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what's on

FROM 11TH MARCH 2021

EVERY TUESDAY UNTIL MARCH 30

Art Play

When: Every Tuesday until March 30

Where: Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum

Cost: \$5/child

Get messy with your child and enjoy the benefits of art play!



14 MARCH

Yoga in the Park

When: Sunday, March 14 at 7 AM

Where: Peter's Play Park Tannum Sands

Cost: FREE (bookings required)

Try yoga in the Park with Imogene's Movement, Massage & Yoga (IMMY). IMMY classes are authentic, non-filtered and taught from the heart, leading to genuine connections to those who choose to attend. IMMY welcomes everyone with any level of experience - from the absolute beginner to the regular yogi.

21 MARCH

Rotary Markets

When: Sunday, March 21 at 7 AM

Where: Tondoon Botanic Gardens

Cost: FREE

Come along and see the beautiful Tondoon Botanic Gardens come alive with food, craft, fruit and vegetables and much more.

1 APRIL

Village Opening Party

When: Thursday, April 1 at 4 PM

Where: B2G Village • Cost: FREE

The perfect opportunity to kick-off the long weekend in style. Enjoy a refreshing beverage by the water, relaxing to the sounds of our resident DJ, Local Artists and celebrated band Funk N Stuff while gaining the first view of this amazing Village precinct.

22 APRIL

GEA Expo 2021

When: Thursday, April 22 at 8 AM

Where: Gladstone Entertainment and Convention Centre

Cost: Free Public Entry

The annual Supply Chain Expo is an 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 wider Gladstone Region community.

31 JULY

QCWA Mt Larcom Branch 90th Birthday -

Save the Date

When: July 31

Where: QCWA Mt Larcom Branch

Cost: N/A

Save the date for our 90th birthday! Street parade, light refreshments, cutting 90th birthday cake, QCWA history and memorabilia displays, dance at 7 pm.

15 AUGUST

GPC's Port to Park

When: Sunday, August 15

Where: East Shores, The Gladstone Marina and Spinnaker Park

Cost: N/A

Showcasing GPC's premier waterfront parklands as well as supporting local schools and community groups, the Port to Park FunD Run will see thousands of feet pound the pavement.



Fish Of The Month COMPETITION IS BACK!

For your chance to win a \$50 voucher from one of our local Fishing Shops, send a photo of yourself with your most recent catch with your name, where it was caught & the type of fish to sales@gladstonenews.com



EASTER IN GLADSTONE

You'll be *glad* you did



Celebrate Easter in Gladstone and holiday at home this Easter long weekend. Thursday, 1 April - Sunday, 4 April

Gladstone Regional Council's B2G Village



Kick off the Easter long weekend in an amazing harbour side setting, The B2G Village. Operating over four days and offering an array food, drinks and entertainment, there is sure to be something for everyone.

Thursday, 1 April - Sunday, 4 April
O'Connell Wharf, Flinders Parade, Gladstone

Village Opening



4pm-11.30pm, Thursday, 1 April,
B2G Village, O'Connell Wharf, Flinders Parade, Gladstone
Free Event

Gladstone Harbour Festival



Gladstone Marina will be buzzing with excitement for the annual Gladstone Harbour Festival. The event will be jam-packed with fantastic free entertainment, thrilling rides, all the fun of sideshow alley, free kids activities, hilarious novelty events, spectacular fireworks displays and much more!

Thursday, 1 April - Sunday, 4 April
Gladstone Marina, 98 Bryan Jordan Drive Gladstone
Free Event

Sculptures by Gladstone Harbour



Whether you're an art enthusiast or passionate about our waterways and harbour, take time to explore the exciting new marine debris sculpture display which aims to increase awareness of the impact of marine debris.

Thursday, 1 April - Sunday, 2 May
Gladstone Harbour Festival and Boyne Tannum Hook Up
Free Event

Accommodation packages available!
For more information visit www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/easter

73rd Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race Livestream



It has never been easier to watch the start of Gladstone Ports Corporation's Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race and follow the action all the way through to Gladstone. Whether you are on the water, standing on shore or watching the world leading

live streaming of the Race you will not miss a second of the action. The live streaming is proudly brought to you by Gladstone Regional Council. Watch the livestream at www.brisbanetogladstone.com

Sunday, 2 April
Gladstone Marina Parklands,
98 Bryan Jordan Drive, Gladstone
Free Event

Yachtsman's Long Lunch THIS EVENT IS 18+ ONLY.



This event has it all, amazing local seafood paired with award winning wines, keynote speakers, live music and a spectacular vantage point by the water all while watching the Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race Live Stream.

Booking required. Call GECC on 4972 2822 or purchase online at www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/easter

11am-3pm, Friday, 2 April
B2G Village, O'Connell Wharf, Flinders Parade, Gladstone
\$180pp - booking required

Seafood Festival



The Seafood Festival is tailored towards families, with live music, children's activities, numerous displays, licensed bars and an array of seafood prepared in a multitude of ways.

10am-10pm, Saturday, 3 April
B2G Village, O'Connell Wharf, Flinders Parade, Gladstone
Free Event

Line Crossing Party THIS EVENT IS 18+ ONLY.



Yachties and spectators from across Australia will wait in anticipation to see who will take out the 2021 B2G Yacht Race. The mood will be set with our Resident DJ and crowd favourite The Russ Walker Band performing on stage, multiple bars and take-away food stalls in operation throughout the celebrations.

2pm-11pm, Sunday, 4 April
B2G Village, O'Connell Wharf, Flinders Parade, Gladstone
Free Event

Live Music at Gladstone Yacht Club Restaurant & Bar



Unwind in a relaxed atmosphere with a wonderful view over Gladstone Harbour.

3pm-late, Sunday, 4 April
Gladstone Yacht Club,
1 Goondoon Street,
Gladstone
Free Event



Gladstone Maritime Museum

Various times, 1-5 April
1 Francis Ward Drive, Auckland Point,
Gladstone



Harbour Festival Fun Run

7am, Friday 2 April
East Shores Precinct, Gladstone



Gladstone Orchid & Foliage Society Inc Display

9am-4pm, 2-4 April
Bill Roberson Toyota,
80-84 Hanson Road, Gladstone

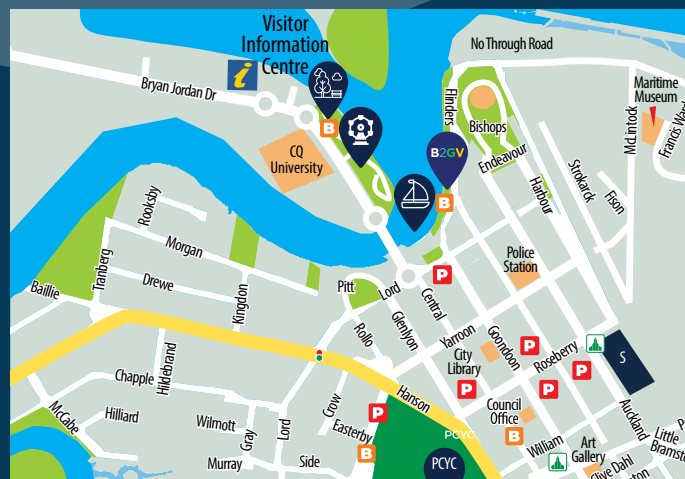


Beach Arts Music (BAM Markets)

