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what's on

FROM FEBRUARY 24, 2022

FEBRUARY 3 – APRIL 9

Celebrating Sports in the Gladstone Region Exhibition

When: Monday – Friday, 10am – 4:30pm, Saturday, 10am – 2pm

Where: Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum

From as early as 1902 when the sailors of HMS Torch won a novel cricket match against a team of Gladstone ladies (then lost a rematch a month later), sports have played an important role in our social community.

FEBRUARY 27

Junior Golf Come & Try Day

When: 9 – 11am

Where: Calliope Golf Club, Stowe Road

Free come and try event. All ages and skill levels welcome.

MARCH 5

BAM Markets

When: 2-7pm

Where: Millennium Esplanade, Tannum Sands

Live entertainment, great food and a huge variety of market stalls. Bring a blanket and some chairs and make an afternoon of it.

MARCH 8

International Women's Day 2022

The world comes together for International Women's Day (IWD) on March 8 to celebrate women's achievements and reinforce a commitment to women's equality.

MARCH 12, 13, 18, 19 & 20

Combined Schools Musical 2022: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

When: 7pm • Where: GECC

Cost: \$35 for adults and \$20 for children

The world-famous Willy Wonka is opening the gates to his mysterious factory...but only to a lucky few. Young Charlie Bucket and four other golden ticket winners will embark on a life-changing journey through Wonka's world of pure imagination including chocolate waterfalls, nutty squirrels and the great glass elevator, all to be revealed by Wonka's army of curious Oompa-Loompas.

LOCALS BEING URGED TO STEP UP *this Clean Up Australia Day*

IAN ANDERSON IS PASSIONATE ABOUT MARINE DEBRIS ON OUR LOCAL BEACHES, AND THE NEGATIVE IMPACT IT HAS ON THE GREAT BARRIER REEF.

Every year Ian, who is a Project Coordinator for the Tangaroa Blue Foundation, organizes a Clean Up Australia Day event at Lilley's Beach, and is urging locals to sign up to take part this March 6.

"If you want to have a positive impact on our local environment, why not come out and join us and see for yourself what we have to offer, and why we need to work together to preserve it for future generations," he said.

"Lilley's Beach is not only a popular camping destination right on our doorstep, it's also habitat to nesting sea

turtles and several species of migrating shorebirds.

"It is vitally important that we protect this habitat."

Through the Tangaroa Blue Foundation, which is a not-for-profit dedicated to the removal and prevention of marine debris, all the rubbish collected by Clean Up volunteers at Lilley's Beach will be sorted, counted and entered into the Australian Marine Debris Initiative (AMDI) Database.

"The purpose of this is to identify where the debris is coming from, and then develop a plan for preventing it getting to the beach in the first place," Ian said.

"If all we ever do is clean up, that's all we will ever do."

Over 38.5 million volunteer hours have been donated to Clean Up Australia Day activities over the past 31 years.

With our waste challenges going far beyond one day, locals are encouraged to register a Clean Up event any day of the year.

To join a local Clean Up Australia Day 2022 event, including the Lilley's Beach Clean Up, or to create your own event, head to www.cleanup.org.au.

In April and October the Tangaroa Blue Foundation will be holding their biannual community beach clean ups on Facing Island, Curtis Island and Bustard Bay.

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We honour this land by embracing and giving thanks for the daily opportunities to learn and grow.

Our Catholic faith is integrated with

our contemporary culture. Students are invited to learn from the teachings of Jesus Christ as they develop a sense of self-identity and self-worth. Through communal celebrations and prayerful contemplation, we journey together as a family, in peace, through love.

Every day, each of us has the opportunity to be respectful, to be a learner, to be safe and to be grateful. We live the 'spirit of Jesus' every time we speak and act with courtesy, when we work as a T.E.A.M (for together everyone achieves more), and when

we see and act on the needs of others before our own.

Parent partnerships that promote engagement form an integral element of our school life. Together, we provide a nurturing and safe environment for our children to reach their personal, educational, and spiritual potential.

At the heart of our school is a vibrant, spirit-filled community. Through engaging learning experiences and authentic partnerships, the students of St Francis advance in knowledge, critical thinking, communication and compassion to be the best versions of themselves.

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Students are active participants in their educational journey connecting to local and global communities, responding to the dynamic society in which we live.

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- Instrumental Music Program - Brass, Woodwind, Percussion, Vocal, Piano, Guitar
- Sporting Teams - Netball, Touch Football, Soccer, AFL
- Community Partnerships with Boyne Smelter Limited, Boyne Island Environmental Education Center, CQ STEM Hub, Reef Guardian School, Catholic Schools Robotics Challenge, Future Lego League
- Academic Challenges through BEBRAS and ICAS
- A great location – a minute's walk to the Boyne River and Canoe Point





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Behind the scenes of the 2022 COMBINED SCHOOL MUSICAL

PURE IMAGINATION AWAITS AUDIENCES OF THIS YEAR'S GECC COMBINED SCHOOLS MUSICAL: ROALD DAHL'S CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY.

