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Where: Tondoon Botanic Gardens

Cost: FREE

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7 AUGUST

BAM Markets

When: 2 – 7pm

Where: Millenium Esplanade, Tannum Sands

Featuring food stalls, live entertainment, arts, and creation stalls and lots more, BAM is an awesome family-friendly outing. Don't forget your picnic rugs and chairs!

13 AUGUST

New Owner

When: 10 – 11am

Where: Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre

Cost: \$16.50 general admission

From the creators of international smash hits The Adventures of Alvin Sputnik: Deep Sea Explorer and It's Dark Outside, comes a sensitive new show for all ages about loss, friendship and new beginnings. Get your tickets at www.gladstoneentertainment.com.

15 AUGUST

GPC's Port to Park Fun Run

When: 7am

Where: East Shores/ Gladstone Marina/ Spinnaker Park

Lace up, limber up and get ready to pound the pavement in Gladstone Ports Corporation's new Port to Park where each step will raise money for local primary and secondary schools.

Register here: www.gpcl.com.au/port-to-park.

22 AUGUST

Discovery Coast Markets

When: 9am – 12noon

Where: 1770 SES Grounds (Captain Cook Drive, Agnes Water/ 1770)

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FOUNDED IN 2005, ST FRANCIS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES A STRONG EMPHASIS ON DEVELOPING AN ETHOS OF COMPASSION AND CARE, AND AN OPPORTUNITY FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE IN A CHRISTIAN ENVIRONMENT.

Principal Kathleen Watt said Catholic Education promotes the Catholic values and morals to those within the school and the wider community, as well as “maintaining a focus on the academic, physical, emotional and social development of children”.

“St Francis offers educational excellence where the needs of each child are catered for,” she said.

School Board Chairperson Mark Holmes said the school, which provides co-education for Prep to Year 6, blended Australian curriculum subjects with Catholic morals, and values in an inclusive environment.

“All of our children explore opportunities in science, technology, music, arts, environmental and sporting fields,” he said. “My child enjoys going to school every day, and the community feel at St Francis is warm and inviting.”

St Francis has environmental, and sustainability focuses, which are inherent to their Franciscan culture.

Initiatives include worm farming, compost bins, nude food days, recycling, Sparky & Flow energy consumption awareness, and community projects with Gladstone’s Creative Recycling Centre.

With a focus on having thriving learners, both teachers and students, consistently experiencing strong learning gains, St Francis also offers a host of extracurricular activities including robotics and coding clubs, instrumental music and Kick Start, active sports mornings.

To learn more about how St Francis Catholic Primary School encourages resilience, participation and a love of life-long learning in their students, visit www.stfrancis.qld.edu.au.



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A Spirited Tomorrow AT CHANEL COLLEGE

CHANEL COLLEGE IS A CATHOLIC CO-EDUCATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL, CATERING FOR STUDENTS IN YEARS 7-12.

Chanel values learning, values people, and values diversity. At Chanel College we are committed to promoting the development of the whole person and to empowering students to enjoy learning and to strive to achieve their personal best.

Our aim is to provide an educational environment in which students are both challenged and inspired to do their very best in all pursuits. At the same time, we work hard to promote a sense of security and belonging, whilst creating a flexible learning environment catering for the intellectual growth of all students.

With a competent and committed staff, excellent facilities, beautiful open spaces and expansive grounds, students at Chanel College have access to a wide range of learning opportunities. These include formal programs of study, co-curricular programs in the arts, music, cultural pursuits and sport, as well as opportunities to grow in the knowledge and understanding of what it means to be people of faith who are called to live out the College motto, “To Live Justly”.



The theme for Catholic Education Week is “A SPIRITED TOMORROW”.

This theme acknowledges the 200-year long tradition of Catholic education in Australia. Specifically, it celebrates the work done to prepare students in Catholic schools across the length and breadth of our nation for the future.

Chanel College is the only Catholic secondary school in the Gladstone Region. Our students come from many different cultural backgrounds allowing us to celebrate diversity as we work together to build one community which continues to educate young people in the same spirit as that of the very first Catholic schools in Australia.



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ST JOHN THE BAPTIST *Catholic Primary School*

WELCOME TO LEARNING COMMUNITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL.

As a school, our aim is to create a sense of belonging that will nurture your child's growth and help create a healthy self-esteem and lifelong love of learning.

Every child at St John's has the right to LEARN, a right to feel SAFE, and the responsibility to RESPECT those around

them. As educators, our prime responsibility is to ensure your child is safe and happy in order to maximise their learning so that they can display their full potential.

We believe and acknowledge that every child is different and that every child is special, with special needs, special interests and special characteristics. Your child is important to you, and important to us as educators. We need to work together to help them grow, learn and develop, both as an individual and as a member of our school community.

Education is an important partnership between the home and the school. For any partnership to be successful, communication needs to be open and effective. All parents are urged to work closely with their child's teacher by regularly communicating with them and working together to provide the best educational opportunities possible.

We look forward to welcoming you to our school community.



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STAR OF THE SEA CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK IS THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE ALL THAT IS GREAT ABOUT STAR OF THE SEA, ESPECIALLY AS WE CELEBRATE 200 YEARS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN AUSTRALIA.