2pm-7pm, Saturday, 3 April
Millennium Esplanade, Tannum Sands

Free shuttle bus service available

6pm - 10pm, Thursday 1 April
10am - 10pm, Saturday 3 April
2pm - 10pm, Sunday 4 April



KEY INFORMATION

- Gladstone Harbour Festival
- B2G Village
- GPC Marina Parklands
- 73rd Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race
- Parking
- Shuttle Bus Pick Up Stop
PCYC (stop at entrance)
Harbour Festival
Cnr Goondoon and Lord Street (Lady Nelson Park)
GRC Carpark - Central Lane
- Gladstone PCYC

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GLADSTONE NEWS *celebrates 200 Editions*

GLADSTONE NEWS IS CELEBRATING 200 EDITIONS OF INFORMING THE COMMUNITY.

Founded in 2002, Gladstone News was started from scratch by Bill, Liz, Erin & James Robertson, with the first edition being printed in March 2002.

During that time, current Gladstone Mayor Matt Burnett worked at Gladstone News as a journalist.

"It was a small team working in cramped conditions, we all have great memories of creating a local newspaper. We are very grateful for his contribution." James Robertson said.

When asked what inspired the establishment of Gladstone News, James said,

"We thought there was an opportunity

to tell local stories in a positive way, and to provide affordable advertising for local businesses."

James continued expressing Gladstone News' importance to the local community,

"You can't have a sense of community if you don't know what's going on around you. Gladstone News lets locals know what is going on and enables them to participate in local activities. It enables local businesses to attract more local customers thereby improving the goods and services available in town. The benefits of supporting local businesses like Gladstone News are significant, it means more local jobs."

At the end of 2015, the Robertson family made the hard decision to sell Gladstone News to reinvent the paper in a sustainable format.

"We have lots of fond memories. We appreciate the contributions many staff members made during the 14 years we published the paper. Staff meetings were usually full of laughs and we are very grateful for all our dedicated readers." James concluded.

Currently, Gladstone News & Elevate Media is owned and operated by Ashleigh Kvitko.

"Gladstone unexpectedly became home to me and is where I met my now-husband, we built our first home and have a beautiful little girl. Recreationally we spend much of our downtime at Awoonga Dam, East Shores and my husband is an avid shooter so spends many a weekend at the Raglan shooting club and clay target shooting." Ashleigh said.

"Owning Gladstone News is a privilege and responsibility and that in itself is my motivator. As highlighted by the recent news blackout we see negative news, bad press and false 'stories' in our feeds and newspapers daily and the intention of Gladstone News is to consistently and accurately fill our lives with all of the good around us." Ashleigh said.

Gladstone News is the region's only print publication providing good news stories and community information. Ashleigh recently expanded the publication to include a real estate section and permanent sports feature.

When asked what has been the highlight of owning Gladstone News Ashleigh said,

"Seeing my staff grow and evolve in their roles, I love seeing the passion my team have in putting each edition together, I love hearing that our stories have highlighted a superstar in our community and I especially love walking into a small business and seeing the front cover they featured on proudly displayed for all to celebrate."

In the future, Ashleigh said she sees a digital heavy publication and an even bigger print volume for our region.

GPC STEPS OUT WITH NEW LOOK FUN(D) RUN FOR 2021



THE PORT CITY'S FAVOURITE FUN RUN IS BACK FOR 2021, WITH GLADSTONE PORTS CORPORATION (GPC) UNVEILING ITS NEW-LOOK COMMUNITY EVENT – THE PORT TO PARK FUN D RUN.

Showcasing GPC's picturesque waterfront parklands as well as supporting local schools and community groups, the Port to Park FunD Run will see thousands of feet pound the pavement on Sunday, 15 August 2021.



The event has hit the ground running with platinum sponsor Santos GLNG coming on board to help GPC drive the new event.

GPC's FunD run initiative, previously known as the Botanic to Bridge, has raised more than \$240,000 for local schools since its inception and injected \$415,000 into the Gladstone community since 2010.

The new name, Port to Park also showcases two brand new course routes and an event t-shirt, which will be unveiled soon.

There will be two race events for participants to choose from including the 9-kilometre Koongo Dash and the 4-kilometre Yallarm Family Run.

Both race names recognise the language of the Traditional Owners of the land - the Bailai and Gooreng Gooreng nations.

Through the Port to Park FunD Run, GPC will support a local community group with \$20,000 to assist them with a major community project.

The event will also get kids moving and support schools with every school registration raising funds for new sporting equipment and resources.

Acting CEO Craig Walker said the Port to Park FunD Run will capture community spirit.

"We've been looking forward to revealing the event name to the public and we know it'll be a big one to look forward to on the community calendar for 2021," Mr Walker said.

Applications for the 2021 community beneficiary will open later in the year while event registrations will open in May 2021.



Join us on Sunday 15th August 2021

for Gladstone Ports
Corporation's
Port To Park FunD run





EQIP GLADSTONE'S AWARD-WINNING **SKILLS CENTRE PROGRAM LOOKS FOR NEW FACILITY**

EQIP (EDUCATION QUEENSLAND INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIP) IS A NON-PROFIT WORLD CLASS INITIATIVE, PROVIDING A CENTRAL POINT OF CONTACT TO FACILITATE COLLABORATION BETWEEN EDUCATION QUEENSLAND, LOCAL COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS, BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY TO PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES AND CAREER PATHWAYS FOR STUDENTS IN GLADSTONE REGION.

The combined goal is to retain the next generation workforce and support the economic development of the Gladstone region.

EQIP currently oversee seven Authentic Workplace Learning Programs based on business and industry sites around the Gladstone Region, as well as facilitating a Work Experience Service on behalf of eight schools.

EQIP's flagship program – The Engineering Skills Centre (EESC), was one of the first to commence back in 2003 as a partnership between Education

Queensland and NRG Power Station. The program has seen over 770 local school students through its doors throughout this time. The program recruits 30 new students annually for the two-year program where students complete a Certificate II in Engineering Pathways in a real industry setting on site at NRG. EESC boasts an impeccable success rate of 85% of students achieving apprenticeships after their graduation. EESC students are highly sought after by local employers, and it would be difficult to find a trade business in Gladstone who has not recruited a Skills Centre student.

