass condition were largely a result of environmental factors that were characterized by drier than average conditions. Environmental conditions such as rainfall and Calliope River discharge are key influences on the seagrass meadow condition of Gladstone Harbour.

Why did coral receive a very poor overall score?

The overall grade for coral in the 2020 report card was very poor (E) for the third successive year. This was a result of the following areas for most of the surveyed reefs:

- a low cover of living coral;
- high macroalgal cover;
- low abundance of juvenile corals; and
- a poor overall score for change in hard coral cover.

HAVE YOUR SAY

The Gladstone Healthy Harbour Partnership is seeking feedback from the community and stakeholders on the Gladstone Harbour Report Card 2020 to improve the reporting process for future years. Have your say by emailing info@ghhp.org.au or phone 1800 241 254.

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- · Hold a current drivers license
- Have the ability to multi-task and excellent time management skills
- Experience with PM software, preferably PropertyMe, IRE, and Realworks is an advantage
- · Excellent computer literacy and touch typing speed
- Knowledge of the RTRA Act and property management processes.

Please send a cover letter outlining suitability for the position as well as your CV to Katerina Kulikov at manager4@ locationsestateagents.com.au.

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To apply please send your written cover letter addressing the above criteria along with a resume to Tiffany Hyne at tiffany@avisgladstone.com.au.

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CENTRAL QUEENSLAND'S BEER + CIDER FESTIVAL HAS WRAPPED UP FOR ANOTHER YEAR.

Running for the past two years, the CQ Beer + Cider Festival is one of Gladstone's must-do events featuring over 45 different varieties of beer and cider along with fantastic live entertainment.

Despite 2021's very strict COVID-19 restrictions, this year's festival saw



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just under 1,500 attendees including vendors and dedicated volunteers, which was an increase of one-hundred from last year.

Event organisers were excited to see the event move to a new and exciting location in 2021 – GPC Marina Parklands at 30 Lord Street, Gladstone.

With the addition of new Sunshine Coast brewers, Heads of Noosa & Diablo Co, and the introduction of new competitions such as The Keg Throwing





and The Sh*t Shirt Competition, this year's event was a huge hit amongst festival-goers.

Event organiser Jemma Tangohau said, "The whole team were really happy with this year's event. With any event, there is always room to grow and improve but we plan to be heading into 2022 with an even bigger and better event! With the focus on lots of extra shade and hopefully some great new brewers on board.

"Events like the CQ Beer + Cider Festival are really important to the community. This event, in particular, is really integral to our organisation as all funds raised go straight back into staging the Annual Gladstone Harbour Festival. This allows our committee to continue to deliver the iconic Annual Gladstone Harbour Festival free of charge to the community."

To keep up to date with everything CQ Beer + Cider follow the festival on Facebook: www.facebook.com/ CQBeerCiderFestival

local charity supplies students WITH VITAL EQUIPMENT

QUOTA GLADSTONE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS HAVE BEEN BUSY PACKING OVER 200 BACKPACKS FILLED WITH BASIC SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR THEIR 'PENCILS PLUS' PROGRAM.

The backpacks were delivered to local schools on Monday before the start of term one. The backpacks will then be distributed, at the teacher's discretion, to students who arrive at school without basic school supplies to get them started. This year is the first year that the backpacks were available to local high schools.

Quota Gladstone is a service club with twelve local members that aims to help underprivileged women & children, people with disabilities, and offers general support to the community. The Quota Club's "Pencils Plus" program has been running for three years and is locally funded throughout the year. Quota Gladstone raises the funds by hosting their 'three-cent sales' and a fashion parade with the rest being supplemented by generous community donations.

Local Gladstone Quota volunteer Liz Robertson stressed the importance of this program for underprivileged children in the region.

"I think this program is amazing! Some kids come to school and they really need something to get them started so that they don't begin the term at a disadvantage." Liz said.

Members are looking forward to their

fundraising activities going ahead this year as funds for the project have seriously depleted due to the cancellation of fundraising events during 2020. The first event will be a 'Cent Sale' on Saturday 1st May at the Gladstone Bowls Club.



