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1 APRIL

Gladstone Harbour Festival Starts
When: April 1st at 6 PM - April 4th
Where: Gladstone Marina
Cost: FREE

Gladstone Harbour Festival's program will boast fantastic free live entertainment, thrilling rides, all the fun of sideshow alley, free activities for the kids, spectacular fireworks displays, hilarious novelty events and much more!

2-5 APRIL

Happy Easter!

Good Friday - April 2nd
Easter Sunday - April 4th
Easter Monday (public holiday) - April 5th



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.

15-23 MAY

Carnival of Art

When: Saturday 15th - Sunday 23rd of May
9:30 am - 3:30 pm
Where: Art Matters Gallery
Cost: Price varies according to workshop

Carnival of Art is 9 full days of workshops, painting, printmaking, fibre arts, ECO-dyeing, bookmarking, glass art, bubbles and brushes event, expressive art for youth 15th and children's art classes.

31 JULY

QCWA Mt Larcom Branch 90th Birthday
When: July 31
Where: QCWA Mt Larcom Branch

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

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.



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Paint the Port

ART EXHIBITION - 24 March to 16 April 2021

The 2021 Paint the Port Exhibition is open 10am to 2pm, Tuesday to Sunday.

ARTmatters Gallery will also be open on Good Friday, Easter Saturday and Easter Sunday between 10am and 2pm (pending the availability of volunteers at the Gallery).

Visit www.gpcl.com.au/paint-the-port for more information.



EXHIBITION VENUE
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Celebrate Easter in Gladstone with the iconic Gladstone Ports Corporation Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race

ACTING CEO CRAIG WALKER IS DELIGHTED TO SEE THE BRISBANE TO GLADSTONE YACHT RACE BACK ON THE CALENDAR IN 2021 AND SAID GLADSTONE PORTS CORPORATION (GPC) WAS HONOURED TO PARTNER WITH SUCH AN IMPORTANT AND ICONIC EVENT FOR THE ENTIRE REGION AND THE STATE.

“GPC has supported the B2G for

many years, assisting with the set-up of a temporary pontoon for yacht arrivals and providing complimentary berths within our Gladstone Marina for all the participating yachts,” Mr Walker said.

“We’re honoured to pick up the baton as the new naming rights sponsor to ensure the iconic B2G sails on into the future,” he said.

“We have a long history of

supporting the community and we are excited to play a role in ensuring the viability and continuance of this treasured and historic Queensland race.

“The event is second only in stature to the Sydney to Hobart and an opportunity to sponsor the event as a naming right doesn’t come around often.”

Mr Walker said supporting the event this year was more important than ever.



Fun Facts About the B2G Yacht Race

“Last year the race wasn’t able to go ahead for the first time in its history due to COVID-19 restrictions but we plan to mark the 73rd anniversary in style as well as its future anniversaries,” he said.

“As Australia’s premiere multi-commodity port we’re proud to be supporting one of Australia’s flagship races.”

Easter certainly is the place to be in Gladstone and Gladstone Ports Corporation also proudly hosts and supports the Gladstone Harbour Festival and B2G Village.



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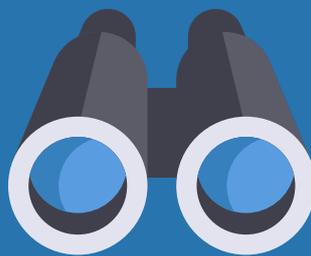


In 1972 Cyclone Emily hit and winds reached up to 96 knots. There were 25 race starters and 20 of those retired. Of the five that completed, four were from NSW and one from Victoria.



1957 saw the slowest race in history with the winning yacht Alvis, skippered by Fred Markwell, limp across the line in a time of 95hrs 09mins 01sec and an average speed of only 3.24 knots.

With our deep water harbour, surrounding islands and signature waterfront, we’re perfectly positioned to welcome the racegoers across the finish line



All of our Gladstone Ports Corporation Parklands will provide a great vantage point – East Shores 1B or Spinnaker Park to see the yachts cross the finish line or East Shores 1A or the Marina to see the yachts come into berth.

In 2018 Peter Harburg realised a lifelong goal with his Supermaxi ‘BlackJack’ by smashing the race record, arriving in Gladstone only 16 hours 53 minutes and 37 seconds after they started!





Bustard Head Lightstation WELCOMES SOLAR POWER

IMAGINE BRINGING A 153-YEAR-OLD LIGHTSTATION INTO THE 21ST CENTURY.

Locally owned and operated company, 1770 LARC! Tours have recently finished assisting Ergon Energy with a special project at the Bustard Head Lightstation - transitioning the power source from mains line power to a "Stand-alone power system" (SAPS), a renewable solar powered set-up.

1770 LARC! Tours owner and operator Neil Mergard said,

"This has been one of the most exciting projects to be involved in during our 27 years of operation. Not only to see an upgrade in the system but to be part of a more eco-friendly solution overall."