This year's theme, 'A Spirited Tomorrow', calls us to celebrate the rich story of our school and the important role we play in shaping our future generations. Established in 1902, we have a long and vibrant history that seeks to provide a holistic education, catering for the academic, spiritual, cultural, sporting, and social-emotional needs of our students. We offer quality teaching and learning in a caring, inclusive, and inquiry-based environment. Our school motto "LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE" permeates every aspect of

our school life, encouraging us to gratefully acknowledge the gifts God has given us to help us reach our full potential.

As we celebrate our story this week, we seek to honour the gift that our older generations are to us. Our celebrations will include a whole school mass with our Grandparents followed by a Morning Tea and some musical entertainment. We will also be having a Free Dress Day to raise money for our beloved Story Dog, Grace, who joins us each week to encourage us in our reading. Finally, as part of our Mission to love others as Jesus did, we will be creating 'Care Carry Bags' for people in need within our community.

All who seek our values are welcome at Star of the Sea. Enrolment enquiries for 2021/2022 are welcome for all year levels by contacting our School Office on 0749721305 or emailing sosg@rok.catholic.edu.au.



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A SPIRITED TOMORROW CATHOLIC EDUCATION QLD

CELEBRATING 200 YEARS *of Catholic Education in Australia*

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK TO BE HELD IN QUEENSLAND FROM 25 TO 31 JULY TAKES ON A RENEWED SIGNIFICANCE THIS YEAR AS CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN AUSTRALIA CELEBRATES 200 YEARS.

Catholic Education schools located in Gladstone in the Diocese of Rockhampton are part of that great story with the first school in the Gladstone region opening in 1874 and the newest school in this region, St Francis Catholic Primary School, Tannum Sands opening in 2005.

In Gladstone today there are three Catholic Primary Schools, Star of the Sea established in 1902, St John the Baptist established in 1977, St Francis Tannum Sands along with a secondary college, Chanel College that was established in 1966.

Catholic Education Week commenced in Rockhampton in the 1990s, when then Director of Catholic Education – Diocese of Rockhampton, Mr Joe McCorley, was

approached by the Sisters of Mercy suggesting that some form of celebration acknowledging Catholic Education should be held. Consequently, a Mass was held in St Joseph's Cathedral Rockhampton one Sunday and Catholic Education Week was born. Since then, the celebration of Catholic Education Week, has grown and developed into the state-wide celebration we see today.

Catholic Education Week is not just about the past it is also about celebrating the present. It provides a wonderful opportunity to showcase the vibrant and dynamic communities within our Catholic kindergartens, primary schools, and colleges of today. Our students experience high quality teaching that allows them to grow in faith and knowledge that will assist them realise their goals in life. Our school communities seek to be true witnesses to Christ's message of hope and love for the world and to assist all in their search for meaning for life.

Reaching out to help others in need and to say thank you to the wider community for their support is a well-known practice in our Catholic school communities and always a focus during Catholic Education

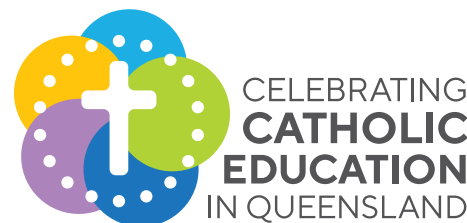
Week each year. Our schools continue to explore innovative and creative ways to continue this outreach.

The theme for Catholic Education Week this year, A Spirited Tomorrow, acknowledges the long tradition of Catholic education and its continued relevance in preparing students for the future. The focus on tomorrow clearly points to the future both of students individually and the Catholic education sector broadly.

Catholic Education Week also provides the opportunity for strengthening relationships among students, staff, families, parishes, and members of the wider community. Together we strive to make a difference in the lives of those in our schools and in the wider community by challenging our young people, staff, and families to live out the message of Jesus.

I wish all in our Catholic school communities a very happy Catholic Education Week and I thank them for their commitment to the Ministry of Catholic Education. Students, parents, teachers, staff members, Board or P&F members, volunteers, priests, religious, parish and community members all make a significant and much appreciated contribution to life in our kindergartens, schools, and colleges. Stay safe and enjoy Catholic Education Week.

Leesa Jeffcoat AM
Director Catholic Education –
Diocese of Rockhampton



Staying connected this homelessness week

IN AUSTRALIA OVER 116,000 PEOPLE EXPERIENCE HOMELESSNESS ON ANY GIVEN NIGHT.

Homelessness Week, August 1 – 7, aims to raise awareness of the impacts of homelessness on individuals and communities, including the effects on mental health, education, employment, and safety.

Roseberry Qld General Manager Michelle Coats said while there was no one definition of homelessness, access to safe and secure housing was one of the most basic human rights.

“Homelessness is not just about housing though, it is fundamentally about a lack of connectedness with family, friends and the community, and a lack of control over one’s environment,” she said.

Roseberry Qld, which provides a range of housing services, is hosting an event, Gladstone Homeless Connect, on August 3 to connect people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness with government and community support.

“Our aim is to bring together services providers from the government and community sector to create a ‘one stop’ shop for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness,” Michelle said.

“At the event we are also launching concept plans for our Shelteristic Project, a community-led plan for addressing the dramatic increase in

youth homelessness we have seen in Central Queensland over the past five years.”