Tannum Sands State High School Welcomes Students and Families in 2021

The year 2020 was such a remarkable year for Tannum Sands State High School (TSSHS), rich with student and staff achievements, celebratory events, exciting campus developments and a wonderful sense of community throughout our school.

We applaud everyone's ambition, dedication and fortitude, for the way they have approached the challenges that the pandemic has forced upon them.

TSSHS principal Mrs Heather Blessington added, 'I cannot overstate the appreciation I have for the way everyone has responded to the challenges we face. Right across the school, students and families have received incredible support from teachers, and stronger relationships have grown between TSSHS and the community'.

2021 is a new year and we welcome new and returning families. The first weeks of a school year are an opportunity to reflect on the achievements of the past year.

We heard from our 2020 graduates as they returned for Back from our Futures, addressing current student on their own high school experiences. It was wonderful to meet our Year-7 cohort and their families at the official Ringing of the Bell ceremony.

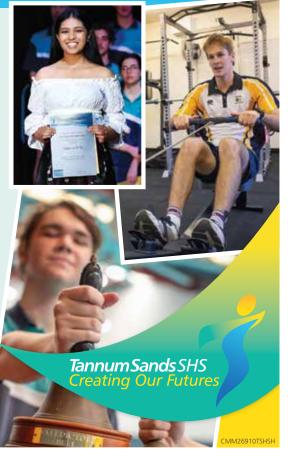
Our first week back to school also marked two milestones that our school community has been working towards for several years. Firstly, our new timetable, with an earlier finish time now allows for safer travel home from school has seen positive results - traffic is flowing!

Secondly, our Friday 5-lesson day commenced, with lesson five being our BOOST session, providing the opportunity for our teaching staff to collaborate on improving student learning.

While we are so proud of all graduating students from the class of 2020, we would like to make special mention of two students who have achieved outstanding results.

Natania D'Sa will study medicine for five years plus an intern year at Monash Uni. Ferguson (Ferg) Comrie has been accepted to study nursing for three years at Australian Catholic University. Congratulations to both students for their impressive results.

Respect Responsibility Excellence



GPC Welcomes Fresh Faces

GLADSTONE'S FUTURE WORKFORCE IS GROWING WITH 22 FRESH FACES JOINING GLADSTONE PORTS CORPORATION'S (GPC) APPRENTICE, TRAINEE AND WORK PLACEMENT PROGRAM FOR 2021.

The new recruits have hit the ground running after officially starting last week.

This year GPC's intake includes five apprentice electricians, four apprentice diesel fitters, two apprentice gardeners, one mechanical fitter, one rigging and scaffolding trainee and a computer-aided design trainee. The intake also includes a group of eight local high school students have also come on board this year to complete their one-day a week work placement program with GPC.

Acting CEO Craig Walker said the program is delivering for Gladstone's workforce as well as supporting local apprentices and trainees with worldclass training at home.

"Our Apprentice and Trainee program is one of our most successful programs at GPC and attracts hundreds of applicants each year," Mr Walker said.

"The new recruits will be given an invaluable opportunity to learn their chosen trade under the guidance of our skilled supervisors and mentors who have been with GPC for decades and are keen to see them all succeed and prosper with their future careers," he said.

"We're proud to be shaping Queensland's future workforce with our program and supporting our local community in which we operate."

GPC's rigging and scaffolding trainee, Price Maynard is excited to take his first steps in his new career.

"I was a bit shocked when my application was accepted because I knew how popular the program was," he said.

"I'm really grateful I've been given the opportunity and I'm enjoying every moment." The 25-year-old said his goal is to finish his traineeship and apply for a position at GPC.



Growth, prosperity, community.

Paint the Port Art Competition 2021

REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!

Registration form and further information can be found on our Website.

Online registrations close 4pm Friday 5 March and artwork is due Friday 12 March.

Further details regarding the exhibition will be realeased soon.