The success of the EESC program can be attributed to the strong collaboration between schools, business and industry, including Rio Tinto, NRG, Gladstone Ports Corporation Ltd, Ergon and Cement Australia.

Students have access to two workshops with industry standard manufacturing equipment such as milling machines, lathes, guillotines, welders etc (most of which has been donated by local industry). This facility provides students a real work environment that is not emulated in a school setting, it encourages maturity, growth and an appreciation of various trade pathways, as well as industry safety standards - before commencing an apprenticeship.

After 18 years of successfully operating the Skills Centre on site at the NRG power station, the building is nearing the end of its life expectancy and will be unable to accommodate EQIP students for much longer. As such, EQIP is in search of a new partnership, to host this award-winning program from 2022, and to be a part of its ongoing success.

EQIP is currently looking to make contact with local business and industry within Gladstone, to discuss the future of the program and potential opportunities available for a transition to a new authentic workplace environment.

Organisations interested in speaking more about this opportunity are encouraged to phone EQIP's Operations Manager Nicole Allison on 0418 745 848.



Contact Nicole Allison P 0418 745 848 E nalli0@eq.edu.au



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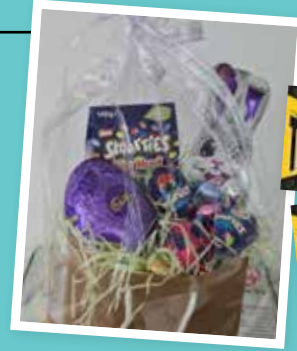
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2nd Prize includes a 168 Piece Colouring in Art Studio & Cadbury Easter Eggs

3rd Prize includes a 168 Piece Colouring in Art Studio & Cadbury Easter Eggs

For your chance to win: colour in, fill in your details and drop off to Gladstone News at Shop 12, 100 Goondoon Street, Gladstone. Competition starts 11th of March and drawn on the 29 of March 2021.

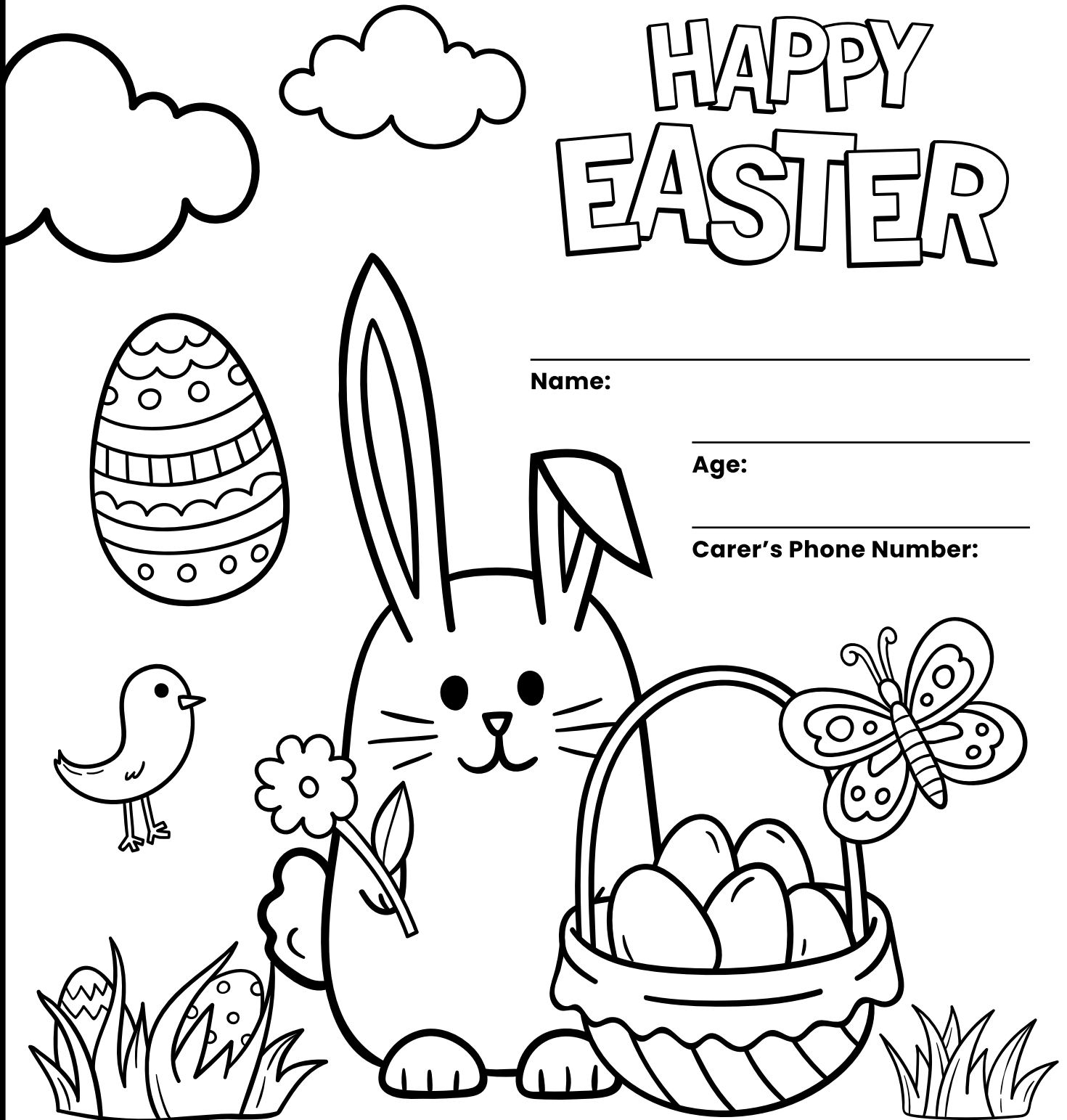


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Through Here for Gladstone, our three operations have joined forces to improve the livelihoods and welfare of the region.

Here for Gladstone represents the locals we employ, the suppliers we engage, the work we do to tackle social issues such as mental health and domestic violence, the events we sponsor and the formal community programs we develop to help Gladstone grow.

In 2019, our three aluminium and alumina operating sites spent more than a half a billion dollars (\$531 million) on local suppliers, employed more than 2,600 Gladstone residents full time and engaged more than 1,100 contractors. The sites collectively employed 95 local apprentices and trainees and spent more than \$700,000 on community investment programs and sponsorships.

We currently run three flagship programs under Here for Gladstone. Innov8or, which launched in August 2020, is a 24-week training, mentoring and development program designed to accelerate innovations from concept to

commercialisation. Eight of Gladstone's finest fledgling innovators were selected for Startup Gladstone's inaugural Innov8ors program. Here for Gladstone provided the founding funding of \$80,000 a year to see the program develop, with all three operating sites providing mentors in niche fields such as robotics, drone technology, digital development and artificial intelligence. Building on this, Innov8ors has just launched the Youth Innov8ors program through Gladstone State High School.