Michelle said anyone wanting to stay connected with homelessness issues, and learn ways in which they can make a difference, should connect with the Gladstone Homeless Connect Facebook Page.

“Homelessness is a complex issue, with a number of causes including financial pressures and a lack of affordable housing,” she said.

“Everyone, including government, not-for-profit organisations and the wider community, needs to be involved in the conversation to work together towards a sustainable solution.”

Homelessness Australia is holding a virtual event on August 2 for Homelessness Week.

Equity Economics Lead Economist Dr Angela Jackson will talk about her report, commissioned by Everybody’s Home, on the benefits of providing long-term social housing to women who have experienced domestic and family violence.

This will be followed by a panel discussion with Shadow Housing and Homelessness Minister Jason Clare, Greens Spokesperson on Housing and Homelessness Senator Mehreen Faruqi and Everybody’s Home Spokesperson Kate Colvin.

Register for the online event at www.homelessnessaustralia.org.au.

Housing Ends Homelessness

What: Gladstone Homeless Connect brings together service providers from the government and community sectors to create a one-stop-shop for people in the Gladstone Region who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or require assistance in maintaining and sustaining tenancies.

When: August 3

Time: 10am – 2pm

Where: Roseberry Dignity Hub (20 Rollo St, Gladstone)

For more: contact Jacinda or Chloe on 4972 5383

Where to get help

- **Homeless Hotline (free call):** 1800 474 753
- **Roseberry Qld:** 4972 0047
- **St Vincent de Paul Society Cornerstone Program:** 0427 071 340
- **Anglicare – CQ:** 4837 5300
- **Salvation Army Family Welfare Centre:** 4972 6878
- **DVConnect:** 1800 811 811
- **Men’s Line:** 1800 600 636
- **AskIzzy (www.askizzy.org.au)** can assist you to search for nearby shelters, housing, food, health care and homeless information.

A sit-down with the LNP Candidate for Flynn

COLIN BOYCE



GN) What has inspired you to make the move from state to federal politics?

CB) It's about taking representation of rural and regional Queensland to the next level. The opportunity has presented itself; the long-standing Member for Flynn Ken O'Dowd is retiring, he has held the seat for four terms, and it's an opportunity for me to take my views, my representation to the next level.

GN) What are you going to do for the people of Flynn if elected?

CB) The Flynn Electorate is a big electorate and revolves around the mining, resource, and agricultural sectors, very largely so. There are lots of people involved in the coal industry, in the power generation sector, in the resource sector, gas and big industry, and we also have a huge agriculture base that produces pretty much anything you can think of in terms of food and fibre. So, we need people who are strong advocates for those industries, for those people and all the people that support those industries. Those industries are the ones that are the economic engine room for the economy for the state of Queensland and Australia. We need to support these people and support their jobs and support what they're doing.

GN) What are your priorities for the region?

CB) There are lots of them. The port of Gladstone has the opportunity to expand into the future, so I advocate for Gladstone to be connected to the inland rail system that is currently being built Melbourne to Brisbane. I think there is a wonderful opportunity to include the port of Gladstone and Central Queensland in that rail link connectivity loop to ensure the future of the expansion of the port of Gladstone, to ensure the expansion of high value agriculture. Get the produce to the port, to the people, expand the port of Gladstone, container terminals, all those sorts of things.

Water is a really big issue that needs to be dealt with. Water is prosperity, it is life. We see Fairbairn Dam out at Emerald, for an example, which was built in 1971, that has provided for high value agriculture, for the mining and resource sectors to expand, and it has turned Emerald into a thriving rural, Central Queensland community. So, more water. We have got an open gorge dam at Taroom; it is Australia's largest shovel ready water project with all approvals in place. We should be building this dam, promoting further water security, both to the south and north. If we are going to have hydrogen production for example at Gladstone, which is proposed by the current state government, we need to solve the water issue, given the fact that you need 10 litres of water to produce a kilo of hydrogen it begs the question where the

water is coming from.

Water is an extremely important issue that needs to be furthered, and we need to build more water infrastructure. There are lots of small agriculture water infrastructure projects, particularly in the Burnett Water Catchment area, the Boyne Valley, people at Coalstoun Lakes, Mundubbera, all those projects need to be forwarded.

GN) Is there anything else you would like to add?

CB) The labour party in my view is beholden to the Greens, to the hard-left environmental argument. I think people must understand and consider what their jobs are in the electorate of Flynn. If you're in the mining and resource sector, coal-fired generation sector, at the aluminium plant, on Curtis Island in the gas industry, or in agriculture; which government is going to support you and your jobs into the future?

I would respectfully suggest that your chances are far better with a Morrison-Barnaby Joyce Coalition Government rather than an Albanese Government, given that they are in my view beholden to the Greens.

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WORK HAS WRAPPED UP ON A MAJOR UPGRADE OF THE CAPRICORN HIGHWAY BETWEEN ROCKHAMPTON AND GRACEMERE.

The jointly funded \$74.99 million project has improved travel times and safety between the Yeppen Roundabout and Gracemere.

The Capricorn Highway is Central Queensland's principal east-west freight corridor and is part of Australia's national Key Freight Route network, and is a main commuter route connecting the residents of Gracemere to Rockhampton City. The duplication focuses on capacity improvements to cater for traffic volumes that exceed 18,000 vehicles per day.