The Bustard Head Lightstation is located, as the crow flies, 21km from the Town of 1770 and 76km from Gladstone. The headland is home to two light-keepers cottages, a historical museum, an engine room and most importantly the lighthouse tower. This life-saving light has been warning passing vessels of the deathly submerged rocks to the North since

1868. Because of its important job, it is imperative for the lightstation to always have a reliable power source.

The existing mains line runs through the wild Eurimbula National Park for 24kms. The line has been aging badly and is especially susceptible to bush fires and fallen trees. Unfortunately, in the case of a fault, it could take days to be reached for problem-solving and even longer for rectification. The terrain is untamed, unpredictable, unstable and more often than not, impassable.

Due to the remote location of Bustard Head and the above implications, the lightstation was nominated by Ergon Energy to trial a Stand-alone power system (SAPS). The newly installed solar system is completely off-grid and charges battery banks that hold enough power to last three days. The three days include full functionality of the lighthouse light, as well as the cottage facilities. As this system is still in trial mode, a temporary diesel generator has been installed as a backup in case of a malfunction.

The logistics of this project was another hurdle to be jumped. With

no roads leading to Bustard Head, the Coral Sea to the right and National Park to the left, how on earth do you get tonnes of expensive and fragile gear to the site?

While lighter supplies could be shipped by boat from Gladstone to the shore and manually carried to the top of the steep headland, the remainder required a more specific, amphibious mode of transport.

"We knew when we were approached that we would 100% support this project, we modified our vessels from passenger carriers to cargo haulers and carried up to 5 tonnes of equipment at a time. It was a great opportunity to test and prove the robust LARC capabilities once again," said Neil.

The project started in November 2020 and was completed by February 2021. Ergon continues to check and monitor the system regularly and collect important data to assist with the advancements of this alternative energy option.

To visit Bustard Head Lightstation with 1770 LARC! Tours on a full-day tour, see <https://1770larctours.com.au/>

MOU SIGNING SPARKS COMMENCEMENT OF *Gladstone Hydrogen Ecosystem Project*

HYDROGEN IN THE GLADSTONE REGION IS ONE STEP CLOSER, WITH THE HISTORIC SIGNING OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) FOR A GLADSTONE H₂ ECOSYSTEM.

Sumitomo Australia (Sumitomo), Gladstone Ports Corporation (GPC), Gladstone Regional Council (GRC), Australian Gas Networks (AGN) as part of the Australian Gas Infrastructure Group (AGIG) and CQUniversity Australia (CQU) have joined forces to explore opportunities to develop a hydrogen ecosystem in Gladstone. The ecosystem will initially pursue domestic offtake and mobility solutions before moving to enable large-scale export.

GPC Acting CEO Craig Walker said

Australia's National Hydrogen Strategy and Queensland's Hydrogen Strategy sets a vision for a clean, innovative, safe and competitive industry that benefits all Australians.

"With an exceptional Port and the ability for the region to develop an abundance of clean energy, Gladstone is positioned to be Australia's leading hydrogen export location by 2030." Mr Walker said.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said he welcomes the development to the region, supporting the scale-up from domestic generation and utilisation to large-scale generation and export.

"We are perfectly positioned to establish Australia's first hydrogen ecosystem, and we have five parties that are fully committed to seeing this through to fruition. Gladstone has an excellent

track record for development, the early opportunities in domestic gas offtake and mobility are very exciting." Cr Burnett said.

The MOU, signed at Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre, sets out a three-phased plan, commencing in 2021, with the key end goal by 2030 to see hydrogen exported from Gladstone to the world.



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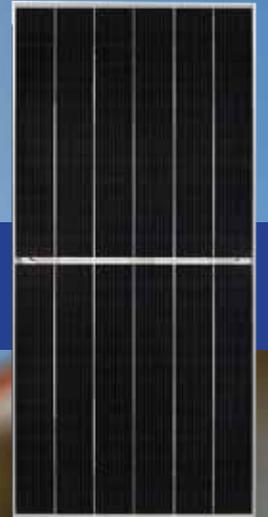
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Clean Up Australia Volunteers Step Up In 2021

THIS YEAR, AUSTRALIANS STEPPED UP TO CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA IN DROVES, WITH A 20% YEAR-ON-YEAR INCREASE IN COMMUNITY REGISTRATIONS FOR CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY 2021.

Clean Up Australia Chairman, Pip Kiernan, is not surprised by the immense community response.

“The increase in the number of community events just proves that Aussies everywhere are worried about the environment and that it’s time to tackle the surge in single-use disposable items, such as takeaway coffee cups, food packaging and masks, all of which are polluting our local parks, bushland, streets, waterways, and beaches,” said Ms Kiernan.

Research reveals more than 1 in 3 Aussie households said they produced more packaging waste during lockdown



periods in 2020 compared to previous years, while over half said they are now more concerned about product packaging waste than they were in 2019.

“Our latest Clean Up Australia Rubbish Report revealed that half of all single items reported in 2020 were either plastic or contain plastic and packaging overall continues to dominate rubbish counts, representing close to 50% of all reported rubbish during the year,” added Ms Kiernan.

“We’ve seen communities across Australia unite to clean up, fix up and

conserve our environment,” she said. “As the nation’s largest community-based environmental event, we’re very well known for our days of action, however, we also know that prevention is better than a cure.