MindCare, a new joint project delivered by Here for Gladstone and Gladstone Foundation, is an integrated mental health hub developed to improve access to and information on mental health support and services.

Finally, our business "boot camp", Here for Business, provides coaching and no-interest loans for new and established businesses in Gladstone. The program helps business owners from a range of industries learn the fundamentals of business success, including developing business plans, exploring marketing strategies, financial management discipline and risk assessments. Since the program was established in late 2017, 23 businesses have gone through the 12-month mentoring program, and we have invested more than \$670,000 in micro loans. These businesses have created more than 74 new local jobs.

These formal community programs are governed by an Advisory Board of community leaders and industry experts.

On top of our original investment, we made additional contributions during 2020 to help our communities recover from COVID-19.

We made a \$1.25 million commitment over five years to the Royal Flying Doctor Service (Queensland Section) to improve emergency and remotely delivered health care services across regional Queensland. The partnership funds the maintenance of the patient transfer facility in Gladstone and contributed to the construction of a world-class Aeromedical Retrieval Simulation Hub in Bundaberg.

We contributed \$80,000 to Gladstone's Not-For-Profit House (NFP House) to launch a program to help local charities and other NFP organisations recover from the impacts of COVID-19 restrictions.

We also donated \$24,000 to help seven local schools transition back to school after learning from home, and also hosted business continuity workshops to coach businesses to get back on their feet.

Here for Gladstone contributes to many organisations that aim to improve the daily lives of the Gladstone community, such as employment, economic diversification, health services, mental health support and family and domestic violence support.

A 'Here for Gladstone' Facebook page, has just been launched, allowing us to unearth the stories of the people we support, be it small business owners through Here for Business, a local supplier who has won a big contract, or a new apprentice intake.

Our new Facebook presence gives us the opportunity to engage with our community, and for the community to get to know Here for Gladstone and the work we do a whole lot better.

Together, Rio Tinto Yarwun, Boyne Smelters Limited and Queensland Alumina Limited are the largest employers and economic contributors to the region, directly employing more than 2,600 men and women who call Gladstone home. We recognise our business's success is so much more than commercial - it's about being embedded in and valued members of our community.

 **Here for Gladstone**
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Gladstone**



Hanna Jones from North Ipswich
Artwork title: Salad,
Age: 16



YOUTH WEEK, 10-18 APRIL

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New Wi-fi Trial Keeps Seafarer Families Connected

AN EXTRAORDINARY NEW COMMUNICATIONS TOOL HAS LANDED ABOARD A SHIP OFF GLADSTONE WHICH BETTER CONNECTS SEAFARERS WITH THEIR LOVED ONES.

Looking more like a large suitcase than a portable Wi-Fi hotspot, Maritime Safety Queensland (MSQ) teamed up with Telstra, Insite Communications, the Port Welfare Committee and not-for-profit Gladstone Seafarers Centre's to trial the Wi-Fi units.

With the assistance of Gladstone Ports Corporation (GPC) the Wi-Fi unit, which is the first of its kind in Queensland, will be utilised aboard vessels at anchorage.

Gladstone Seafarers Centre General Manager Jess Mullhall said this vital service would enable Seafarers on-board to have much-needed communications with loved ones.

"Seafarers spend long periods of time at sea and away from home, this project which has been three years in the making will now allow them to call home once they reach us here in Gladstone," Ms Mullhall said. "The joint project between MSQ, Telstra, Insite Communications, the Port Welfare Committee and the Gladstone Seafarers centre, with the support of GPC, will undergo a six-month trial, our hope is to see this implemented permanently."

If the trial proves successful, it could be rolled out to other Queensland ports through not-for-profit Seafarer Centres. GPC Acting CEO Craig Walker said their pilots and transfer crews are playing a central role in supporting the trial program.

"Our crews will assist with the drop-off of the Wi-Fi box to vessels out at anchorage," Mr Walker said.

"Our Gladstone Marine Pilot Services crews are internationally recognised for their efficiency and safety.

"At GPC we are home to a professional and dedicated team of pilots who will be supporting the program," he said. "We have strong and trusting relationships with our customers and are pleased to be helping their crews at this crucial time when they are away from their families for so long."

Legally Blonde the musical wraps up!

LEGALLY BLONDE THE MUSICAL WRAPPED UP PRODUCTION LAST FRIDAY, WITH THE CAST AND CREW PERFORMING 5 SHOWS OVER TWO WEEKENDS, BEGINNING ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25.

Gladstone Entertainment and Convention Centre Production Manager Felicity Barker describe the show as, "A modern-day musical with a very difficult score and it is just very fun! It's not heavy, it's really light-hearted, it's fluffy, it's pink and it's fabulous!"

The cast and crew diligently rehearsed, practising every 'bend and snap' twice a week since last August.

When Hannah McMillan found out she was playing lead Elle Woods she said, "It was so exciting, but also a little bit daunting! Elle is an iconic character and it was a big job to try step into the shoes that had been trailblazed by the likes of Reese Witherspoon and Laura Bell Bundy."

When asked what was the highlight of the experience Hannah continued, "It is almost impossible to pick one favourite moment from my experience of the musical, but the opening night would have to be one of the best. Being in Elle's full costume and makeup, the cast and crew's excitement backstage, and the energy and responses from the audience really sent our adrenaline skyrocketing - there is nothing that can compare to that experience!"

Leeanne Katsanevas who played the supporting lead role of 'Pilar' (one of Elle's best friends) said,

"Will never forget my Legally Blonde journey - doing something like this you meet such lovely & fun people. Even though we volunteer our time, everyone is 100% committed and the genuine love for the stage and this show shone through not only in our performances but in the awesome bond we formed! I would recommend auditioning/volunteering for these shows to anyone - we have a fabulous, warm and welcoming stage/theatre community in Gladstone."

If you missed out on catching Legally Blonde The Musical be sure to purchase your tickets early for the yet to be announced combined schools musical in 2022.



GLADSTONE AREA WATER BOARD CELEBRATES WORLD WATER

OUR INTERNATIONAL DAY TO CELEBRATE FRESHWATER, WORLD WATER DAY, IS ON 22 MARCH EACH YEAR.

The purpose of World Water Day is to focus attention on the importance of water security and to advocate for the sustainable management of all freshwater resources.

Gladstone Area Water Board (GAWB) Chief Executive Officer Darren Barlow said the theme for this year's World Water Day was 'Valuing Water' which aims to build a more comprehensive understanding of how and why people value water.

"For GAWB, World Water Day is also an opportunity to reflect on what we do: provide an essential service that promotes the economic development

and enhances the lifestyle of regional Queensland.