"This is a classic Roald Dahl story that has been reimagined for the stage," Director Josh Kearney, who also directed *Shrek the Musical* in 2018, said.

"We have some classic tunes from the original Gene Wilder film version, along with some toe-tapping new songs, big dance numbers and lots of laughs.

"There is something for the whole family to enjoy, so come along and see the golden talent that the Gladstone Region has to offer."

With 67 children from 17 local schools involved in the production, as everything from actors to backstage and orchestra, there seems to be no shortage of talent in our community.

"We have some exceptionally talented kids in the Gladstone Region, and some go on to study drama and perform further because of the combined schools musical, and the opportunities it provides," Josh said. "It is fantastic to see so many schools involved in this year's production, and that they are so supportive of this project.

"It really is a wonderful opportunity for like-minded kids to come together and sing, dance and act, and to be a part of a full-scale musical production.

"The friendships that form are so heartwarming to see, especially if they return from previous shows, it is like time never passes when they see each other."

Rehearsals for *Charlie & the Chocolate Factory* kicked off in September, with vocals and choreography taught first, and then the blocking of the script before a six week break for Christmas.

"Since being back from the school holidays we have hit the stage running, bringing the show together, adding in

*Photos courtesy
Gladstone
Entertainment
Convention Centre*



sets, props and costumes," Josh said.

"We will ramp up rehearsals in the coming weeks, adding in technical rehearsals for the backstage crew, lighting plots and the sitzprobe, which is when the orchestra and cast practice together for the first time.

"We're very lucky to be able to use the GECC to rehearse on Wednesday evenings, and all day Sundays."

A primary school teacher at Clinton State School, Josh said working on the combined schools musical was just as rewarding as his day job.

"I love my job as a teacher, and working with local students, from primary school to Year 12, on the musical, and seeing their development and growth from auditions to the production is just as special."

Josh said bringing the musical to life has been a team effort, impossible without the support of the Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre and Gladstone Regional Council.

"They've supported this project for the last 24 years, and I hope their support will continue as it is such an invaluable project, and unique to the Gladstone Region," he said. "I would also like to thank the creative team, including Musical Director and Conductor Kate Shannon, Vocal Coach Robyn Addison, and Co-Choreographers Jamie-Lee Neil and Bobbie McIntyre.

"All the backstage crew and seamstresses, you'll see their amazing work, and Set Designer and Costume Designer Ross and Helen James, a power couple when it comes to these productions.

"And finally, thank you to my dear friend and mentor, Jeannine Butler, Stage Manager extraordinaire."

Tickets to *Charlie & the Chocolate Factory*, which opens March 12, cost \$35 for adults and \$20 for children.

Visit www.gladstoneentertainment.com to secure your seat.

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Your Council Community Update



Cameron Shearer (Acting Manager – Operations Support Services), Cr Glenn Churchill, Cr Kahn Goodluck, Cr Chris Cameron, Cr Desley O'Grady, Mayor Matt Burnett, Cr Darryl Branthwaite and Fran Moroney (Manager – Gladstone Regional Libraries) show off the new 100 per cent electric Kia Niro in front of Gladstone City Library.

Conversations spark Council's charge towards electric vehicles

Gladstone Regional Council has taken its first step towards a greener fleet of vehicles with the purchase of a '100% electric' car for use by the team at Gladstone Regional Libraries.

The decision to trial this vehicle – a 2021 Kia Niro – resulted from conversations between members of Council's Operations team recognising benefits of vehicle technology and savings efficiencies.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said the Kia Niro's GPS unit would provide Council with valuable data on the capability of EVs (electric vehicles) and their ability to meet Council's future operational needs.

"We are also looking at other green fleet options such as hybrid vehicles and electric trucks, while eagerly awaiting hydrogen options to be introduced and made available to the market," Councillor Burnett said.

"While making 100 per cent of our vehicle fleet electric may not be operationally possible, we are always striving to make our fleet more energy efficient.

"In another step towards a greener fleet, we are also preparing to take delivery of five electric forklifts, replacing five, old, diesel forklifts."

Cr Burnett said the EV would be based at Gladstone City Library and charged via a

charging station powered by solar panels located on the roof of the library.

"I know our Regional Libraries manager, Fran Moroney, is very excited to get behind the wheel of this EV when she makes her trips between all six of our Council libraries," he said.

"Its engine is whisper quiet and a full charge can see it travel up to 455km, although with several charging stations located across the region there's always opportunities to stop in for a quick charge."

Priced at just under \$60,000, it is estimated Council will save nearly \$7000 alone on the cost of diesel usage for the replacement vehicle.