If you can’t join a Clean Up, Ms Kiernan urges Aussies to make a donation to Clean Up Australia. 100% of funds raised through donations are allocated to the provision of educational resources and clean up materials provided free of charge to community, school and youth groups across the nation, all year round.



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Trading Hours over Easter

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It's time to get your skates on!

RAIN, HAIL OR SHINE, THE TEMPERATURE INSIDE THE GLADSTONE ICE SKATING RINK IS ALWAYS PERFECT.

The rink is returning to the Kirkwood shopping centre for the Easter School Holidays.

Managers Vangel Christov and Jo Lewis are excited to welcome families back on the ice for the holidays. The rink is open from Thursday 1st April until Sunday 18th April, with six sessions daily at 9.30am, 11am, 12.30pm, 2pm, 3.30pm and 5 pm.



What's New?

Adults at kids' prices! All skate tickets are now one price - \$20

Special pricing for Family/Groups of 4 - \$70 - bring the tribe and save \$\$.

Introducing "Cheap Skate" sessions - all the fun of a normal skate at a discounted rate - \$15. Cheap Skate sessions are daily at 5 pm.

Frequently Asked Questions

How young is too young to skate?

The recommended age is 3+. For the little ones, we have adjustable double-bladed skates which are worn over the top of enclosed shoes (sneakers/joggers)

Do you have skate aids?

Yes, we have penguins available for hire.

What to wear

All skaters must wear GLOVES and SOCKS. BYO or we have them for sale - socks \$2, gloves \$4. It's not overly cold inside the rink so no need to rug up. Try to avoid wearing any bulky or restrictive clothing items to make moving around on the ice easy.

Feel free to bring along safety gear such as helmets and knee pads.

Does it cost to watch?

No, spectating is at no cost.

Are refunds available?

All ticket sales are final and are non-refundable, if required we will endeavour to move your booking to another session/day.

How can i purchase tickets?

Tickets can be purchased online or at the rink marquee. Due to COVID restrictions we have limited numbers for skaters and spectators. Sessions do fill up so to avoid disappointment, book early.

For more info, phone 0412 344 941 or visit Gladstone Ice Skating on Facebook.

ICE SKATING

at Kirkwood Road Shopping Centre

SEASON DATES

Thurs 1st April – Sun 18th April

SESSION TIMES

9.30am, 11am, 12.30pm,
2pm, 3.30pm, 5pm

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Easter Activities for the Whole Family

LOOKING FOR FUN ACTIVITIES TO ENJOY ON EASTER SUNDAY WITH YOUR FAMILY (BEYOND THE OBVIOUS EGG HUNT)?

Check out this mix of indoor and outdoor games and activities for kids of all ages.

Jelly Bean Guessing Games

Here's an easy indoor game for all ages! Simply fill a jar with jelly beans and ask each family member to guess how many candies there are. The winner (the closest without going over) takes all! Another jelly bean-themed game involves asking players to guess the correct flavour of fancy jelly beans they taste.

Create Easter Crafts

Put the kids in charge of making adorable decor for your Easter table, or fun bunny ears or creative Easter bonnets for all your guests to wear!



Egg and Spoon Race

Try this good old-fashioned outdoor game after your Easter egg hunt is over! Egg and spoon races date back to the late 1800s. All you need are eggs (hard-boiled are the least messy) and metal or wooden spoons for each participant. Race individually or relay-style.



Give a Gift Basket

Teach kids to perform a random act of kindness this Easter and put together a gift basket for an elderly relative or neighbour. Get creative with the contents to make this a more fun and meaningful activity. For example, have the kids fill plastic Easter eggs with nice notes that say things like, "You're egg-cellent!" and "Sweetest neighbour ever."

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

EXPLORE.CREATE.PLAY.

2-19 April

These holidays
beat the boredom
and explore,
create and play.

The Gladstone Regional Council school holiday program is a collaborative program which features events and activities across all Council facilities.

Explore the region one day,
create a masterpiece or
unleash your imagination
in play the next.

For a full list of what's on these holidays visit www.gladstone.qld.gov.au

THE GLADSTONE REGION'S EASTER ACTIVITIES

THE EASTER HOLIDAYS ARE JUST AROUND THE CORNER AND GLADSTONE HAS A WIDE ARRAY OF ACTIVITIES ON THE CALENDAR TO KEEP YOU AND YOUR FAMILY BUSY.

Be sure to Celebrate Easter in Gladstone and holiday at home this year.

Easter in Gladstone (1-4 April) is one of the most significant events on the Gladstone Region calendar and provides memorable experiences for people of all ages and backgrounds.



Fun Run

Held on Friday, April 2 the course begins at East Shores and takes runners over the bridge to the parklands of our beautiful harbour. The 3km course will turn around near the university and the 10km participants will continue to Spinnaker Park taking in the pathways along the boardwalk and around our marina parklands. Proceeds support the Gladstone Chaplaincy Schools Program. The event is proudly supported by the Creative Recycling Centre.



Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Bunny will be visiting the Festival this year and will have lots of delicious Easter Eggs hidden in the parklands for a BIG Easter Egg Hunt!

Fireworks

Gladstone's night sky will be lit up every single night of the 2021 Gladstone Harbour Festival with a fireworks display scheduled on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday night.