LOCAL AUTHOR AWARDED HIGH HONOUR

LOCAL GLADSTONE AUTHOR DR ROBYN MARIE SHEAHAN-BRIGHT WAS AWARDED ONE OF AUSTRALIA'S HIGHEST HONOURS ON JANUARY 26.

Dr Sheahan-Bright was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for her significant service to children's literature and to the promotion of reading. When the announcement was made Dr Sheahan-Bright said she was, "Very honoured."

In the Australian honours system appointments to the Order of Australia confer the highest recognition for outstanding achievement and service.

Originally born in Brisbane, Dr Sheahan-Bright moved to Gladstone in 1997 and enjoys visiting cultural facilities around the region.

When asked what inspires her, Dr Sheahan-Bright said, "I write about children's and young adult literature as a critic, reviewer and editor, and am inspired by the breadth and depth of quality of the works currently being published for young people.

Dr Shehan-Bright continued, highlighting the importance of reading during adolescence.

"It is essential, and parents can't begin too early to read with their children as babies and toddlers. Not only does early reading encourage a reading habit, and create 'readers for life', reading fiction (in both picture books and prose works), also encourages creativity, and teaches children empathy and to imagine other ways of being which is so important in a society where tolerance can sometimes be lacking."

"In recent years, many books reflecting society's diversity have been published but we need to see even more publishing which explores the richness of varied experiences. For example, works by Indigenous writers are being released by publishers such as Magabala Books and organisations such as the Indigenous Literacy Foundation, but there are many Indigenous stories still to be told. There are also a lot of books being published which inaccurately reflect a very monocultural world."

BUDDING ARTISTS RECOGNISED

at Australia Day Family Fun Day

AS PART OF 2021 AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS, GLADSTONE REGIONAL COUNCIL HAS ANNOUNCED THE WINNERS FROM THE CELEBRATE AUSTRALIA PRIMARY SCHOOL ART COMPETITION.

Gladstone Region Deputy Mayor Kahn Goodluck said the winners were presented with their prizes at Council's free Australia Day Family Fun Day at Tannum Sands on 26 January.

Councillor Goodluck said the work of the young artists helped our region celebrate this year's theme of 'who and what makes Australia great'.

"The project launched in 2006 and each year the competition gets tougher," Cr Goodluck said.

"This year we received 200 entries from across the region, making a total of 4662 artworks collected over 15 years.

"These artworks provide our community with the unique opportunity to connect with a child's perspective, and I encourage everyone to view the amazing works."

The touring exhibition of entries is now featured on the CQUniversity's Mezzanine Floor, Leo Zussino Building, Gladstone Marina Campus until the end of February. When describing her collage and watercolour work Roadmap Rainbow Lorikeet, Raven-Lily BickleWallace wrote:

"The fourth in my Australian Bird Series combines two of the things I love about Australia – the flora and fauna – Rainbow Lorikeet in a Bottlebrush and the wonderful towns in our state of Queensland collaged as feathers," Raven-Lily said.

And the winners are:

Section One (Prep-Year 2)

First prize: Home by Ruby Farr Second prize: Camping in Australia by Heidi Hartsorn Third Prize: Crashing Waves by Arlo Thetford Highly commended: Sleepy Koalas by Chelsea Nichols, Yar and Me by Amarni Thetford, Mt Mugul by Sam Coffey and The Muster by Matilda Cook.

Section Two (Year 3 - Year 6)

First prize: Roadmap Rainbow Lorikeet by Raven-Lily Bickle-Wallace

Second prize: Aboriginal Sunset by Jandré Smit Third prize: Birds of Paradise by Elsie Costello Highly commended: Wisdom Under the Southern Sky by Luke Snow, Steve's Mate by River Thetford, Uluru by Keeley Chambers and Among Us and Animals by Chelsea Bradbury.



thank you for your service

ROSEBERRY QLD'S GENERAL MANAGER, MS COLLEEN TRIBE, IS MOVING ON FROM HER ROLE AFTER EIGHT AND A HALF YEARS OF INCREDIBLE ACHIEVEMENTS.