The project is duplicating a 5.2-kilometre section of the Capricorn Highway between

Rockhampton and Gracemere and is also delivering road enhancements on Gracemere Road, intersection upgrades and active transport infrastructure along the highway.

Federal Member for Flynn Ken O'Dowd said the project also delivered major upgrades to intersections at Fairy Bower Road/Old Gracemere Road and McLaughlin Street.

"These works were funded under the Federal Liberal and Nationals Government's \$600 million Northern Australia Roads

Program," Mr O'Dowd said.

"This program has delivered upgrades to high-priority roads across Northern Queensland and indeed other jurisdictions that are essential to the movement of people and freight to support the region's economic development."

FAST FACTS

- 336,000 project hours worked
- 85,000 m3 of fill imported and placed
- 40,000 m3 of pavement placed
- 3,080 m3 of concrete poured
- 15,000 tonnes of asphalt
- Two new bridges, 14 piles driven and 20 deck units placed
- 13 new drainage structures
- 55 new culvert lines
- 12.5 kilometres of on-road bike path.
- 187 jobs were supported during the life of the project



Ken O'Dowd MP

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CQ PSYCH SERVICES

celebrates 3 years in business

FOR THE TEAM AT CQ PSYCH SERVICES, THE PAST THREE YEARS HAS BEEN ABOUT GROWTH, IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE.

"We've proudly expanded our team, our services and our clinic, recently moving into a much larger location," Director and Principal Psychologist Suzie Humphrey said at the practice's third birthday celebrations in July.

What started with Suzie and her Business Manager in part-time capacities, evolved quickly into a full-time psychology practice, employing both clinical and non-clinical staff within six months.

"We were met with unexpected rapid growth, and now we are an amazing team of nine, all committed to and passionate about providing high-quality psychological care to our local community," she said.

The demand for mental health services around the country has increased rapidly according to Suzie, particularly in the last 18 months.

"It is most evident in regional locations like Gladstone, where the demand for service far outweighs the service capacity," she said. "One of the biggest challenges we face as business owners in the mental health sector is attracting good calibre clinicians, which has proven difficult in our region.

"While support in terms of appointment availability can be difficult to navigate for people, our team is doing our part to ensure a variety of support can still be sourced for those in our local community.

"CQ Psych Services offers a number of free electronic resources available to the community, and we encourage access to these resources through our website."

Suzie said she would like to thank everyone who helped support CQ Psych Services over its past three years in business, including her team, their family, and friends.

"Lastly, but certainly not least I would like to say a big thank you to our wonderful clients, and the wider Gladstone Region community," she said.

"Our continued growth and recent expansion would not have been possible without your support, which is much appreciated.

"Here's to more great years in business and supporting our region."

CQ Psych Services works with adults, adolescents and children; providing a range of services including assessment, treatment and management for a number of psychological and emotional difficulties including anxiety, sleep problems, relationship issues, depression and stress.

To access free mental health resources, including information sheets and worksheets, visit www.cqpsychservices.com.au.

Welcome to the region

SIMPLE SOLUTIONS

A WELL-ESTABLISHED REGISTERED TRAINING ORGANISATION AND NDIS PROVIDER HAS OPENED ITS DOORS IN THE GLADSTONE REGION.

Simple Solutions, which focuses on providing high quality, flexible training and consulting services to the Community Services, Mental Health, Ageing and Disability sectors, has offices in Hervey Bay, Bundaberg, Maroochydore, Rockhampton and as of July, Gladstone.

Stakeholder Engagement Manager Monique Nispel said the business decided to open a Gladstone training facility, with a local trainer, to meet the needs of companies wanting to upskill their workforce.

"Businesses are wanting to invest in their staff's training and development to ensure they are not only meeting but exceeding industry standards, which is fantastic," she said. "And we are here to provide excellent person-centred training across accredited and non-accredited courses and workshops, customised to meet specific business or community needs across the Gladstone Region.

"We also cater for online training, blended learning, face-to-face and other training techniques."

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Port to Park race packs include a disposable timing bib and a free race t-shirt (limited stocks). Participants must bring their e-ticket and valid ID to collect their race pack.

Race packs can be collected from the Race Office, located at the CQUniversity Marina Campus.

Random prizes to be won with race pack collection.

Race Office opening hours:

Friday, 13 August: 7:30am-6:30pm

Saturday, 14 August: 8:00am-12:00pm

ROAD CLOSURES SUNDAY 15 AUGUST

To ensure the safety of participants and the community, the following roads will be closed on event day:

5:00am - 10:30am	Flinders Parade
5:00am - 10:30am	Goondoon St from Lord St to Roseberry St
5:00am - 10:30am	Central Ln from Lord St to Roseberry St
5:00am - 10:30am	Roseberry St from Goondoon St to Central Ln
5:00am - 10:30am	Lord St from Goondoon St to Glenlyon St
5:00am - 10:30am	Bryan Jordan Dr
5:00am - 9:00am	Alf O'Rourke Dr from Bryan Jordan Dr to Spinnaker park

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HEAL COUNTRY

CELEBRATING NAIDOC WEEK AT GSHS



GLADSTONE STATE HIGH SCHOOL ACKNOWLEDGES THE TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF THIS LAND THE GURANG PEOPLE, THE GOORENG GOORENG PEOPLE, THE BYELLEE PEOPLE AND THE TARIBELANG BUNDA PEOPLE.