Sculptures by Gladstone Harbour

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

Festival Food Court

The Festival Food Court will be packed full of great tunes from some of Gladstone's most talented artist and lots of tasty treats at the 2021 Gladstone Harbour Festival! Including sets from Jacinta May Music, Chris Schofield solo acoustic artist, Wal Neilsen Music, Matt Black-Smith Music & Eli Noovao.

Family Fun Night

Take the kids down to the Marina Main Stage on Thursday, April 1st for a Family Fun Night. Kicking off at 6 PM the Family Fun Night will feature Sesame Street, Dora the Explorer and Spongebob Squarepants LIVE on stage!

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the museum in ship-shape.”

Numerous artefacts will go on display once the museum is complete and Mr Wassell said there was a lot of attention to detail going into the design.

“We now have twenty-six customised display cabinets which were also generously donated by the Patrick family,” he said.

“Everyone at the Gladstone Maritime History Society is very excited to unveil the museum to the public we’re just working on getting everything in the right place.” Interactive audio and visual displays will also feature a part in the new museum.

The Museum will reopen on 1st April 2021 and will be open 9-4 every day of the Harbour Festival. The Museum re-opening has been scheduled to coincide with the 2021 Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race.

MARITIME MUSEUM set to open this Easter

A NEW-LOOK WATERFRONT MUSEUM TO SHOWCASE THE REGION’S MARITIME AND INDUSTRIAL PAST IS TAKING SHAPE AT EAST SHORES 1B AND IS SET TO OPEN THIS EASTER.

The Museum has been in redevelopment for almost a year, with the old Museum space packed and stored for most of 2020. The plan to redevelop the Museum has been years in the making and is now almost complete.

The Museum is currently undergoing a professional redevelopment with the assistance of the Queensland Museum.

Naval uniforms, model ships and nautical artefacts will all be on display for the community and tourists to admire.

President Lindsay Wassell said Queensland Museum Development Officer Dr Melanie Piddocke and two of her colleagues are assisting with the curation of the artefacts with the help of \$15,000 worth of funding from a Gladstone family.

“The generous local family who wish to remain anonymous have pitched in with some extra funding to help us acquire professional assistance from the Queensland Museum,” Mr Wassell said.

“With their help, we will be able to have

HMAS Gladstone

Museum ship HMAS Gladstone is open for one-hour tours, and please remember that enclosed footwear must be worn. Children must be aged 5+ to board the boat. Boat tour costs are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

The Museum admission price is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.



Pink Stumps Day & World's Greatest Shave AT GLADSTONE SHS



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SENIOR STUDENT COUNCIL FOR RAISING OVER \$10,000 FOR CANCER RESEARCH AND THE JANE MCGRATH FOUNDATION.

We would like to acknowledge the work and contribution of our staff, Senior Student Council, students who volunteered to shave, colour or wax their hair and the wider school community for your support of these events.



Lady Musgrave HQ

LADY MUSGRAVE ISLAND IS THE SOUTHERNMOST CORAL CAY OF THE BUNKER GROUP AND IS SOON TO BE HOME TO A BRAND NEW PONTOON!

Lady Musgrave HQ, a new three-level pontoon on Lady Musgrave Lagoon is set to change guest experiences on the Southern Great Barrier Reef with an underwater observatory and accommodation.

Kate Jones Minister for Tourism in Queensland shared at the launch of plans,

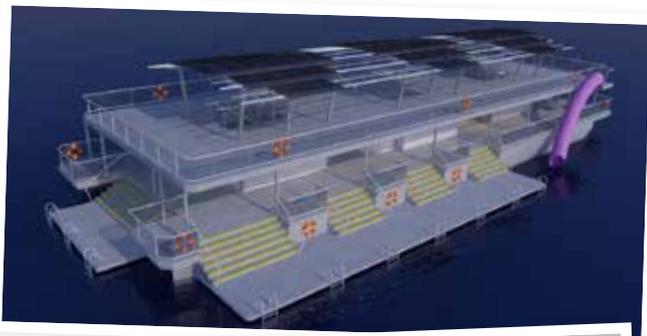
“This pontoon is a game-changer for Lady Musgrave and the Great Barrier Reef and will create a whole new way for visitors to experience the island and the region.”

“The pontoon will be 36 metres by 12 metres and will provide accommodation for up to 24 people.”

“It will host an underwater observatory with UV lighting, so visitors can experience the reef at night and have upper decks for diving, snorkelling and environmental data collection.”

Lady Musgrave Experience managing director Brett Lakey said the world-class pontoon project would significantly expand the guest experience on the Great Barrier Reef. This innovative project will see Lady Musgrave Experience driving benefits throughout the whole Southern Great Barrier Reef region.

“This development will ensure the southern area of the Great Barrier Reef is an attractive gateway for visitors, providing some of the best tourism experiences on the Reef,” Mr Lakey said.



CHANEL COLLEGE MUSICIANS READY FOR *State Honours Ensemble Program (SHEP)*

IT IS AN EXCITING TIME FOR CHANEL COLLEGE MUSIC STUDENTS, AS THE SHEP SELECTIONS HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED.