Ms Tribe has been instrumental in creating and expanding social services in Central Queensland. Thanks to Ms Tribe Roseberry now manages affordable and social housing in excess of 100 properties throughout the region. Ms Tribe's eight and a half years in leading the organisation has also seen Roseberry QLD take over the operation of Headspace both in Gladstone and Rockhampton, and the Parent Next Program which offers support to young parents.

Ms Tribe said, "It has been a privilege to work with Roseberry and help it grow and be so successful in its mission". It will be sad to say goodbye but I will always be watching and keeping in contact with the wonderful staff and clients whom I've developed great friendships."

Ms Tribe also acknowledged the support of the Gladstone, Rockhampton and Capricorn Coast communities, along with the volunteers and industry support.

"To be in such a privileged position where we contribute to changing someone's life for the better is often overwhelming but also so very fulfilling."

Chairman of the Board of Directors, Mr Craig Walker said, "It's is Roseberry's absolute mission to assist people with a home, strengthen families and support pathways for young people."

"Colleen's contribution to this mission in this region has been nothing short of amazing."

During Ms Tribe's eight and a half years with Roseberry some of the highlights have included:

- Headspace Services in Gladstone & Rockhampton
- Homeless Connect Lead
- Parent Next Program
- throughout CCQ
- New Roseberry Offices on Dawson Road
- Dignity Hub
- Rebranding and renaming

of Roseberry Queensland • Back to school supplies

- campaign
- LQBTIQ pride
- celebrations



Expressions of Interest

Art Class Tutoring for Adults at GRAGM

Deadline Fri, 5 March Visit gragm.qld.gov.au for more information or call 4976 6766.







A Unique Australia Day for Rotary in Gladstone





AUSTRALIA DAY 2021 WAS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ROTARY TO SHARE WITH THE NATIONAL AUSTRALIA DAY COUNCIL (NADC) AND GLADSTONE REGIONAL COUNCIL, A CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY RESILIENCE AT A SPECIAL AUSSIE LUNCH FOLLOWING THE CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY AND AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS.

This event was made possible by a generous grant from NADC and additional support from Gladstone Regional Council.

The NADC theme for 2021 Reflect, respect, celebrate – we're all part of the story, resonates strongly with Rotary, an organisation that has been part of the story for 100 years in Australia, and for more than 70 years in Gladstone.

The Australia Day Luncheon hosted by the combined Rotary Clubs of Gladstone, was an example of our small steps in promoting peace in our world.

We welcome new Australians. We are excited to learn from you, as much as we are happy for you to learn from us.

By carrying out service projects and supporting peace fellowships and scholarships, Rotarians take action to address the underlying causes of conflict, including poverty, discrimination, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources.





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The R100 Baton Relay

The R100 Baton Relay is an event across Australia and New Zealand to celebrate 100 years of Rotary working in our communities. The R100 Baton Relay will run throughout Australia, State by State, District by District, Club by Club.

Rotary District 9570 Governor Adele Hughes said, "Because of the size of our Rotary District, I was excited to launch three batons. The first from Mackay, the second from Mundubbera, and the third from Longreach.

I am absolutely thrilled about the enthusiasm and creativity that all 45 Clubs in our District have put in to moving the batons around."

The three batons will arrive in Gladstone on 1 May to be presented at the Rotary District Conference. Please keep an eye out for its arrival and follow the progress in the Facebook group – Baton Relay Rotary District 9570.

Rotary District 9570 Central Queensland, Australia encompasses Maryborough in the South to Mackay in the North and Longreach in the West, some 600,000 square kilometres.

We are 45 clubs-strong, we service needs within our own communities as well as those beyond our borders. Wherever "conversations need to be turned into actions" whether they be large or small, Rotary projects from District 9570 reach from your front door to the farthest corners of the globe.

Come and help us make a real difference to the lives of millions of people. Come and join the People of Action.



CQHEALTH welcomes new junior doctors

CQ HEALTH WELCOMED 37 NEW MEDICAL INTERNS LAST WEEK (JANUARY 11), WITH THE MEDICAL GRADUATES STARTING THEIR MEDICAL CAREERS IN CENTRAL QUEENSLAND.