Over the week students participated in a range of activities with a focus on this year's theme of Heal Country. We thank our staff, students and wider community for participating in this week's events.



Rachael Jarrow
Community Education Counsellor



Simone Henderson
Key Indigenous Teacher



Moana Hakavalu
Youth Support Coordinator



Adriana Johnson
School Based Youth Health Nurse



Mick Silvester
Indigenous Teacher Aide



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Indigenous School Captain



Jedd Kelly
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NEW FACILITY BOOSTS *water delivery infrastructure for Gladstone*

GLADSTONE AREA WATER BOARD HAS UNVEILED A NEW \$29 MILLION OFFLINE STORAGE FACILITY, ENSURING UNINTERRUPTED WATER SUPPLY FOR THE GLADSTONE REGION.

The facility holds 1,100 megalitres, which is about two weeks of water supply, and is a major boost for water services infrastructure in the region.

GAWB Chief Executive Officer Darren Barlow said the new facility will ensure the longevity of Awoonga Dam.

"The Offline Storage Facility is a significant investment towards advancing water reliability for our customers and the broader Gladstone Region," Mr Barlow said. "The facility allows us to safely undertake critical inspection and maintenance works without impacting our ability to provide continuous water supply."

Mr Barlow said the opening of the new facility is a significant milestone in GAWB's long-term capital works program.

"Much of the mechanical equipment at Lake Awoonga is over 25 years old and will require longer periods of time offline for inspection and maintenance in the coming years," Mr Barlow said.

Minister for Water Glenn Butcher said the successful delivery of the Offline Storage Facility shows the State Government can deliver Queensland reliable and cost-effective water infrastructure.

"As the operator of Gladstone's sole water source, Awoonga Dam, GAWB provides an essential service that promotes the economic development and enhances the lifestyle of regional Queensland," Mr Butcher said.

"This vital investment continues the ongoing development of an upgraded



water network that will improve security of water supply to the Gladstone Region and reinforce its appeal as a location for major industry development."

The facility operates the same way a dam does, using the surrounding hills and dam wall to hold water; the difference being that it is designed to hold water, not collect water from a catchment.

GAWB will spend more than \$170 million dollars on critical infrastructure upgrades and capital projects at Awoonga Dam over the next four years.

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Gladstone region

Employees helping to create change by searching for environmentally sustainable alternatives. Our employee-driven team has so far eliminated styrofoam cups on site, implemented sustainable toilet paper and collected over 7,000 ear plugs for recycling through Terracycle.

The team is reviewing local supplier options for all site consumables and purchasing only the most sustainable option where available, eg. 100% recycled office paper and currently trialling biodegradable bin bags.



Total project progress

Projects are categorised into air quality, noise reduction, and the management of land and water.

Some projects are to reduce the likelihood that a process incident could impact local environments. Other projects provide reductions to odour, dust and alkali emissions. This mix of projects will help us sustainably reduce our environmental risk while also providing better day to day outcomes for our community.

of projects
completed

of projects
currently in
construction



Air Quality
Aerosols/alkali,
dust and odours

\$15.3M spent
of that includes:
Odour \$3.4M
Dust \$7M
Aerosols \$4.9M

10

6



Water Management

\$62M spent

5

6



Land Management
Rehabilitation and
future planning

\$33.3M spent

7

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Noise

\$0.2M spent

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Odour

Non-condensable gases from our digestion process are a large contributor to our odour emissions. While these gases are harmless to our community and environment, we recognise this odour is not pleasant and it is an ongoing priority for us to reduce them. We have two thermal oxidisers which destroy some of these gases. These act like a giant Bunsen burner, burning off any odorous gases that are able to be sent to it.

We have completed two projects, one to supplement the thermal oxidiser with a bigger, more efficient unit and the other to send additional odorous gases to the new unit.



QAL's Ross Stephenson, Jake Mackay, Anna Kepper and Steven Herbst at the new thermal oxidiser odour destruction unit.

For more regular updates and project information, along with the full project implementation plan, please see our website:
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There is already a double bay, concreted high clearance annexe for boat, van or trailer parking and a separate fenced area for pets. Offered to the market for the first time in over 30 years it goes without saying that blocks of this size and nature are very tightly held. With full town services (town water and sewerage), subject to council approval there may even be an opportunity to subdivide.

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Local real estate donates \$10,000 TO COMMUNITY GROUPS

IN LESS THAN A YEAR, LOCAL REAL ESTATE AGENCY LOCATIONS ESTATE AGENTS HAS DONATED \$10,000 TO COMMUNITY GROUPS THROUGH THEIR COMMUNITY DONATION PROGRAM.

LOCATIONS Principal Alicia Williams said the program started in August 2020 as an incentive for clients to list with the independent local agency but also find a way to support local community organisations.



"We soon realised that the campaign was much more than a marketing incentive and that it was an amazing opportunity to also give back to worthy local organisations who needed it most," she said.