Each year, Queensland Conservatorium Griffiths University, in partnership with North Rockhampton State High School, offer a wonderful opportunity to young musician from 49 schools in the region. Two very exciting programs have been announced for March, SHEP Capricornia and SHEP Middle School. These programs are an intensive two and a half days of music, bringing together a performance on Sunday, offering regional school musicians a wonderful opportunity to advance their musical skills.

SHEP Capricornia was held on the 12-14 March, which included 155 secondary school students from 31 schools, from which 5 students from Chanel College were selected. Vocal students, Isabelle Asplet and Aurora McBride, Strings students, Caitlin Girdler and Marifeil Romero and Brass Instrument student, Jade McErlain.

SHEP Middle School will be held from Friday 26 to Sunday 28 March. 211 students will be involved from 42 schools, with an amazing 19 students selected from Chanel College.

Elizabeth Ariens - Flute
Teresa Ariens - Euphonium
Isabelle Asplet - Vocal· Soprano
Kai Chinner - Clarinet
Felicity Douglas - Baritone Saxophone
Lily Dykstra - Vocal· Soprano
Caitlin Girdler - Viola
Emily Girdler - Violin
Nicholas Meiring - Trumpet
Julian Mitchell - Clarinet
Liam Rippingale - Trumpet
Sophie Rogers - Flute
Marifeil Romero - Viola
Tabitha Ryan-Salter - Clarinet
Milly Sharpe - Trumpet
Ella Van Blerk - Clarinet
Kaitlyn Van Der Merwe - Vocal· Soprano
Poppy Ware - Trumpet
Mackenzie Windress - Vocal· Alto

DIY WOODEN SOFA SLEEVE

Tools

Clamps
Hole saw in the diameter of your choice (based on your most used cup diameter)
Tape measure
Power drill
Saw

Materials

Wooden board cut into three equal lengths
Plywood 3mm
Wood glue
Wood Stain
150 or 180 grit sandpaper
Polyurethane

autumn gardening

NOW THAT THE STING OF THE SUN IS BEGINNING TO LESSEN AND WITH THE CURRENT INFLUX OF RAIN, THERE'S NEVER BEEN A BETTER TIME TO GET BACK INTO THE GARDEN.

Autumn is the perfect time to sow some new seeds as the soil is still warm enough for plants to establish and grow before the beginning of winter.

Vegetables

Try planting salad favourites like lettuces, carrots and tomatoes, as well as vegetables suitable for baking like onions and turnips. Silverbeet, broccoli and cabbage are all known for being hardy, so less-confident gardeners may want to start with them.

Herbs

Try planting basil, parsley, and coriander. Also oregano, mint, dill, and chives. For advice on herbs that will survive into the summer, speak to the staff at your local nursery.

Flowers

Try planting Brisbane's floral emblem, Poinsettia, as well as Gardenias, which deliver fragrant white flowers, and Fuchsias, which develop wonderfully colourful petals.

Natives

Try planting Callistemon, which produce the classic Australian bottlebrush in stunning red and pink. And Lilly-Pilly varieties, which develop a pink and purple fruit – a warning though, if not maintained, these plants can grow up to 30 metres high!

Trees

Try planting the eucalyptus Summer Red, which boasts stunning red blossoms, as well as the eucalyptus Summer Beauty, which shines with beautiful pink flowers. Other great trees include the popular Poinciana and the smaller Tuckeroo.

Method

Determine the sizes of wood you will need by measuring your sofa or chair arm. You will need to know the width of your arm as well as the height.

Cut wood according to measurements.

Center the hole saw on one end of your top piece of wood. Mark the middle point where the pilot drill of your hole saw will get the hole started.

Sand the inside of the hole and the top and bottom of the wood, being careful to stay away from the edges and corners.

Apply a somewhat thin layer of wood glue to one long edge of your sideboard. You should use a damp rag to wipe away all seeping wood glue immediately. Wood glue is very difficult to remove after it's dried, even with heavy sanding.

Clamp the glued sideboard to the bottom of the top board. Before you tighten the clamps completely, make sure the boards are perfectly lined up on the ends and flush at their corners.

Apply a coat of wood stain and allow it to dry for at least 12 hours before lightly buffing away the roughness with a piece of grade 0000 steel wool.

Attach your square piece of thin plywood to the bottom side of the hole using wood glue. Make sure you apply only a light amount of glue because as you clamp it in place, the glue will ooze out.

Seal the sleeve with two light coats of polyurethane. This will protect it from the moisture of cup condensation.





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- 3 bedrooms with robes and 2 with air conditioning. Fabulous laundry. Good bathroom.
- Nice size patio. 7x7m shed with remote door. Fully fenced yard with remote gate entry.

Nice quiet, leafy area yet close to everything. Simplify your lifestyle!

Open: Saturday 27th March 11 – 11.45am

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18 KYLEE CRESCENT, CALLIOPE

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Cul-de-sac allotment 760sqm (approx) with home offering DLUG, separate lounge with brand new carpets, air cond, tiled kitchen, dining and living area, four (4) bedrooms with brand new carpets. Main bedroom with built in robes, air conditioning and ens, the 2nd bedroom is b/in with air cond & the remaining two beds are b/in, main bath with separate shower & bath. Sep toilet room, laundry, security screens, external side covered patio. Set on a fully fenced yard with a rainwater tank with a set of double gates into the side yard.