"Over the last two years, GAWB has sought to better understand how our customers, community and people value water and their views on water security planning in the Gladstone region.

"For us, every day is World Water Day and we need to continuously work in partnership with our customers and our community to create a shared vision for the region's water future.

"This World Water Day, I strongly encourage our entire community to reflect on not only why they value water but how they can contribute to the conservation of our region's most essential resource."



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WHEN IS WORLD WATER DAY?

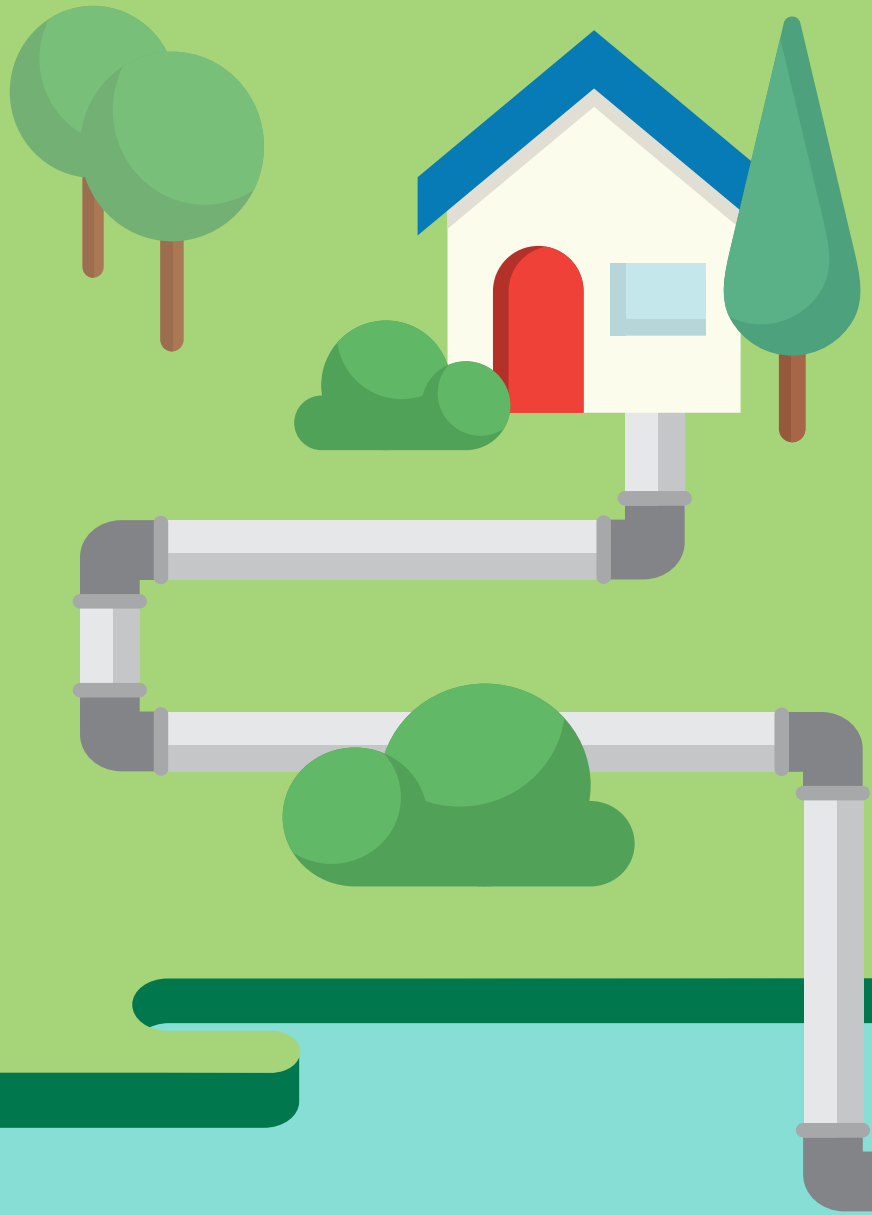
World Water Day is 22 March. The first one was in 1993.

WHAT IS WORLD WATER DAY?

World Water Day is an annual United Nations Observance focusing on the importance of freshwater.

WHAT IS THE AIM OF WORLD WATER DAY?

World Water Day celebrates water and raises awareness of the 2.2 billion people living without access to safe water. It is about taking action to tackle the global water crisis.



Check for
leaky toilets



Only run the
washing machine
when full



Check your
taps regularly



Install a water
saving shower head



Save your greywater
for the garden



**Gladstone Area
Water Board**

FOUR STUNNING *Interior Design Schemes*

WHEN IT COMES TO CREATING STUNNING INDOOR SPACES THAT STAND THE TEST OF TIME, THE KEY IS TO BALANCE DECORATIVE WITH PRACTICAL.

With four individual themes, these interiors are easy to adapt to any home.

Boutique Hotel

Arguably one of the most popular styles when it comes to interior design right now, the Boutique Hotel oozes luxury and elegance. This style has a lot of light and dark contrasts in colour with black, navy and fresh white to give it a sense of grandeur. This includes chevron pattern surfaces with silk-look wallpaper and elegant navy-blue tones that tie it all together.



Palm Springs

Inspired by sunshine and relaxation, this theme is all about easy living and modern design. Using colour, tiles, wallpaper, and a range of fittings, aim for a 'sense of colour and fun'.



Relaxed Bohemian

Boho style has been popular for decades. It's all about kicking back and chilling out. This is all about soft calm whites, natural textures, stone and timber that is more about creating a sensory lifestyle than a particular fixed design style.



Modernist Expression

Modern typically means crisp lines and simple colour palettes. Most modernist designs can feel hard with high contrasting elements but introducing textures of travertine and soft grey timbers is important to give a more personal feel. This is about taking influences of strong modern lines such as Art Deco, mid-century and 70s architecture and giving it a 21st-century influence with patterns and textures.



LOCATIONS ESTATE AGENTS 2021 AGENCY OF THE YEAR

LOCATIONS ESTATE AGENTS HAVE WON RATEMYAGENT'S 2021 AGENCY OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR GLADSTONE - TANNUM SANDS, NEW AUCKLAND & WEST GLADSTONE!

The Agency of the Year is awarded to the agency with the highest satisfaction rating across the country. The award celebrates and recognises real estate agents and agencies that provide truly excellent client service to home buyers, sellers and landlords.

Alicia Williams, Principal of LOCATIONS Estate Agents Gladstone, ranked #2 agent for Gladstone - Tannum Sands.

"Thank you to all of our clients for entrusting our team at LOCATIONS to achieve their real estate goals. I'd like to give a big shout out to our entire team who put in a huge amount of work behind the scenes to get it all done." Alicia said.

LOCATIONS Estate Agents would like to thank everyone who voted and gave the agency a five-star review!