"Council will also see savings in terms of servicing, with filter replacements totaling more than \$1000 over the life of the replaced vehicle; time saved refueling the vehicle, as charging can be done while it's not in use; and return on investment at replacement time when the vehicle goes to auction," Cr Burnett said.

"It's anticipated that we should have a residual value of between 40 to 50 per cent, compared to the residual values on the current fleet which are about 30 per cent."

Check out our Facebook page to see Council's latest asset.

Upgrades continue at Aquatic Centre

Gladstone Aquatic Centre's 25m pool will close from tomorrow (25 February) until late May 2022 as Stage 3 Rejuvenation Works commence.

Works include retiling the 25m pool and renewal of the building enclosure.

Council has considered many options to improve mobility and access for indoor pool patrons so they can use the 50m pool while the upgrade of the 25m pool occurs.

Various additions at the shallow end of the 50m outdoor pool will be made in the coming weeks in order to make it comfortable and inviting for patrons heading into the cooler months.

This month we'll also introduce new main amenities including three family change rooms, two Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) compliant unisex facilities, a women's change room and a men's change room.

Patrons will also notice a temporary entrance to the Aquatic Centre, located via the northern, 25m pool access.

Council is being assisted to deliver the Gladstone Aquatic Centre Rejuvenation Project via \$1.2m State Government funding, through the COVID Works for Queensland Program (Stage 1), \$1.6m through the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (Stage 2) and \$2.4m State Government funding, through the 2021-24 Works for Queensland Program (Stage 3).

Visit www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/pools-aquatic-centres to keep up-to-date with this project.

Gladstone Aquatic Centre's 25m pool will close temporarily.



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BREAKING THE BIAS

this International Women's Day



WHEN DOING RESEARCH ON INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY, AND TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THE BIAS THAT WOMEN FACE IN THEIR EVERYDAY LIVES, I CAME ACROSS SOME INTERESTING DATA FROM THE UNITED NATIONS.

According to their Tackling Social Norms Report, no country in the world – rich or poor – has achieved gender equality. Granted this report was published in 2020, but Australia's own Workplace Gender Equity Agency's 2020-21 employer census, the results of which were released this month, shows us that not much has changed.

The gender equality scorecard reveals that from the top-down women are undervalued in Australian businesses, and underrepresented where decisions are made.

Not a surprise to most working women.

The theme for International Women's Day 2022 is #BreakTheBias. Personally, I find this difficult, this call to break the bias, not because I don't want to, but because most of the bias I have experienced in my life has been unconscious, so implicit.

I've grown up in a society with gender stereotypes and bias, and have accepted things as the way they were

because I never knew any different, never knew any better. That's to say stereotypes or rules about how girls and boys should begin in childhood and follow us through to adulthood.

According to LeanIn.Org and InternationalWomensDay.com 73 per cent of women experience bias at work, yet less than a third of employees are able to recognize bias when they see it.

Likeability Bias is rooted in age-old gender stereotypes. We expect men to be assertive, so when they lead in the workplace it feels natural, while we expect women to be kind and communal, therefore we like them less when they assert themselves.

Hard to call out something that is so tied to our ideas of what it means to be a woman, but challenge we must. Knowing that bias exists isn't enough, action is needed by men and women to level the gender playing field across homes, across schools and universities, and across work.

International Women's Day, March 8, has been celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women since 1911. The day also marks a call for action for accelerating women's equality.

To learn more visit www.internationalwomensday.com.

Ashleigh Kvitko

CEO OF
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Each year International Women's Day reminds me to passionately push through gender specific stereotypes and to celebrate the wins of girls and women everywhere, in every role and in every industry.

In business and in my personal life I consciously surround myself with like minded women who don't accept the bias, who work harder than others and who without a doubt deserve the platform, promotion, pay rise or title.

I vow to make 2022 the year I accept the need for change. Declare the Change. WORK hard for the change and become the change.

Jane Katsanevas

GLADSTONE
NEWS
MANAGER



Women deserve so much more than just a day in a year. The power they have inside is enormous, this day is a reminder for every human being in the world to love and admire women, for they deserve it. Happy International Women's Day!

What International Women's Day

MEANS TO ELEVATE MEDIA & GLADSTONE NEWS

Jaclyn Kemp

SENIOR GRAPHIC
DESIGNER

Each year International Women's Day makes me so proud of the group of women I work with at Elevate Media and Gladstone News.

Together, we #BreakTheBias by balancing our careers, motherhood, volunteer and sporting commitments, social lives and so forth.

Not only do we do all that, but we also empower local female entrepreneurs to achieve their business and career goals and dreams through the work we're lucky enough to do.

Happy International Women's Day!



Leeanne Katsanevas

DIGITAL
MARKETING
COORDINATOR

This year's IWD message challenges us to #BreakTheBias and really take a look at how, unfortunately, we sometimes slip into stereotyping and gender biases in our everyday lives.