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GLADSTONE SKIPPERS READY TO SET SAIL TO STARTING LINE

GLADSTONE IS CHEERING ON TWO LOCAL YACHT RACING CELEBRITIES WHO ARE MAKING A 300 NAUTICAL MILE JOURNEY WITH THEIR CREWS TO THE BRISBANE TO GLADSTONE RACE START LINE.

The skippers of the locally celebrated yachts, Wistari's Scott Patrick and John Ibell who is at the helm of Restless, are the only two Gladstone crews in this year's race.

Restless departed for Brisbane on Friday morning while Wistari will set sail this Saturday, ready for race day on April 2 – the journey, taking them between 3 to 6 days with overnight stops.

The iconic event comes after GPC picked up the baton as the official naming right sponsor to the event to help it set sail for the next three years. This year Queenslanders will celebrate the 73rd anniversary of the race after the event took a hiatus in 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Wistari's history dates back to 1965 and was built by Scott Patrick's father Neil Patrick in their suburban backyard in Gladstone.

"Gladstone only had 3,000 people when she was first launched and every one of them came out to watch the launch," Mr Patrick said.

"I don't think dad expected her to last this long... I think he expected a maximum of 25 years of life out of her."

This year will mark Wistari's 51st race in the Brisbane to Gladstone.

"I'm looking forward to this after a bit of a break," Mr Patrick said.

For skipper John Ibell, his sailing roots run deep in Gladstone with his grandfather helping build the yacht club in 1949 – one year after the first Brisbane to Gladstone race.

This year will be the sixth race for Restless.

Mt Larcom Cafe

HOLDS CHARITY PIE DRIVE

MT LARCOM CAFE HAS DONE THEIR BIT FOR CHARITY, HOLDING A PIE DRIVE DURING GLADSTONE'S PARKS WEEK.

\$1 from every pie sold during the drive was donated to two amazing charities, Rize Up Australia and Grab Life By The Balls.

The charity pie drive was organised by Pyney's Pie Reviews who was able to get 200 bakeries and pie shops onboard. Pyney's Pie Reviews is just one man on one mission: Find the perfect pie in Australia's best bakeries.

Owner and operator of Mt Larcom Cafe Julie Beel explained how the cafe got involved with the pie drive,

"Pyney's Pie Reviews came into my cafe many months ago and ordered a pie. When he finished eating he came back up to me and said 'I don't know if you know me' and I said, 'Nope'. He continued, 'I'm Pyney's Pie Reviews I just wanted to let you know that your pie was a 9/10'. So we got talking and went from there."

Julie continued, talking about the important role businesses play in supporting charities.

"It's really important for businesses to help charities fundraise, especially during the hard times we've all faced over the last year."

Julie and the team at Mt Larcom Cafe were able to raise and donate \$220 to Rize Up Australia and Grab Life By The Balls. If you consider yourself a pie connoisseur be sure to taste test the great pies at the Mt Larcom Cafe.





BALL CONTINUES TO ROLL ON EXCITING *Marley Brown Oval redevelopment plans*

GLADSTONE COAL EXPORTERS SPORTS COMPLEX, COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS MARLEY BROWN OVAL, IS SET TO BE THE FOCUS OF FUTURE SPORTING DEVELOPMENT IN THE REGION WITH GLADSTONE REGIONAL COUNCIL ABOUT TO COMMENCE CONSULTATION WITH FACILITY USERS AND STAKEHOLDERS AS PART OF THE NEXT STAGE OF PLANNING FOR THE SITE.

The redevelopment aims to provide Gladstone with a major sports and event facility suitable for national sporting games and large outdoor events.

Council's intention to upgrade Marley Brown Oval was announced following the successful hosting of an NRL game between the Gold Coast Titans and Manly Sea Eagles in April 2018.

The region's appetite for high-profile sporting fixtures was evident with almost 5200 fans packing Marley Brown Oval to watch the Titans defeat the Sea Eagles.

The venue continued to host high-profile sporting fixtures following the NRL match, seeing the Brisbane Roar and Queensland Reds play pre-season matches in 2019 and 2020 respectively, plus a round of the National Rugby Championship played in September 2019.

Local sporting organisations, mainly rugby league and rugby union, continued to use Marley Brown Oval during this period and will continue to do so during 2021. The venue has also hosted outdoor music concerts.

While recent redevelopment plans for Marley Brown Oval have focused on the facility's capacity to host NRL games, Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said the next round of consultation with the users of the facility will consider the whole sports precinct.

"Gladstone has hosted the Jason Hetherington Gary Larson Cup for over 10 years, attracting nearly 30 teams to the three-day carnival, so it's important that any facility plans for Marley Brown Oval not only allow the hosting of NRL games or other sporting codes, but also improve Gladstone's

capacity to host carnivals and play field sports during the season," Councillor Burnett said.

"Plans to upgrade the facility will include extending the crowd capacity up to or about 10,000 people, ensuring an easy transition from day-to-day operations to hosting an NRL game, extending the facility's capacity to host regional carnivals, and providing Gladstone with a venue for large outdoor events such as concerts and festivals.