The new doctors did a week of intensive orientation at Rockhampton Hospital before setting off to join clinical teams across the region. Interns will do rotations across Rockhampton, Gladstone and Capricorn Coast hospitals, as well as general practice rotations at Emerald Medical Group and Theodore Medical Centre. Three others will join the team later in the year, bringing the total number of 2021 interns to 40 – up from 36 last year. congratulated the interns on taking the next exciting steps in their medical careers.

"It's a transformative time for health care in our region as we see the benefits of the Palaszczuk Government's rapid expansion of facilities and services across Central Queensland," said Mr Butcher.

"I know that these new junior doctors will enjoy rewarding careers caring for our community."

Minister for Health and Ambulance Services Yvette D'Ath said that the Palaszczuk Government would continue to deliver a strong health response to the global COVID-19 pandemic. "A key part of the Palaszczuk Government's commitment to ensuring that Queenslanders continue to receive the best healthcare possible is supporting an additional 9,475 frontline health workers over the next four years," said Minister D'Ath.

"This includes an additional 5,800 nurses, 1,500 new doctors and an extra 475 paramedics.

"I offer my congratulations to the new intern doctors and wish them all the best as they embark on the next exciting step in their careers."

Deputy Executive Director Medical Services Dr Annette Turley said it was an exciting time for the young doctors as they put their years of studies into practice as valued members of the treating teams.

"We will ensure these graduates are well supported as they make the transition from life as students to fulltime staff members," she said.

Hospital rotations cover several specialties including surgery, general medicine (including subspecialties renal and cardiac), emergency, paediatrics, obstetrics and gynaecology, mental health and orthopaedics.

Dr Turley said Central Queensland was a great starting point for a doctor's career, saying the interns will have a full year of interesting and varied clinical experiences.

"Doctors in regional hospitals, particularly our rural sites, benefit from plenty of hands-on experience which is harder to find in larger city hospitals," she said. "We have a full training program to help support and mentor the interns in their first year."

"We also like to showcase some of the great lifestyle benefits to living in Central Queensland, in the hope these interns will fall in love with our area and want to stick around.

"We warmly welcome this new group of doctors and wish them every success."

Member for Gladstone Glenn Butcher



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- Private Courtyard



with the arrival of cooler mornings and evenings, autumn is the perfect time to freshen up your home decor. Here are a few quick and easy autumn home design tips you can implement before the change of season.

Timber neutrals and autumn browns

One of the best ways to incorporate the best of autumn and eventually winter into your home design is to find ways to use timber. Being a natural material, Timber reduces stress and gives a feeling of calm and relaxation. Regulating humidity, timber can also help people with respiratory problems.

Warm textures and palettes

Temporary wallpapers, throws, cushions, furniture coverings, artwork and decorations can all play their part in warming your surroundings, making your home a cosy environment. This is the easiest part of preparing your home for autumn, as these are items that can go in storage during the warmer months.

Create a garden for winter

With the harsh Central Queensland sun, gardening during the warmer months can be incredibly difficult for both you and your plants. Your autumn home designs can help combat this, use both indoor plants and earthy colours (greens, browns, sienna etc.) to bring your garden into the house

Change the lighting

The colour temperature of the lights in your home is incredibly important. Warm-hued lights with more red colour tones create a rich and cosy atmosphere, whereas white lights with more blue tones create a cooler atmosphere that mimics a sunny day. To fit with the season, consider adding warm cosier light sources.



FOR SALE





6 TARAGOOLA ROAD, CALLIOPE 🚍 5 🚽 3 🔂 8 \$649,000

Centrally located home in Calliope on 4,047m2 block with dual street access. Immaculately maintained home with impressive shed, good hardstand areas, excellent access and loading facilities - an ideal opportunity for someone wanting to operate their business from home. Features include:

- Spacious 4 bedroom home oversized main with ensuite and huge WIR.
- Fully ducted air conditioning throughout, high ceilings and tinted windows
- Spacious tiled dining, living and kitchen area. Timber kitchen with walk in pantry, dishwasher and 700m wide built in oven
- Generous outdoor all weather entertaining area
- Home is set in established gardens with bore irrigation. Huge flat lawn area.
- High clearance 4 bay shed complete with air conditioned office/guest quarters with kitchenette/bathroom/laundry area. Shed includes mezzanine storage, additional annexe for parking and hardstand area. A loading ramp completes the package.