"By taking a recommendation from our clients we have the ability to identify a wide range of organisations and clubs who may not have otherwise received a financial donation due to a lack of public awareness."

Through the program, clients who sell with LOCATIONS are invited to choose a local community group for a \$250 donation, and animal rescue groups, the Cancer Council and the Women's Health Centre have been the most popular beneficiaries.

"It's great to see our clients choose a beneficiary that is special to them, and they know exactly where the money is going," Alicia said.

"At LOCATIONS we know how important small businesses are to the long-term sustainability and liveability of our community, so this program has been a great way to identify clubs and organisations at a grass roots level who will benefit from a donation.

"It's a great program to help those who miss out on funding, grants and other support due to a lack of resources, especially if they rely on volunteers."

Alicia said that while her team was proud to have donated over \$10,000 to local community groups, they're looking to improve on this benchmark in the next 12 months.

"We'd also like to say thank you to each of our clients that have given LOCATIONS the opportunity to work with them on the sale of their property so we can realise this achievement," she said.

LOCATIONS estate agents, which employs 19 locals, was established in 2013.

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It is a service, not a reward.

Leadership is about taking all that you have to offer, choosing your timing and using that to make a stand and put yourself forward.

Anyone can be a leader. But not everyone chooses to.

And making the choice to be a leader is showing leadership.

To lead is not only to share what you have to offer, but also to be willing to learn.

It is not about status. Leadership requires a degree of humility which enables you to bring out the best in others – to help them thrive, be their best and strive to be even better.

This month, Tannum Sands State High School has welcomed a new cohort of student leaders.

As Year 11 students, they are taking on the mantle – and the responsibility – of school leadership to enable our Year 12 students to focus on the final semester of their studies.

The Year 12 students will also be here as mentors, guiding the new leaders and leading by example. So, while our outgoing leaders are stepping off stage so to speak, they are not stepping away from their responsibilities – and I thank them for their ongoing service to our school community.

To our Year 12 student leaders – Courtney Fitzsimmons, Thomas Watson (Captains) Samantha Vardy and Campbell Jarvis (Vice Captains) and our whole student leadership team – we say thank you!

It has been a privilege to see these students grow and show real leadership during the past year, especially during a time that has tested the most experienced leaders. The innovation, humour, resilience, empathy, and commitment you have contributed as a team and as individuals demonstrates the belief, we should all have in our futures – with young people like you leading the way.

The opportunities and skills you have gained through the role should never be underestimated and are a valuable resource along your life journey.

Now, we congratulate our new leaders:

Captains

Charlie-Cheri Zorzan, Talia Clow

Vice-Captains

Max Jarvis, Jade Rankin.

House Captains

Burahrhl (white) – Senior: Ben Dollery and Luella Devir
Junior: Aliana Scheuber and Alexie Slaughter

Ghinmhine (yellow) – Senior: Connor Todd and Rebecca Hill
Junior: Logan Nutley and Tazmyn Ramke

Nagatin (blue) – Senior: Luke Pfeiffer and Chelsea Storch
Junior: Harry Patrick and Kasey Pfeiffer

Whoolghun (green) – Senior: William Patrick, Matilda Shea and Ruby Smith. **Junior:** Camille Bebandorf

Instrumental Music Leaders

Abi Crawford, Jordan Phillips and Carlia Van Der Merwe

STARS

(Students at Tannum Are Recognised for Service) Leaders:

Michael Vardy, Izaiah Daniels and Taka Solomon-McBride

For the students recognised today, this is their time.

Indeed, we are proud of each of them and congratulate them.

But Leadership is not just about the here and the now. It is all about timing and for all of our students, their time will come.

Even stepping forward to apply for these positions – whatever the outcome – was a sign of leadership. You stood up instead of staying seated. You led by example.

And there is leadership, too, in knowing you are not ready to take on a position – or that it wasn't right for you. You don't have to have a position or a title to show leadership each and every day.

To all of our students we say this: Your future will provide you with many opportunities to lead – choose your time & stand up – you all have much to offer.

Heather Blessington,
Principal



Heather Blessington (Principal), Max Jarvis (Vice-Captain), Charlie-Cheri Zorzan and Talia Clow (School Captains) and Jade Rankin (Vice-captain)



Incoming school leaders with Heather Blessington (Principal)

Locals encouraged to support veterans this Vietnam Veterans' Day

ON AUGUST 18, THE 55TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF LONG TAN, THE GLADSTONE REGION WILL COMMEMORATE VIETNAM VETERANS' DAY.

Gladstone RSL Subbranch President Ed Dahlheimer said it was important to remember the sacrifices of those who died, and say thank you to almost 60,000 Australians who served during the 10 years Australia was involved in the Vietnam War.

"The Vietnam War was Australia's longest military engagement of the 20th Century," he said.

"Between 1962 and 1972, 521 Australian soldiers tragically died and 3,000 were wounded.

"On Vietnam Veterans' Day, we pause and reflect on the bravery, teamwork and endurance that Australians displayed throughout the war.

"Vietnam Veterans are becoming thin on the ground, but those who are still with us will attend and it's important for us to

show our support as many veterans didn't feel properly honoured for having serviced their country in Vietnam."

The Battle of Long Tan was a significant moment in Australia's war in Vietnam.