Being a mother of a boy and a girl I admittedly sometimes still find myself thinking and commenting biasedly towards each of their genders in certain little ways - it's a habit that I will be breaking!

Individually, we're all responsible for our own thoughts and actions and collectively we can all break the bias.



Romy Bowden

MARKETING
ASSISTANT

International Women's Day, for me, serves as a reminder for people to consciously take more notice, to reconsider their 'ingrained ways', and question any inaccurate gender beliefs they've been predisposed to.

I hope this day challenges people to live less out of habit, and more with intent to #BreakTheBias whether that be at work, at home or in our community.

Imagine a gender equal world. A world free of bias, stereotypes and discrimination.

A world where difference is valued and celebrated.



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International Women's Day Celebrating women in Health

Gladstone Hospital is proud to be a workplace where difference is valued and celebrated. We congratulate all the inspiring women who provide great care in our community and thank CQ Health staff who stand against bias, stereotypes and discrimination. #IWD #BreakTheBias



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In 2018, with the help and support of her devoted husband, children and amazing friends, Teresa opened her very own beauty salon; The Little House of Beauty.

Today, not only is the salon continuously growing in its service offerings, but its people, too. Thanks to the support of the LHOB community, Teresa has been able to employ more local people.



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Meet Teresa

OWNER OF THE LITTLE HOUSE OF BEAUTY

"Hello! I am Teresa, founder of The Little House of Beauty. This little house is all that I dreamed of and more. A peaceful, tranquil, quaint little house that is instantly calming when you walk in the door. A place you can unwind, destress and debrief in complete comfort. We pride ourselves on providing beauty therapy without stigma or judgement, a place you can be yourself."

Keep an eye on our socials for a very important announcement about some exciting upcoming treatments and a new professional who is joining the team!

About The Team

Katie is the newest member to join TLHOB. Katie comes to us from a day spa background and is a full diploma qualified therapist with a passion for massage.

Hannah is our resident tech guru who is in charge of socials, marketing and making your experience extra special and Logan is our beautiful salon assistant you will see here Saturday mornings in charge of keeping the salon up to the highest standards.



Happy International Women's Day

This year the Zonta Club of Gladstone is celebrating our 30th birthday! Over the 30 years we have had some amazing women who have joined our Club and worked to enhance the status of women and girls locally and internationally. We have been generously supported by the Gladstone community over our 30 years. We thank you for that support and look forward to continuing our work.

On this International Women's Day we would like to acknowledge the women in our Region who may be starting some great initiatives, working towards gender equality, or excelling in their chosen field of work (amongst other things).

The Zonta Club of Gladstone wish to advise that we have cancelled our International Women's Day event for 2022. We encourage you to support other events in our region where you can and look forward to bringing our International Women's day breakfast to you on the 5th March 2023.



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We love serving the Gladstone community and are so excited to participate in all the local IWD activities. We hope to see you at the Gladstone Women's Health morning tea, the GEA Dinner or any of the other events around town.



Collectively we can all #BreakTheBias this IWD

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What International Women's Day

MEANS TO ROSEBERRY QLD

Erin Robertson

RQ BOARD DIRECTOR

What message/advice would you have for young women today?

Surround yourself with good people you can lean on and have as mentors and like-wise you can be there for them as well as you go through the many challenges that life throws at you. Don't ever let anyone say, you can't do something, what you make of your life is up to you and the world is your oyster.

What makes you proud about being a woman? Our natural instinct to support one another and stand up for what we believe in. I'm grateful for the battles women have fought over the years for my right to live the empowered life I'm able to enjoy.

Carly Quinn

RQ DIRECTOR

What message/advice would you have for young women today? Know your truth, know your worth and live and lead by your values.

Show up to improve, not to prove.

Petrina Crawford

CLINICAL SERVICES MANAGER
HEADSPACE GLADSTONE

What message/advice would you have for young women today?

Always be yourself no matter what.

What makes you proud about being a woman? The female bond is strong when women support women amazing things happen.

Gena Hitzke

MANAGER YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES

What famous women inspire you and why? Jacinta Price inspires me in

terms of her ability to stand strong for her beliefs and speak them loudly. As a Warlpiri woman she walks between both her Aboriginal culture and European cultural worlds with strength and determination and does not get so lost in one culture or another.

She speaks passionately about the beauty of her Aboriginal culture and shows great respect, but doesn't turn a blind eye to the pain and sufferings in communities that is within the communities responsibility to address.

What message/advice would you have for young women today?

Your worth is not defined by your past, your paycheck, the clothes you wear or the people you know. It is defined by how you make people feel when they are with you and when they leave you.

Lauren Bull

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT OFFICER
HEADSPACE GLADSTONE

What do you think women bring to the table (boardroom/leadership) that is different or unique from men? Women bring their own perspective

and experiences, we need to be represented so that other women can see examples and know that they too can achieve greatness.