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FOR SALE



25 MARY STREET, CALLIOPE \$239,000 🚍 3 💾 1

Spacious 3 bedroom home in elevated location. 3 built in bedrooms. Large tiled lounge with fireplace, built in kitchen with dishwasher & pantry.

Kitchen open to dining, large laundry. Good sized main bathroom. Wrap around verandah and covered side patio perfect for the keen gardener.

Set on 728sqm terraced allotment with garden shed and fenced on 3 side with great side access and room for a larger shed.

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16 BRIDGEMAN PLACE, NEW AUCKLAND 🚍 4 🚽 2 🔂 2 \$335,000

Cul-de-sac location in an elevated position capturing the breezes. 803sqm block. Family friendly living, 4 bedrooms - main with WIR and ensuite, remaining 3 are built in. Separate lounge.

New carpets throughout. Combined air cond living, dining and kitchen. Kitchen includes corner pantry and dishwasher. Patio. Double lock up garage. Double side access and rustic decked entertaining area.

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622 CALLIOPE RIVER ROAD, WEST STOWE \$895,000 🚍 9 🚽 4 🗖 12

Unique opportunity offering 2 quality homes on 52.44ha in close proximity to Gladstone & Calliope and with excellent highway access. Front of the block is cleared and fenced into paddocks and the back offers amazing views and enviable sunsets!

MAIN RESIDENCE

- Qlder style home set on elevated located on the block
- 5 bedrooms + study. Main with WIR & ensuite
- Dual air cond living areas, high ceilings and wrap around verandahs
- Spacious kitchen with ample cupboards and massive walk in pantry
- Generous deck and covered parking for 5 cars. 2ND RESIDENCE
- Lowset 4 bedroom home set in landscaped gardens set approx. 600m from main house. Previously used as a successful AirBNB
- Good sized bedrooms all built in, main air conditioned
- Lovely side patio and double carport

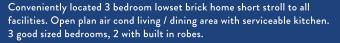
Property includes 6 covered containers with power and water, stables, numerous animal enclosures. There is a good bore and dam. This property is a great opportunity for extended families/ dual living or someone who wants to live in one and rent out the other for income. Inspect to appreciate this package!

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9 KYLEE CRESCENT, CALLIOPE 🚍 3 🚽 1 🔂 1

\$239,000 (OFFERS INVITED)



Bathroom with shower over bath, separate toilet. Laundry area. Fully fenced yard with garden shed for extra storage. Side carport providing all weather access to the home. Rear paved seating area and fully fenced.

Live in or rent out!

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24 CAPRICORNIA DRIVE, CALLIOPE 🚍 3 🚽 1 🔂 3 **REDUCED TO** \$285,000

Huge 3 bedroom home with multiple living and dining areas. Generous spaces throughout with spacious built in bedrooms, large laundry and bathroom, separate toilet. Covered entertaining areas, front courtyard area, paved drying yard and side & rear patio complete with built in pizza oven. Remote double lock up garage and older 6m x 6m shed at rear with power. All this on 1,113sqm terraced block.

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Local photographer touring nation FOR LATEST PROJECT

LOCAL GLADSTONE ART PHOTOGRAPHER WILLIAM DEBOIS IS PREPARING FOR A ROAD TRIP ALL ABOUT 'SACRIFICE'.

'SACRIFICE' is the title of William's latest portrait photography project, reflecting on the universal notion of sacrifice, be it big or small, life-affirming or limiting, tragic or slightly trivial.

Drawing inspiration from the classic format of the road trip, explored with great success by many influential photographers, Gladstone based photographer William Debois will capture portraits of regular Australians and collect their stories during a journey that will take him to 10 different towns from Melbourne to Gladstone, in February and March.