On August 18, 1966, in a rubber plantation near the village of Long Tan, Australian soldiers fought one of their fiercest battles.

The men of Delta Company, 6th Battalion Royal Australian Regiment faced a force of some 2000 North Vietnamese and Viet Cong troops.

The battle was fought in wet and muddy conditions during a heavy tropical downpour.

By the end of the day, 17 Australians had been killed in action, and 25 were wounded, this was the largest number of casualties in a single operation since the Australian Task Force had established its base at nearby Nui Dat the previous April.

The Gladstone Region Vietnam Veterans Day service will take place on August 18 at ANZAC Park from 10:30 am.

Ed said it was important that all veterans,

ex-service men and women and their families and residents know they will "be made most welcome at our service".

"The aim of the service is to support our veterans and provide them with the sense of belonging that they deserve," he said.

"Hopefully we will have a large attendance on the 18th and this will be achieved.

"So please, everyone, come and join us."

For more information contact Gladstone RSL Subbranch Secretary Peter Young on 0408 753 420.



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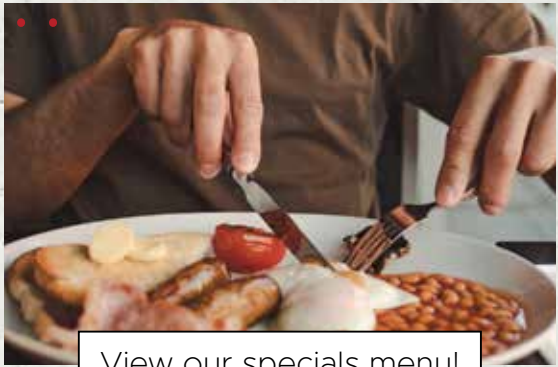
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New group to provide support for those with lung disease

FOR SHIRLEY DWYER THE TIPPING POINT CAME WHEN SHE WAS SITTING IN HER CAR TRYING TO GET HER BREATH BACK AFTER DOING HER SHOPPING.

Diagnosed with Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency in 2015, an uncommon condition that causes lung disease, Shirley looked up and saw another man with a large oxygen bottle draped over his car, also struggling to get his breath back.

"I thought 'you poor bugger', you need some support," she said.

"I had not had access to a lung disease support group, either in Brisbane or here in Gladstone, and we need it."

Shirley plans to establish the Gladstone & District Lung Support Group to provide emotional and educational support for those such as herself who suffer from lung disease.

"I want to bring in professionals to talk about diet and exercise, as well as Speech Therapists and Respiratory Specialists," she said.

"Future planning is, with help from medical experts, to get the pulmonary rehabilitation back up and running.

"I also want to provide support for family, friends and carers as they carry a heavy emotional load as well."

Shirley said the plan was to hold monthly support meetings unless there was a demand for more frequent meetings.

"The group will also be listed on the Australian Lung Foundation website, and they have been very helpful in getting this support group up and running," she said.

The first meeting of the Gladstone & District Lung Support Group will take place on August 13 at the Gladstone Men's Shed, located at 18 Moura Crescent in Barney Point, from 10am.

Anyone with a lung disease is welcome to attend.

For more information contact Shirley on gladstonelunggroup@outlook.com.

For more information on lung disease, including signs and symptoms, visit www.lungfoundation.com.au.



Harbour City

HOSTS STATE BMX EVENT

OVER 430 RIDERS FROM AROUND THE STATE DESCENDED ON GLADSTONE IN JULY FOR ROUND SIX OF AUSCYCLING QUEENSLAND'S BMX STATE SERIES HOSTED BY HARBOUR CITY BMX CLUB.

The event was the biggest the club has hosted in 14 years, and Club representative Bruce Crow said it showed that the Gladstone Region was capable of hosting large-scale events.

"Harbour City hosted a State Series Round in 2019, and last year we hosted the QLD Country Championships with 380 riders," he said.

"We hosted a State Championship back in 2007, but this is the first time, under AusCycling, that we have hosted an event of this size.

"Hopefully it is a step closer to the Club hosting another championship event as that would be a great experience for our riders, and a great boost financially for the town."

Bruce said the July 18 event was a huge success thanks to the support of local businesses and the Club's Committee.

"Special thanks to our Club Secretary Tim Fowler for all the late nights, and our hard-working committee, their families, and every business and volunteer who donated time, materials and money to support the Club and the event," he said.

"Our Club riders also did well at the event, with a few competing in the full State Series."

Harbour City BMX started in the 1980s and is a club for all ages, with members from three (Mini Wheelers) to over 50.

Training, at the grounds located off Glenlyon Road in Sun Valley, takes place Mondays to Wednesdays, and racing on Saturday nights.

For more information contact Club President Kevin Minter on 0429 058 531.

Check out the Harbour City BMX Club Facebook Page to keep up-to-date with events.