Colleen Cunningham

PARENTNEXT OFFICER

What message/advice would you have for young women today?

Believe in yourself, set yourself challenges and set your bar high....You are worth it...

Lee Valentine

CLINICAL SERVICES
MANAGER HEADSPACE
ROCKHAMPTON

What famous women inspire you and why? Brene Brown. She is a badass social worker who believes in the power of vulnerability and authenticity. Watch her TED talk!

What message/advice would you have for young women today? You are enough. You are more than enough.

Jaye Garthwaite

RQ PROJECT OFFICER

What message/advice would you have for young women today? Be strong, be kind, be YOU!



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The shed extension, a work in progress since 2016, provides the brigade with three appliance bays, an office and training facilities, including an incident control point if there is a natural disaster.

First Officer Jason Polzin said he would like to thank the Calliope community for their support of the project, particularly local businesses who donated \$50,000 worth of in-kind support.

"This shed extension really was a community effort, with money donated from the Gladstone Foundation, Queensland Fire

and Emergency Services and the Gambling Community Benefit Fund.

"In addition our team raised almost \$130,000, and then the community stepped in and donated everything from new carpets, a fridge and a television, to a crane to erect the shed.

"I would like to thank all of these businesses, there's too many to list individually, but come and check out our permanent thank you sign outside the new shed; it's a pleasure to support a community full of such wonderful people who support us.

"Lastly, a big thank you to all the Calliope Rural Fire Brigade volunteers for giving up their time to make this extension and upgrade possible."

QFES Deputy Commissioner Mike Wassing said regional volunteers are embedded in their communities.

"The community relies on QFES to be there when they are needed most, and having the right equipment is vital to the work our

volunteers do," he said.

"Central Region is vast and prone to emergency incidents and natural disasters, and this was evident with the Central Region Fires in 2018, which severely impacted the greater Gladstone area.

"Now, with the best possible equipment at hand, our volunteers will continue to build community resilience and protect people in the greater Gladstone area in times of need."

Follow the Calliope Rural Fire Brigade on Facebook to keep up-to-date with their latest news.

If you're interested in learning more about the brigade, including joining as a volunteer, contact the team on calliopefire@hotmail.com or 0429 579 319.



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If that's not enough cause for celebration, their Property Sales Specialist Michael Byrnes has been awarded top spot as the number one agent of the year for Gladstone-Tannum Sands region too.

Principal Alicia Williams said it was very exciting to be recognised as one of

the leading agencies in our community.

"LOCATIONS estate agents are Gladstone's most trusted and dynamic real estate agency, and this award supports that," she said.

"We have a client centric, solutions-based focus, and ensure that all business dealings emulate our core values of transparency, communication, results, respect, integrity and accountability.

"We're appreciative of the on-going support of our community, and testament to this is our Community Donations Program which has given over \$25,000 to local groups over the past year."

Alicia, who took out suburb winner for Glen Eden and West Gladstone in the awards, said the recognition would not have come without hard-work and the dedication of the entire LOCATIONS team.

"Our team works as just that, a team, and we always put our clients first," she said. "We're incredibly proud of our agency award, and of Michael, who has worked tirelessly over the last couple of years to help his clients achieve their property goals.

"We're excited to see how Michael's business develops this year, especially with Tash Kare working alongside him as Personal Assistant and Sales Associate."

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Clean energy future for Central Queensland

CENTRAL QUEENSLAND IS ANOTHER STEP CLOSER TO BECOMING A RENEWABLE ENERGY POWERHOUSE WITH PRODUCER ACCIONA ENERGÍA SIGNING THE CENTRAL QUEENSLAND STATEMENT OF COOPERATION IN FEBRUARY.

Deputy Premier Steven Miles said four companies - Rio Tinto Australia, Alpha HPA, Orica and ACCIONA - had now signed the Statement of Cooperation to work with the state government to ensure Queensland can benefit from the global shift towards decarbonisation.

"The world is starting to realise the natural advantage Queensland has in renewable energy and manufacturing and that we are ready for renewable investment right now," Mr Miles said. "We are working with industry to unlock more opportunities for Queensland to decarbonise and create jobs, starting in Central Queensland."

"The Statement of Cooperation outlines our commitment to making Central Queensland a renewable energy powerhouse."

"We are bringing together key players in the region to leverage our traditional strengths and build a state that will thrive in the global transformations ahead."

"This means more opportunities for the region and more jobs for Queenslanders."

ACCIONA Energía Managing Director Brett Wickham said

Central Queensland was a region of great potential for renewable energy.

"Central Queensland has enormous opportunities for renewable energy to create new jobs in the region and can supercharge the area's economic growth," he said. "The highly skilled workforce already in the area and the designated Renewable Energy Zone make Central Queensland a desirable place to invest and do business."