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Alicia Williams
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Located just off the coast of Curtis Island and 15-minutes from the Gladstone Harbour, Compigne Island is not to be missed.

Compigne Island is a large 60-acre freehold property with all the amenities you need to live, rent or create your own luxury airbnb experience.

Featuring an array of beaches &

woodlands, a house with a swimming pool, water tanks & solar power, a boat ramp, a helicopter landing pad and two permanent glamping outdoor tents. Although Worthington Island sold for a record low price, unfortunately, we cannot say the same for this amazing property.

Compigne Island is to be listed in the coming weeks on Private Islands Online at a whopping \$3.75 million!

Despite the high price tag, the buyer of Compigne Island will have the opportunity to use it personally or commercially, making it a great investment opportunity. With all the established amenities on offer, the asking price is understandable.

If you're interested in purchasing Compigne Island keep an eye out on Private Islands Online or contact Mr Vanhoff on 0415 107 515.



Making the Most of Opportunities

While high school is a period in which students focus on preparing for higher education or entering the workforce, it's also a period of development. There are many ways that students can use their high school experience to develop the skills and knowledge they'll need for their future pursuits.

'Tannum Sands State High School (TSSHS) provides unique opportunities for students to engage and learn. We encourage growing cultural, athletic and community service experience through extracurricular activities. We also support senior schooling pathway options that allow students to improve their ATAR ranking and entry into university or the workforce', explained TSSHS principal, Mrs Heather Blessington.

TSSHS provides students with unique opportunities to engage in learning on-site with local industry partners. Senior students have the opportunity to complete Level II and III Certificates, for one day per week at the EBITS centre (located at Boyne Smelters LTD).

'The EBITS program is an excellent way for students to gain additional QCE points. This year we have 17 students in the Certificate II in Business class, 18 students in the Certificate III in Business class and 16 students studying the dual course of Certificate II in Tourism and Certificate II in Active Volunteering,' said Mrs Blessington.

Additionally, senior students have the option to enrol in several nationally recognised vocational education and training (VET) certificate courses.



The BSL Zenith Enrichment Program is a whole-school approach to enriching our students' educational experience; a program of Individualised Learning and Curriculum Support. Open to students who wish to augment their learning through participation in extracurricular opportunities - the program strives to create a culture that enhances students' well-being whilst catering for our gifted and talented students' academic needs.

Furthermore, at the end of this month, students will attend the Halogen conference in Brisbane. Halogen gathers potential leaders to be part of the National Young Leaders Day. This year our TSSHS school captains and student leaders will attend.

At TSSHS, we encourage students to make the most of every opportunity. Besides building skills within a specific discipline, extracurricular activities are great for developing leadership, general academic and life skills.





tide's of change

A STUNNING NEW MURAL HAS BEEN UNVEILED AT THE TANNUM SANDS SURF CLUB, BRINGING THE ESPLANADE ALIVE WITH COLOUR.

Tide's of Change, is a collaborative piece by local artists Katrina Elliot and Jarrod Beezley.

The mural combines Mr Beezley's local Indigenous art style of the Kabi Kabi and Bunjalung people with Ms Elliot's unique and colourful style.

Tide's of Change is Mr Beezley's debut mural and public art piece. Ms Elliot is known for her mural works, having painted a number of beautiful designs in the Gladstone Hospital.

"I am very passionate about art and health. I love being able to change a place so that people feel more comfortable and welcome." Katrina said. Inspiration for Tide's of Change came from local stories told to the artists, in particular from long-standing club members.

"The artwork depicts a timeline, a history in a way that people wouldn't normally get to see it. It acknowledges the people both past and present but also the history of Tannum Sands & the surf club."

The unveiling of the mural was followed by a multimedia presentation telling the story of the mural. A QR code has been placed on the plaque of the mural, allowing admirers to download the presentation and gain a deeper understanding of the piece.

"It's not just about the surf club and its history but also about the connection to place and people."

Be sure to head down to Tannum Sands Surf Club to view the latest installation and don't forget to scan the QR code to learn about the history of the area and the club.



CQ Capras Win Pre-season Challenge

THE CQ CAPRAS ARE CELEBRATING AFTER TAKING HOME A 22-POINT WIN OVER THE SUNSHINE COAST FALCONS AT THE PRE-SEASON CHALLENGE MATCH PLAYED AT GLADSTONE'S MARLEY BROWN OVAL ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27.

The CQ Capras held an 18-4 lead at the half time break before scoring another 14 more points during the second half taking home the win with a final score of 18-4.

It was a massive weekend of rugby league kicking off with a sports luncheon featuring special guest 'Raging Bull' Gordon Tallis and representatives from the Brisbane Bronco's, CQ Capras & the NRL Development Staff holding a free kids coaching clinic before the match.

The Mal Meninga under 18's and the Hastings Deering under 21's also played on the day. But unfortunately, they were not as successful as their open age counterparts, with the Sunshine Coast Falcons taking home a 22-4 win in the Hastings Deering Colts and the Mal Meninga Cup ending in an enthralling 16-16 draw.

The official rugby league season begins on the 20th of March, be sure to head to the CQ Capras Facebook page to get the latest fixtures and find out when they're playing near you!



BILL ROBERTSON TOYOTA *Drives Local AFL Club*

BILL ROBERTSON TOYOTA IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THEIR RENEWED NAMING RIGHTS DEAL WITH THE GLADSTONE AFL CLUB, KNOWN AS THE BILL ROBERTSON TOYOTA GLADSTONE SUNS.

This is the third year the local car dealer has supported the club and is looking forward to helping drive the Club forward during the 2021 season.

Bill Robertson Toyota Dealer Principal, James Robertson said, "We admire the Suns long-term involvement in our community and the strong focus they have with their junior and senior men's and women's teams. We've seen great growth especially in the women's teams over the past couple of years and appreciate all they are doing to in moving forward and so for the first time this year we've also committed to additional sponsorship support dedicated to the women's teams."

"Their commitment to our community, their school programs and their goals as a Club all align with our 'We Love Locals' motto. The Club and Bill Robertson Toyota were both established in 1972 so we've both been working for Gladstone for a long time."

Toyota Australia is a major sponsor for the AFL nationally and is a big driver of fundraising for local AFL Clubs across Australia with their "Good for Footy" program.

Bill Robertson Toyota Gladstone Suns President, Leasa Hincks said, "The Bill Robertson Toyota Gladstone Suns, are excited about the opportunities the Bill Robertson Toyota partnership provides."

"We're proud to announce the re-appointment of Shaun Stone to the Senior Coaching Role for 2021. Shaun has a rich AFL history as a Player, Coach and as an AFL employee, and is passionate about teaching the game to others."