"Redevelopment of the facility will help attract large-scale events to the Gladstone and Central Queensland region while providing stimulation to the local economy and enhancement of our region's economic prosperity and diversity."

Cr Burnett said the next step for the project includes the preparation of revised concept plans and the development of a business case to consider whole-of-life costs, risks and benefits and options prior to seeking funding and development of the project.



CLOSING THE GAP AWARENESS DAY WITH EX BRONCOS SUPERSTAR

ON THURSDAY, MARCH 18 GLADSTONE WOMEN'S HEALTH CENTRE PROUDLY HOSTED A CLOSING THE GAP AWARENESS DAY EVENT AT KEV BROOME STADIUM.

The day featured an array of art, traditional dances, food, fun games and a 10m rock climbing wall for the kids! Stallholders from around the region also showcased their available health and wellbeing services that will assist in 'Closing the Gap'.

The 'Closing the Gap' campaign, which is a national initiative aimed at closing the health and life expectancy gap between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island peoples and non-Indigenous Australians.

In attendance was a special guest speaker, ex Brisbane Broncos and Queensland State of Origin player Jharal Yow Yeh who was very grateful to receive an invitation.

"I haven't been out in the community recently, so to be able to have this opportunity to come to Gladstone and to be able to do is very humbling and enjoyable.

Meeting the elders is my favourite thing to do, you can never learn about your culture!"

Jharal Yow Yeh continued expressing the importance of Closing the Gap Awareness Day for the Indigenous community.

"It's very important for the Indigenous community. Especially for myself, with the platform that I have and who I am, it's really important to come here and teach young indigenous people how important it is to be black but also to make sure that we are 'Closing the Gap'."

Jharal Yow Yeh brought a special prize with him for the winner of the passport

trail event, an Indigenous Broncos Jersey. When asked how his injury recovery is going Jharal said,

"No, I haven't fully physically recovered. Mentally I have yes. When you play a sport that is as brutal as rugby league, you're going to come out second best. A lot of people who have retired from this game always do come out second best unless you're Cameron Smith!

It's been a long road to recovery and I'm still getting there slowly but as I get older the body wears down, unfortunately. But I regret nothing, I had a great time in the game and really enjoyed it."



INTEGREAT QUEENSLAND

The new face of Welcoming Intercultural Neighbours



ON SATURDAY, MARCH 20 WELCOMING INTERCULTURAL NEIGHBOURS HOSTED AN OPENING EVENT FOR THEIR NEW OFFICE

SPACE AND UNVEILED THEIR NEW NAME, 'INTEGREAT QUEENSLAND'.

The change comes as the organisation believes the new name is a better representation of its core values - supporting everyone from everywhere with opportunities to get involved, feel welcome, learn new things, and contribute to a strong, thriving local community.

Integreat Queensland offers support to people from different countries, backgrounds and parts of Australia to confidently settle in, make friends, share their skills and culture and build relationships with local people that benefit everyone.

Integreat Queensland runs an array of programs throughout the region. These include free conversational English classes, Friendship Corner which helps new residents of Gladstone find new friends and build supportive connections, and Gladstone's Multicultural Playgroup which are informal sessions where new parents and children are given the opportunity to connect with other families in their local communities, to share knowledge, seek advice and gain invaluable support.

Although the name may have changed Integreat Queensland's commitment to the community remains the same. Through a range of programs, services, events and networks, they're continuing to help shape a diverse inclusive community where people want to live.

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Succulent Lamb Stew

WITH THE COOLER DAYS ON THE WAY, WHY NOT TRY THIS SUCCULENT LAMB STEW SLOW-COOKED IN AN OLIVE & TOMATO SAUCE!

Ingredients

- ½ a bunch of fresh rosemary, (15g)
- 800 g lamb shoulder, bone out
- 150 g mixed-colour olives, (stone in)
- 1 x 280 g jar of silverskin pickled onions
- 2 x 400 g tins of plum tomatoes

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 170°C/325°F/gas 3.
2. Place a 30cm shallow casserole pan on high heat, strip in the rosemary leaves, add 1 tablespoon of olive oil, and crisp up for 1 minute while you dice the lamb into 3cm chunks.
3. Scoop out the rosemary and put it aside, adding the lamb to the pan for 2 minutes to get some colour.
4. Meanwhile, squash the olives and remove the stones. Drain the pickled onions and stir into the pan with the olives. Toss well, then pour in the tinned tomatoes, breaking them up with a wooden spoon, as well as 2 tins' worth of water.
5. Cover and cook in the oven for 2 hours, or until thick, delicious and tender, stirring halfway and loosening with a splash of water, if needed.
6. Taste, season to perfection with sea salt and black pepper, sprinkle over the crispy rosemary leaves and serve. Simple.

Source: <https://www.jamieoliver.com/recipes/lamb-recipes/succulent-lamb-stew/>



CQ STEM EXPO

INSPIRES YOUNG SCIENTISTS

CQUNIVERSITY HOSTED GLADSTONE'S SECOND ANNUAL CQ STEM EXPO ON THURSDAY, MARCH 11, INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION OF SCIENTISTS.