In late 2021, ACCIONA Energía signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Queensland's Stanwell Corporation to supply renewable energy from ACCIONA's planned Aldoga Solar Farm directly to Stanwell's proposed hydrogen plant near Aldoga.

The Aldoga Solar Farm will be constructed within the Gladstone State Development Area, 20km outside of Gladstone creating hundreds of jobs during its construction phase.

"Between our MOU with Stanwell Corporation and signing the Statement of Cooperation we have made a strategic long-term commitment to the future of Central Queensland," said Mr Wickham.



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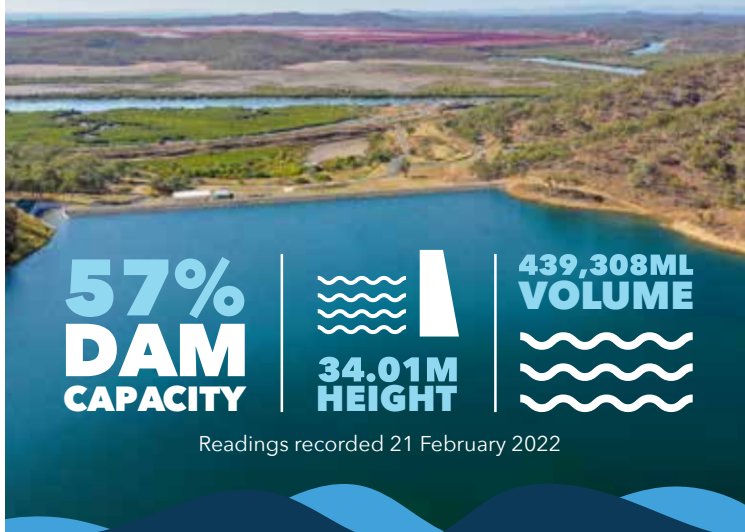
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3 YEAR PROGRESS UPDATE

In mid-2018 Queensland Alumina committed to a 5 Year Environment Strategy (5YES) comprised of over 60 capital improvement projects and organisational culture change initiatives.

The program was a commitment made by QAL to deliver year-on-year improved environmental performance. With the investment increased from its original estimate of \$270M to a now fully scoped \$450M, the complex portfolio has been prioritised to either improve environmental performance at QAL, or reduce the risk of QAL impacting the receiving environment.

\$189.7 M



Spent
to date

\$84.2 M



Spent locally -
Gladstone region

30 of 60



Projects
completed



Total project progress

The projects are categorised into odour, air quality (which includes reducing alkali and dust emissions), noise reduction, and the management of land and water.

Some projects are to reduce the risk of a process incident impacting the surrounding water or land environments, while other projects are to provide tangible 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.

In 2021 alone we spent over \$80M addressing our Class III & IV environment risks, completing 12 projects.



For more regular updates and project information, along with the full project implementation plan and videos, please see our website:

www.qal.com.au/our-approach/environment.aspx

To contact us please: call 1800 181 110 or email feedback@qal.com.au



Gladstone VMR Service buoyed by almost \$10,000 boost

LOCAL BOATING AND MARINE ENTHUSIASTS WILL BE SAFER ON THE WATER FOLLOWING THE FEBRUARY ANNOUNCEMENT OF TWO GRANTS TOTALLING ALMOST \$10,000 TO GLADSTONE VOLUNTEER MARINE RESCUE ASSOCIATION QUEENSLAND.

The state government grants have been used by VMR Gladstone to purchase three new radios and aerials for their secondary rescue vessel.

"We've also been able to replace two AGM batteries, which keep the power on to our radios in the radio room at the base with the power goes off," VMR Gladstone President Jeff Caldwell said.

"All of these items are 10 years old, and at the end of their useful life.

"We've also been able to buy three new computers, which will be used to assist in the development of necessary skills for our volunteers to ensure they are qualified and competent to perform the tasks required to enable us to conduct our prime role of 'saving lives at sea'.

"VMR Gladstone greatly appreciates the support received from Queensland Fire and Emergency Services in terms of the award of this grant."

Member for Gladstone Glenn Butcher MP said the new investment would enhance marine rescue services in the Gladstone Region.

"Our dedicated marine rescue volunteers in Gladstone have long provided a vital service keeping us safe and we want to ensure they are supported in the work they do," he said.

Established in 1971, VMR Gladstone is called to undertake around 70 incidents, covering search and rescue, breakdowns, groundings and medical evacuations, a year.

For more information, including becoming a member, and how you can volunteer to support the local recreational boating community, head to www.vmr Gladstone.org.au.

QCWA AMBROSE *need you*

THE AMBROSE QUEENSLAND COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (QCWA) IS IN DESPERATE NEED OF MEMBERS TO KEEP THEIR ASSOCIATION AND THEIR HALL ALIVE.