"Highlights from Shaun's playing career include 4 x Best and Fairest awards and Team of the Century for Surfers Paradise Demons in the Gold Coast AFL League and 6 senior premierships. Shaun spent 12 years working for AFL QLD where he was heavily involved in the development of Australian Rules Football across QLD."

"We are excited to have Shaun as the Bill Robertson Toyota Gladstone Suns Senior Coach again for 2021 to continue the journey towards a successful club and positive culture."

New and existing junior and senior, men's and women's players are encouraged to sign up for the 2021 season with the first games kicking off in April.

Pink Stumps Day **AT GSHS**

STUDENTS FROM GLADSTONE STATE HIGH SCHOOL HOSTED A PINK STUMPS DAY ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26.

During the lunch breaks, year 12 students seized the opportunity to bowl bouncers at their teachers, in a classic staff versus student cricket match.

Pink Stumps Day is an annual event organised by the McGrath Foundation for cricket clubs & teams, schools and workplaces to come together, turn their cricket game pink, have fun and fundraise for the McGrath Foundation - all while showing support for people in the community experiencing breast cancer.

The McGrath Foundation raises money to fund McGrath Breast Care Nurses who provide invaluable support and care to women and men experiencing breast cancer.

Gladstone State High School students were encouraged to wear a pink shirt on the day in exchange for a gold coin donation to the McGrath Foundation.



NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING & VIOLENCE

THE NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE (NDA) IS AUSTRALIA'S KEY ANTI-BULLYING CAMPAIGN FOR SCHOOLS.

It supports schools to work with their school communities to find practical and lasting solutions to bullying and violence. This school-focused campaign is held annually on the third Friday in March.

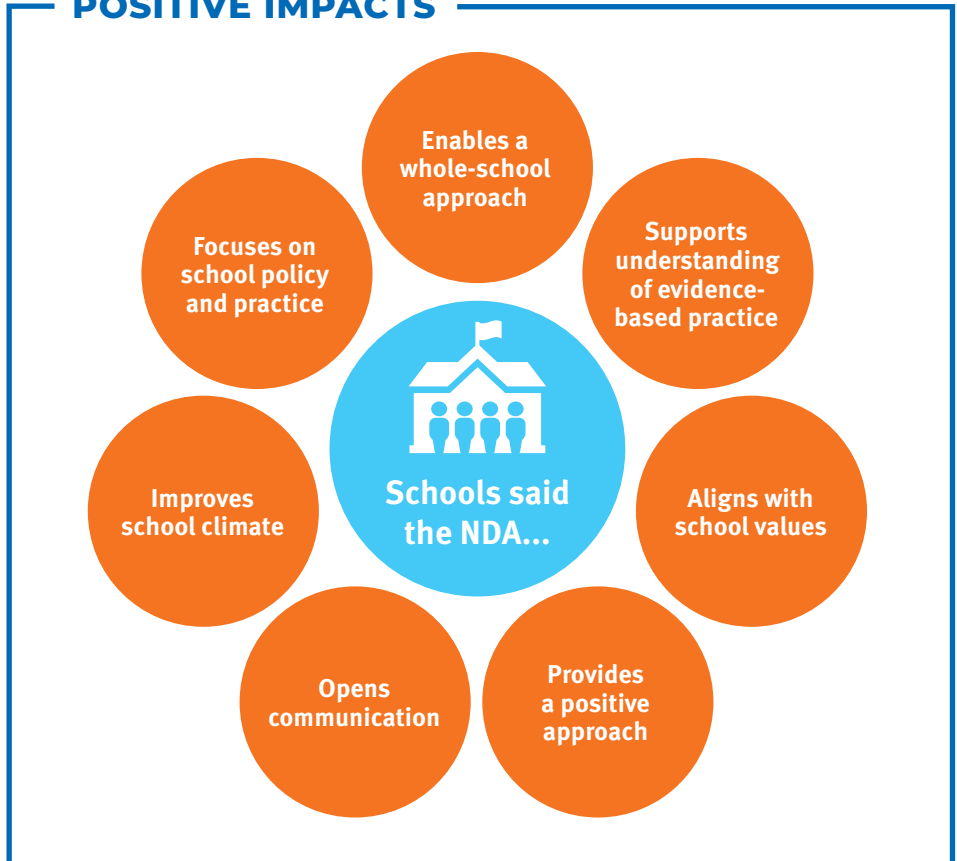
The Shape the Future of the NDA survey was undertaken to identify whether the NDA contributes to change in schools. The survey of over 200 schools showed positive impacts which increased in schools with longer involvement with the NDA.

Of the schools with more than five years NDA involvement many reported positive changes for students including:

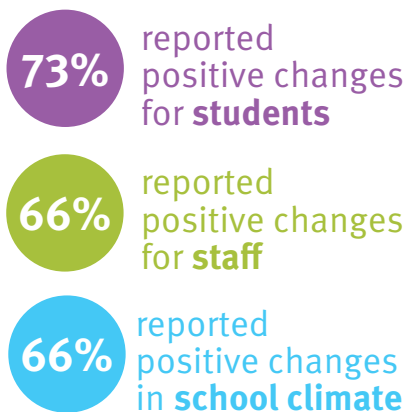
- greater understanding of what is bullying
- greater understanding of the importance of proactive bystander behaviours
- knowledge of what to do if bullied
- increased reporting of bullying
- a common language to use
- more positive relationships with other students and staff.

If you would like your school to become involved in the NDA, visit www.bullyingnoway.gov.au.

POSITIVE IMPACTS



OF THE SCHOOLS WITH MORE THAN FIVE YEARS NDA INVOLVEMENT:



WHAT SCHOOLS HAVE SAID:

"In participating in the NDA ... we are approaching bullying as a whole school community ... It sets this as a priority for our school and a tone for the year."

"We wanted to help students to understand bullying and talk about it ... which then would open the doors for families and the community to talk about bullying also."

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MT LARCOM OFFICIALLY ONE OF THE *best grey nomad experiences*

A LOCAL CARAVAN PARK HAS BEEN NAMED A FINALIST IN THE NATIONAL GREY NOMAD AWARDS, FURTHER CEMENTING THE GLADSTONE REGION'S REPUTATION AS A BUCKET LIST DESTINATION FOR MATURE AGE TOURISTS.

The Mt Larcom Tourist Park has been shortlisted in the 2020

Best Grey Nomad Small Caravan Park category.

Awards Director, Kim Morgan, said the Grey Nomad Awards provide vital, credible information to mature-age travellers while supporting positive aging through soft adventure and social inclusion.

"The COVID situation has meant that some older Australians felt uneasy about travelling in 2020, with health and safety becoming an even greater factor in their decision making," she said.

"That is why the Grey Nomad Awards' criteria focussed on the actions that tourism operators, caravan parks and unique campgrounds like Mt Larcom Tourist Park took to make the lives of grey nomads happier, healthier and safer," Ms Morgan said.