National Science Week

"Citizen Science Festival"

16-18
August
2021

	Monday 16 th	Tuesday 17 th	Wednesday 18 th
Morning	<p>8.00 – 10.30am</p> <p>"The wonderful world of water!" - Harbour Watch Gladstone Harbour Barge Cruise</p> <p><i>Citizen Science Champions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karl French – Harbour Watch Project Officer BIEEC team <p>Click here to register for this event!</p>	<p>"Citizen Science 4 Schools"</p> <p>Citizen Science Expo – invited schools of the Gladstone Region</p> <p><i>Citizen Science Champions:</i></p> <p>BIEEC & BSL Caring for Clownfish Coral Watch Harbour Watch Mangrove Watch AUSMAP Tangaroa Blue Gladstone Air Quality Group FBA Team Turtle GPC Big 6 program CQU CMERC</p>	<p>8.30 – 11.00am</p> <p>"What a load of rubbish!"</p> <p>AUSMAP and Tangaroa Blue – Lillies Beach Boyne Island</p> <p><i>Citizen Science Champions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Scott Wilson – AUSMAP Jodie Jones – Tangaroa Blue National Database Manager BIEEC team <p>Click here to register for this event!</p>
Afternoon	<p>1.00 – 3.30pm</p> <p>"Magnificent Mangroves"</p> <p>Mangrove Watch Video data collection – Boyne River</p> <p><i>Citizen Science Champions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jock Mackenzie and Dr Norm Duke – Mangrove Watch facilitators BIEEC team <p>Click here to register for this event!</p> <p>6.30pm Educational Documentary Night @ BIEEC – "Chasing Coral"</p> <p>BYO Chairs & Snacks</p> <p>Click here to register for this event!</p>	<p>Session 1 – 9.00 – 11.30am</p> <p>Session 2 – 12.00 – 2.30pm</p>	<p>8.30 – 2.00pm</p> <p>"Capture the catchment"</p> <p>Harbour Watch Catchment Crawl – Lake Awoonga to the Bray Park Boyne River</p> <p><i>Citizen Science Champions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karl French – Harbour Watch Project Officer Gladstone Area Water Board BIEEC team <p>Click here to register for this event!</p> <p>10.00 – 2.00pm</p> <p>"Caring for coral"</p> <p>Coral Watch data in the field – Rat Island</p> <p><i>Citizen Science Champions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr David Kopelke – Coral Watch Ambassador BIEEC team <p>Click here to register for this event!</p>



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NEW FUNDING FOR *community sport recovery*

LOCAL SPORT AND ACTIVE RECREATION CLUBS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY FOR UP TO \$150,000 UNDER A NEW FUND FOR DEVELOPING OR UPGRADING PLAYING FIELDS TO GET MORE QUEENSLANDERS INVOLVED IN SPORT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY.

Member for Gladstone Glenn Butcher said the Active Gameday Projects Fund would help the economic recovery of the sport and recreation industry by investing in smaller scale infrastructure that benefits local communities.

“Our sport clubs are at the heart of Gladstone’s community,” he said.

“This is a great opportunity for Gladstone Region clubs to apply for funding to back needed projects.

“The Active Gameday Projects fund will help them get back on their feet, freshen up their facilities for existing members, and encourage new sign ups.

“We’re able to get out on the field because of the hard work of Queenslanders in managing the health impacts of the pandemic.

“Funding of up to \$150,000 will be available for eligible organisations and projects who are able chip in 20 per cent of their project’s cost.”

The program is for fit-for-purpose works on playing spaces that meet grassroots level playing requirements and that encourage greater community participation.

Examples of projects that could receive funding include developing or upgrading playing surfaces and installing or upgrading irrigation and field lighting.

The \$9 million Active Gameday Projects Fund is a new initiative of the Queensland Government’s Activate! Queensland strategy, with the first round opening in September.

Clubs can review program information, including criteria and eligibility by visiting www.dtis.qld.gov.au/sport/funding-programs/active-gameday-projects.

Central FC meets their match in quarter finals

CENTRAL FC’S PREMIER LEAGUE WOMEN’S TEAM MET THEIR MATCH IN A WELL-DRILLED TOWNSVILLE BROTHERS TEAM IN THE QUARTER FINALS OF THE KAPPA WOMEN’S SUPA CUP IN TOWNSVILLE IN JULY.

Central Coach Marty Emerson took away a team of 15 who gave their best on the day but were unable to come up with the goods in a limited substitution game, which saw their fitness put to the test, and a final score of 5 to 0.

“Despite going down in the game, it’s a fantastic achievement for the ladies to reach the quarter-finals and be one of the last two regional teams in the competition,” he said.

“I couldn’t be happier with the mentality the girls displayed, they never said die, and everyone fought hard right to the end of the game, including having the final shot on goal.

“Congratulations to the Townsville Brothers, they’re a very good team, and had a fitness level we just couldn’t match.

“The new state-wide Kappa Women’s Super Cup is a fantastic concept from Football Queensland, and it has been a great experience for the girls to challenge themselves against the best teams from other zones across the state.”

Marty said Central FC and the women’s team would like to thank Football Central Queensland, QAL, Member for Gladstone Glenn Butcher, Monadelphous Engineering, Gladstone Summer 6s, Frost Engineering and Dan Giles Painting for supporting the fundraising efforts to subsidise the team’s travel and accommodation costs to attend the quarter-finals.

“A big thank you also to the supporters who made the trip to Townsville to help cheer the ladies on, and to everyone who cheered from home,” he said.

“Central FC is so lucky to be a part of a great community.”

The team’s focus now shifts to extending their lead in the Women’s Premier League Competition and preparing for the finals in September.





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