President Karen Holness said with only six active members, the branch doesn't have enough volunteers to keep up the work they do every month.

"We need more people who are willing to give up one Saturday a month to help out with our fundraising, which goes towards keeping the hall maintained, and available to the community," she said.

"The hall, which is celebrating its 96th birthday this year, has seen many functions over the years such as weddings, including mine, birthday parties, dances, meetings and even wakes.

"It is a meeting place for the whole Ambrose community, a place for people to come together and catch up and relax over a cuppa and a bountiful smoko, provided by the QCWA ladies, as well as enjoying a lively game of hoiy, and winning prizes in our cent sale.

"If we don't get more members involved we will lose our branch, and in turn the hall would be sold and taken away."

QCWA is a community of women who, together, have improved the lives of people living in regional, rural and remote Queensland since 1922; the Ambrose Branch will celebrate their 95th birthday this December.

"Our branch offers a fun and safe environment for like-minded community members to come together to provide services to our community, and to offer country women a place to create friendships, socialise, and interact through events," Karen said. "With enough support we will also run Craft & Cuppa Days and Country Kitchen Workshops."

The QCWA Ambrose meets on the second Monday of every month at 3:30pm at their hall on Gentle Annie Road, Ambrose.

For more information on joining contact Karen on QCWAAmbroseBranch@gmail.com.



LOCAL GRANT WRITING PROGRAM EXTENDED

ROUND 2 OF NOT-FOR-PROFIT (NFP) HOUSE'S GRANT WRITING PROGRAM IS NOW OPEN.

Funded by Shell's QGC business, Gladstone Regional Council and Together Gladstone, the program will help local not-for-profits and small to medium sized businesses in building their grant writing capacity.

Launched last year with \$50,000 funding from Shell's QGC business and council, the program saw \$265,000 awarded to Round 1 participants, including the Gladstone Tennis & Squash Association.

GTSA's Allison Jackson said she was a lot more confident with the process of applying for grants after attending a Grant Writing Workshop with NFP House last year.

"Lyndal Hansen is extremely knowledgeable, and gave GTSA one-on-one assistance on how to make our grant applications better, and how to make them stand out," she said.

"As a result of the workshop I have had success with two grants for GTSA, \$8349 to purchase a brand new ride-on mower for our volunteers from Community Bank Calliope and Gladstone, and \$1760 from Gladstone Regional Council to replace a broken shade sail.

"We are incredibly grateful to have received these grants to help us maintain our club for the community to use, and I would definitely recommend the Grant Writing Program to others.

"The time spent working with you individually to mentor and provide feedback, as well as the reassurance that you're on the right track, is invaluable."

As part of the program, NFP House can help participating community organisations and businesses prioritise their projects, match projects with suitable funding, and assist with writing and reviewing grant applications.



NFP House CEO Lyndal Hansen said the organisation was so grateful to see the Grant Writing Program extended.

"Many of the 200 organisations that NFP House has serviced have indicated they are in need of funding for specific projects," she said.

"While some clubs have highly skilled volunteers in grant writing, many do not.

"The Grant Writing Program assists to build the skills within the community, and allows not-for-profit organisations to become more self-sufficient."

Shell's QGC business's Asset Manager Midstream Krishna Venkatesan said they were excited to see the program continue throughout 2022.

"The feedback from groups and businesses who utilised the service last year has been extremely positive, with participants able to upskill, and more successfully access grants funds," he said.

"In turn, we have seen the social benefits associated with local community projects coming to life, and the economic benefits of additional local spend opportunities.

"Shell's QGC business is proud to continue our support of this worthwhile program."

Round 2 of the Grant Writing Program

will take ongoing enrolments until the end of 2022, with both one-on-one support available, and group workshops to be announced.

For more information contact NFP House on admin@nfphouse.org.au or 0460 792 812.

NFP HOUSE'S DO'S FOR GRANT WRITING:

- Allow enough time for the application process; do not leave it until the last minute.
- Read the guidelines and match your project.
- Build a relationship with the funding body.
- Get others to read your application, and double check for spelling mistakes and grammar.
- Make your points clearly and early in the application.
- Get your committee/board involved.



Well reviewed local tourist park wins award

MOUNT LARCOM TOURIST PARK IS CELEBRATING FOLLOWING THE RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT THEY'VE WON THE TRAVELLER REVIEW AWARDS 2022 BY BOOKING.COM.

For new owners Geoff and Teena Severn, who took over ownership of the park in January, the 9.2 rating was a much-welcome surprise.

"The achievement is a result of consistently great reviews from our guests," they said. "So we have to thank everyone who has stayed with us and left feedback.

"We would also like to thank the park's

previous owners, Del and Kev Smaldon, for all their hard work in making the park what it is today.