The expo aimed to connect the community and industry partners with schools and educators, providing them with access to educational resources that the industry groups have developed. The CQ STEM Expo was hailed as a success, with over 60 members of the community participating on the day.

CQUniversity proudly displayed and held demonstrations of their brand new 3D Printers, Virtual Reality Headsets & Controllers, and current seagrass research projects.

The expo is part of the Inspiring Australia CQ STEM Hub Network, which is a group of community organisations, universities and teachers who come together with the aim to widely improve STEM education.

This year the CQ STEM Expo had a very special guest, Queensland Chief Scientist, Professor Hugh Possingham. Professor Possingham presented a key-note address to educators and community members about the growth and importance of citizen science.

Dr Linda Pfeiffer, Senior Lecturer at CQUniversity & Australia Pacific LNG STEM Central Lead, explained the importance of scientific expos such as this one.

"I think it's really important in education and in classrooms that science, particularly, is given a local regional context. Therefore, connecting local teachers with local resources raises our awareness of where science from the Australian curriculum fits with what's happening in our region."

If you missed your chance to attend the CQ STEM Expo 2021, the event will be held again in 2022 or consider attending the World Science Festival 2021 which will be returning to Gladstone on August 29.

The Spirit of Capricorn

by Betty Laver

THE SPIRIT OF CAPRICORN COMING UP HOSPITAL HILL IN GLADSTONE – THIS TRAIN WOULD HAVE LEFT THE GLADSTONE RAILWAY STATION, CROSSING AUCKLAND STREET AND THEN THE UNDERPASS OF GOONDOON STREET.

The West Gladstone Railway Station had been situated at the western end of this passageway and the line continued along to the Black Bridge built over Glenlyon Street. Next was the Scenery Street Crossing where there was a stop for Railmotor users.

The climb going up Hospital Hill was taxing for steam engines as this was quite steep. Once the train was over this hill, the run down the other side took it to Rocky Glen.



CIO Trainees Graduate

A GROUP OF YOUNG LEADERS ARE BROADENING THEIR CAREER HORIZONS IN GLADSTONE WITH A UNIQUE SKILLS PROGRAM.

The four graduates are celebrating today after completing Gladstone Ports Corporation's (GPC) intense 18-month Cross-Industry Operations program (CIO), which has equipped them with invaluable skills in major operational areas including marine piloting.

The traineeship aims to support the region's future Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Australian South Sea Islander leaders in their journey from education and training to employment.

Tamera Fewquandie, Jymeekah Blackman, Shaquille Stow and Kyeema Beezley are the third group to successfully graduate from the training since its inception in 2016.

GPC Indigenous Affairs Advisor Lee-ann Dudley has watched the trainees grow over the past year-and-a-half as they rotated through the five different areas of work.

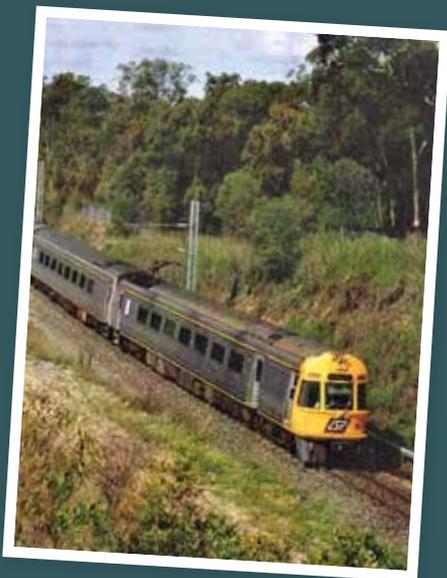
She said the traineeship was all about empowering our next generation of Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Australian South Sea Islander leaders. "The program is one-of-a-kind to equip trainees with a hands-on experience across GPC's broad range of operations," Ms Dudley said.

"Students are exposed to skills in administration, building services, marine operations, horticulture and warehouse supply," she said.

The graduation ceremony coincided with the unveiling of a large mural at East Shores 1B for National Close the Gap Day.

Gooreng Gooreng artist Howard Butler and Byellee artist Patrica Coleman have transformed the lower level of the existing East Shores office building by installing twelve colourful hand-crafted panels, expected to wow park visitors.

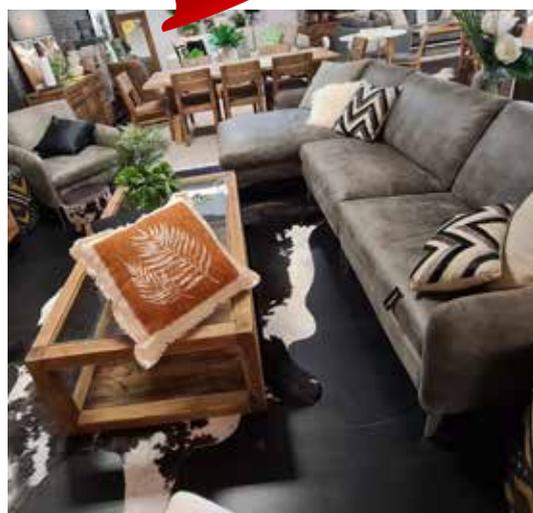
The artwork features some of the region's favourite local animals including dolphins and turtles.



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