In each town, William will set up a ruggedlooking backdrop made out of an old military tarpaulin, approach bystanders and photograph them using a classic Hasselblad film camera. Each participant will be asked to share their answer to the question "what sacrifice have you made?". Using the central theme of sacrifice, the project aims to illustrate the diversity of lifestyles, values and aspirations that define the Australian Nation in 2021, and how the ongoing pandemic may have affected those characteristics.

William will demonstrate the skills involved in photographing SACRIFICE with 2 film photography workshops at Crow Street Creative which will cover selecting a camera, exposing black and white film, developing black and white film and digisting the resulting negatives on the 13th and 14th of February. All materials will be included.

William is calling for willing portrait subjects to register their interest in being photographed for the project through the following website www.williamdebois.photo

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Bowling alley rolling into Gladstone

GLADSTONE IS SET TO HAVE A BOWLING ALLEY ROLL IN THANKS TO A \$4 MILLION REDEVELOPMENT UPGRADE TO THE CITY'S CENTRAL LANE HOTEL.

This will be Gladstone's first bowling alley since the Bowling Centre at Gladstone-Bernaraby Rd closed in July 2012.

The new bowling alley will be licenced and located on the top floor of the Central Lane Hotel, making it a destination for the whole family to enjoy!

The ground floor of the establishment will be re-designed along with the current gaming area to accommodate the new lanes, with the kitchen/back of house area relocating downstairs. In addition, there will be a new outdoor bar area constructed along with a new car park, which will provide disabled access to the hotel, situated on the block next door.

The upgrade will have several positive outcomes for Gladstone, by creating a recreational activity within a licenced venue, through the focusing on local trade, increasing employment opportunities for locals, and establishing a family-friendly venue that is accessible across a broad age range from 9 to 90 years of age.

The renovations began in November 2020 and are expected to wrap up and open this April.

Tiny turtles hatch IN CENTRAL QLD

TURTLE NESTING SEEMS TO BE INCREASING ON OUR CQ BEACHES.

Ian Anderson is a Gladstone local doing his part for environmental conservation.

Ian was the recent team leader of the QLD Turtle Conservation Project on Wild Duck Island and also runs a volunteer group, Team Turtle CQ, which monitors turtle nests and hatchlings on the CQ coast.

Ian and three other volunteers recently spent two weeks on Wild Duck Island in December, monitoring the nests of Flatback turtles. The team then returned eight weeks later when the nests were due to hatch to record some data.

"We monitor the hatch rate of the nests. At the same time, we take measurements of the hatchlings and turtles, tagging the adults if they haven't already been tagged." Ian said.

This year over 4'500 hatchlings were recorded!

"This project is critically important for turtles and their conservation. We have a lot of things affecting the turtle population like climate change, urban development, artificial lights, and marine debris. So these projects are critically important for maintaining the species." Ian continued.

The team also monitors nests locally on Wild Cattle Island, Lilley's Beach and Curtis Island.

"We even had one nest that hatched on Australia Day right in front of the Tannum Sands Surf Club!" Ian said.

There's plenty the public can do to protect turtle nests and hatchlings. Particularly on Lilly's Beach where there is vehicle access, it's important for drivers to stay off the dunes, being aware that there could be turtle traffic and not interfering with the nest.

"If you see a track, a turtle or a sick/injured turtle give us a call! There is a hotline 1300 300 372 and we can get someone down there to help." Ian said.



STRONGER COMMUNITIES PROGRAM ROUND 6 NOW OPEN



THE STRONGER COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME SUPPORTS THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO DELIVER SOCIAL BENEFITS IN COMMUNITIES ACROSS AUSTRALIA.

The program intends to encourage and support participation in local projects, improve local community participation and contribute to vibrant and viable communities. Round 6 of the program will continue to support Australia's economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.



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For this special round, grant funding will be up to 100 per cent of eligible project costs except for local governing bodies where grant funding will be up to 50 per cent of eligible project costs.

To download an expression of interest form from www.kenodowd.com.au.

Open date: 19 Jan 2021 10:00 AM AEDT.