"They've left a wonderful foundation for us to build on, a place where travellers can rest and relax on their way to their next adventure."

After living the nomadic life for the past several years, travelling around Australia in the caravan, Geoff, Teena and their four children decided it was time to "stop in one place for awhile and put down some roots".

"Our family is very much looking forward to being a part of the local community," they said. "The good news is, all those years travelling have meant

we know what we like when we stay somewhere, and we hope to use this knowledge and experience to give our guests a quality place to stay."

The Mount Larcom Tourist Park offers pet-friendly powered and unpowered caravan and camping sites, as well as motel style ensuite cabins. The park is situated on six acres, with stunning mountain and countryside views.

For more information, or to book your next getaway, visit www.mtlarcomtouristpark.com



UNION AND LEAGUE JOIN FORCES

To play golf and raise money for local clubs

RUGBY LEAGUE AND UNION JOINED FORCES IN LATE-JANUARY WITH 53 PLAYERS HITTING THE GREEN AS PART OF GLADSTONE VALLEYS RUGBY SENIOR'S BI-ANNUAL GOLF DAY.

Valleys Committee Member Jed Griffiths said with so many Diehards playing union for GRUFC Goats during the pandemic, they thought it was "a great opportunity to bring both clubs closer together".

"The day is a great way to get all the players together before our seasons start,

and all the funds get split to help both clubs kick start the year," he said.

With everything from experienced golfers to first-timers teeing up at the event, Jed said the golf was a lot closer than expected.

"Most teams hit between 37 and 42, except one team but I'll save them the embarrassment and won't name them," he said. "We then roll two dice as a handicap, and minus their roll off the score, and the Gladstone Goannas rolled an 11 and took out the top prize.

"The most important thing is they were a Valleys Team, and thoroughly

deserved the win.

"A big thank you to our sponsors and local businesses, including Platinum Electricians, Rocky Glenn Hotel, Ampol, Battery World, Ban Thai Restaurant and Complete Angler for donating prizes for the day."

Valleys have been in a strong place for a few years, with a mixture of young talent and experienced players, but Gladstone being a shift work town means they're always on the lookout for new players.

"We're going for a third straight Premiership in 2022, and there's a special buzz around the playing group at the moment," Jed said.

"But it has been a very big effort by the whole organisation, Juniors and Seniors, to get us going in the right direction.

"A big shout out to all our volunteers, we couldn't do any of it without those who put all the hard work in week after week."

For the latest Diehards news follow the Valleys Rugby League Club Gladstone Snr Facebook Page.



Gladstone Region Deputy Mayor ENTERS TRADIE WARS

DEPUTY MAYOR, AND FORMER BOILERMAKER, KAHN GOODLUCK WILL STEP INTO THE RING IN JULY TO RAISE MONEY FOR YOUNG VETERANS CENTRAL QUEENSLAND.

As part of Beast Championship's upcoming Tradie Wars, Kahn will go head-to-head with Aestec Services' Matthew Clark over three two-minute rounds of boxing.

"Matthew is a friend of mine and we spoke about it and decided we would both be happy to jump in the ring together for a good cause," Kahn said.

"I trained and competed in the mixed martial arts arena in my 20s, so I love the discipline, but I have not done any training for 10 years or so, and I am definitely rusty and unfit.

"Which is another reason I decided to come on board with this event.

"In addition to raising money to support local young veterans, the competition will motivate me to focus on my own health and fitness goals."

Over the next couple of months Kahn plans to eat healthy, run, do weights, and train at home and with mates to help him with his boxing skills.

"I might look into heading into a local

martial arts gym for some sessions closer to the event," he said.

"I know Matthew will also be training hard, and we will both step in on the night as good mates, with smiles on our faces, and hopefully put on a good show for the crowd.

"I also look forward to enjoying a beer with him afterwards, and sharing a laugh while we cheer on some of our other mates on the night as well."

Matthew, an older bouncer from the nightclubs, currently works as a Leading Hand Machine Operator with Aestec Services, and said taking part in Tradie Wars was an easy decision.

"My partner is ex-Navy, so I know how important supporting our veterans is," he said.

"I look forward to getting in the ring with Kahn, raising some money for a great cause and putting on a good show."

Kahn said given that Gladstone was a town full of tradespeople and workers, he hoped others would put their hand up to take part in the event.

"Jason Hoad from Beast Championships is such a passionate advocate for not only martial arts but also our young veterans," he said.

"This is such a great event that the whole community should get behind, and I



definitely encourage other local tradies to reach out to Jason if they're keen to get involved."

Tradie Wars will take place at the Calliope Roosters Indoor Sports Centre on July 2 from 3pm.

Tickets will be available at www.beast-championship.ticketleap.com.

Follow the Beast Championship Facebook Page to keep up-to-date as more tradie fighters are announced, or email Jason on ceo@beastchampionship.com for more information.

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