Ms Morgan said that with a 31% decline in overnight trips within Australia for the year to September 2020 compared to the same period to September 2019[^], it is even more important that mature-age Australians have somewhere to turn that inspires and encourages them to travel.

"Tourism is pivotal to many regional economies, with money from visitors supporting local businesses and generating employment," she said.

The judges commented on how they loved the quirky aspects of the caravan park, which has a purpose-built sunrise viewpoint that boasts 'The Big Picture Frame' which perfectly frames Mt Larcom in the distance, retro-themed shower curtains that are a real talking point, cheeky hen and rooster murals identifying the amenities entrances, a shabby-chic book swap corner, a sunrise over Mt Larcom mural, and an Australia map in the camp kitchen where grey nomads are encouraged to "pin their home" on the map as a conversation starter.



Image Courtesy of Ken Done,
Yellow beach II, 2016

Expressions of Interest

Are you an artist or creative looking to exhibit with Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum?

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BENEFICIARIES NAMED FOR 2021 Santos GLNG Mayor's Charity Ball

REGION MAYOR MATT BURNETT HAS TODAY ANNOUNCED FOUR WORTHY ORGANISATIONS AS THE BENEFICIARIES OF THE 2021 SANTOS GLNG MAYOR'S CHARITY BALL.

Held biennially, this gala event brings the community together to raise funds for local community beneficiaries. This year's beneficiaries are:

- Gladstone Mindcare
- Nhulundu Health Service
- Roseberry Queensland Gladstone Branch
- Zonta Club of Gladstone

The 2021 Santos GLNG Mayor's Charity Ball will be held on Saturday 29 May at the Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre (GECC) with tickets on sale from 9 am on 1 March, including an early bird special for the month of March.

Designed around the theme 'Starry Night', Mayor Burnett said this year's Santos GLNG Mayor's Charity Ball is set to be a night to remember.

"This is a fantastic event that brings the community together to experience a gala evening of food, wine, music and dancing, all the while fundraising for local charities," Cr Burnett said. "There will be entertainment from one of Brisbane's top cover groups Hamilton Band, who will be supported by local musicians, while attendees can enjoy a three-course meal, silent auctions, live auctions and much more."

"Most importantly, the night is all about raising vital funds for four very worthy local organisations, who were chosen after consultation with the Mayor's Ball committee."

Mayor Burnett said the Santos GLNG Mayor's Charity Ball has raised nearly \$400,000 for local charities and organisations since 2013.

"This event has collectively raised \$591,801 since 2013, with Santos GLNG generously sponsoring the Mayor's Charity Ball since that time. I know the Council's Events and Entertainment Team will do a fantastic job to ensure the event is a memorable night for all attendees."

Visit www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/mayors-charity-ball for more information about the 2021 Santos GLNG Mayor's Charity Ball.



thai beef salad

THIS AROMATIC ASIAN SALAD COMBINES LEMONY-FLAVOURED CORIANDER LEAVES WITH COOL CUCUMBER, REFRESHING MINT AND RARE BEEF.

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 1 garlic clove, crushed
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped palm sugar
- 1 tablespoon fish sauce
- 2 teaspoons sesame oil
- 1 teaspoon soy sauce
- 2 teaspoons finely grated fresh ginger
- 1 (about 680g) beef rump steak
- 1 x 200g packet grape tomatoes, quartered
- 1 continental cucumber, halved lengthways, thinly sliced diagonally
- 1 red onion, halved, cut into thin wedges
- 2 long fresh red chillies, halved, deseeded, thinly sliced lengthways
- 1 bunch fresh mint, leaves picked, large leaves torn
- 1 bunch fresh coriander, leaves picked
- 1 bunch fresh Thai basil, leaves picked, large leaves torn
- 55g (1/3 cup) toasted peanuts, coarsely chopped
- 4 kaffir lime leaves, centre veins removed, finely shredded

Method

Whisk together lime juice, garlic, fish sauce, sesame oil, soy sauce, ginger and palm sugar in a jug. Place the steak in a glass or ceramic dish. Drizzle with half the dressing.

Cover with plastic wrap and place in the fridge, turning occasionally, for 2 hours to develop the flavours.

Preheat a barbecue grill or chargrill pan on high. Cook steak on the grill for 2-3 minutes on each side for medium or until cooked to your liking. Transfer to a plate. Cover with foil and set aside for 10 minutes to rest.

Place the tomato, cucumber, onion, chilli, mint, coriander, basil, peanuts and lime leaves in a large bowl. Thinly slice steak across the grain and add to the salad. Drizzle with remaining dressing and gently toss to combine. Divide salad among bowls and serve immediately.

Source: <https://www.taste.com.au/recipes/thai-beef-salad-2/a25475db-fd3c-4424-8dao-99b5b5486504>

ACTION AT FRY PARK

RUGBY LEAGUE GROUNDS IN 1953

by Betty Laver

IN 1950 THE PORT CURTIS RUGBY LEAGUE COMPETITION CONSISTED OF THREE CLUBS AND THESE WERE VALLEYS, WALLABIES AND WESTERN SUBURBS.

At this time, it was decided that independent headquarters were needed for the league, instead of sharing the showgrounds with other sports. The Gladstone Rugby League committee found land on the corner of Dawson Road and Glenlyon Street that they could lease from the Gladstone Town Council and this was an ideal spot for the league at that time.

The dressing sheds from the showgrounds were shifted over to the new grounds by Marley Brown who carried it over piece by piece. The

League's new home was called Fry Park (Later Rigby Park Hockey Fields) and was opened on 15th April 1951. It was named after Alfred Stroud Fry who was a great lover of sport and a former alderman of the town. It was not until the Annual General Meeting on 26th February 1952 that the Port Curtis Amateur Rugby League changed its name to Gladstone Rugby League.

The positioning of Fry Park caused untold problems during the games as it was common for the ball-boys to have to retrieve the footballs from off the roads or over on the tennis courts.

After they had been playing on Fry Park for a time, the Valley Club built a new dressing shed to relieve a little of the congestion in this area. With the

construction of a new jailhouse at the police station, the old ones were acquired by the Gladstone Rugby League and shifted to Fry Park to use as an office, change room for referees and a meeting room.

Seating became a problem with the wooden stands ready to fall apart. Wests Club stepped in for these work and erected substantial stands for the grounds. This was at a time when Gladstonites, loved, ate, and drank rugby league and Splinter Hamilton was at the gate every Sunday selling tickets. George Walker was the timekeeper, who rang the bell for half and full time, and Jimmy Lewola, with his theatrical knowledge, manned the PA system.



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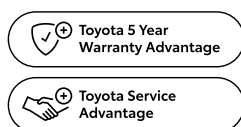
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