Close date: 22 Mar 2021 05:00 PM AEDT.



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Pictured Left to Right: Gladstone Community Fund Board Member Bob McCosker., MindCare Coordinator Dani Appleby, Gladstone Community Fund Board Member Karen Leinster, Casi Director and former Executive officer for Here for Gladstone Michelle Coats.

First of its kind mental health facility LAUNCHES IN GLADSTONE

GLADSTONE'S FIRST DEDICATED HUB TO HELP PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH AND ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ISSUES LAUNCHED THIS WEEK IN THE CBD.

Located at 147 Goondoon Street, Gladstone Mindcare offers a community space for locals to seek expert advice and up-to-date information, learn more, and connect with each other.

It is also a space of collaboration for service providers who provide mental health and wellbeing support to the Gladstone community.

Gladstone Mindcare Co-Ordinator Dani Appleby said years of research and collaboration underpinned this week's



launch, "There has been a groundswell of support for this service delivery model from all corners of Gladstone. As a local team, we bring together research, community leaders, and support services to work collaboratively on improving the wellbeing of the Gladstone community."

"Gladstone Mindcare is both an online resource and a physical place where people can come for help. It now should be easier to find out about the range of services available in the region from the one place. Everyone is welcome to drop in."

Gladstone Mindcare is proudly launched with the founding support of the Gladstone Foundation, Here for Gladstone (a partnership between Rio Tinto Yarwun, Boyne Smelters Limited and Queensland Alumina Limited), McCosker Contracting and many individual donors and volunteers.

Follow Gladstone Mindcare on Facebook, Instagram and www. gladstonemindcare.org.au to stay up to date on the latest events, forums and service offerings.

ESA Fire's new custombuilt website is live!

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With the consistent growth of online commerce, the team at ESA Fire recognised the opportunity to grow their business by renovating their website.

A spokesperson from ESA Fire said, "Our old website was so out of date, just as many other businesses we are constantly adapting and offering new and improved services. After going through the old site it was clear it was time for an update for the business but also to ensure it was a pleasant space for our clients and staff to visit when need be.

Clients can easily complete the form fill, which contacts us immediately not to mention the abundance of extra information on our products and services that are right there at a click of a button."

The website went live on January 22nd and was built by Elevate Media.

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MOURA COAL TRAIN AT BARNEY POINT

by Betty Laver

BY 1954, THIESS BROS (Q'LD) PTY LTD WERE PURSUING NEW COAL MARKETS BY OPENING THE MOURA-KIANGA AREA AND THEIR AIM WAS TO HAVE THEIR OWN COAL WHARF.

In the early 1960s, Thiess Brothers had formed an amalgamation with two huge coal companies, namely Peabody of America and Mitsui of Japan. In co-operation with the Queensland Government, a direct rail link from Gladstone to Moura was eventually constructed. The Gladstone Harbour Board took on the large task of levelling the hill at Barney Point, which took away tons of solid rock. They then built a wharf and reclaimed eighteen acres of previously tidal land to stockpile the coal. This wharf was also used for Murphyores.

The short line to Moura was officially opened on the weekend of 9th and 10th March 1968, along with the stockpiling and handling facility at Barney Point provided by Thiess-Peabody-Mitsui. About three hundred guests accepted the invitation and the Gladstone Harbour Board entertained them at a luncheon provided by the management and staff of the Queens Hotel.



Later, the Honourable Gordon Chalk MLA (later Sir Gordon Chalk) officially opened the Moura line at a function held at Barney Point and a plaque, affixed to a concrete column, was unveiled.

An evening dinner was held at the Queens Hotel and the Queensland Government provided for the guests. The Gladstone Town Council catered for the overflow in the Town Hall. A special air-conditioned train excursion was arranged on the Sunday for the express purpose of allowing the citizens of Gladstone to travel to Moura to see the giant excavator, the Marion Walking Dragline. This machine works on stripping off the overburden.

Photo from the Calliope River Historical Village

Image Courtesy of Ken Done, *Yellow beach II,* 2016

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