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FISH OF THE MONTH WINNER

Congratulations Bentley Sharpe on catching this Parrot Fish!

Please contact Gladstone News to arrange collection of your \$50 voucher.

DID YOU KNOW?

Fish are known to change colours depending on camouflage needs, environmental conditions and time of the year. Colours range all across the rainbow, from blues and greens to pinks and reds.



Name: Bentley Sharpe
Fish Species: Parrot Fish
Location: Spinnaker Park

WHAT'S ON AT *Easter in Gladstone*



Gladstone Harbour Festival

THURSDAY APRIL 14 –
SUNDAY APRIL 17

Where: Gladstone Marina
Gladstone's famous Harbor Festival is on again this Easter weekend! Over the four days there will be plenty of food, rides and fun for the whole family!

Brisbane to Gladstone Village Opening Night

THURSDAY APRIL 14

Where: B2G Village

The Village will be joined by Gladstone's major industry groups and Nhulundu Health Service to open officially. With live music, food stalls, a licensed bar and a major prize giveaway, the event will be a great start to the long weekend!

Yachtsman's Long Lunch

FRIDAY APRIL 15, 11AM- 3PM

Where: B2G Village, O'Connell Wharf • Cost: \$195 All-inclusive

The Yachtsman's Long Lunch is one of Gladstone's most sought-after Easter weekend experiences. The afternoon is a perfect opportunity for a romantic lunch near the water, with a luxurious three-course meal paired with Australia's finest wines and beer.

B2G Line Crossing Party

SUNDAY 17TH APRIL

Where: B2G Village

The Brisbane to Gladstone Line Crossing Party will be the Easter party you won't want to miss. This will be an opportunity for competitors in the race, supporters and the general community to celebrate another fantastic Brisbane to Gladstone yacht race, and another year of Easter in Gladstone.

Seafood Festival

SATURDAY 16TH APRIL

This festival will put a spotlight on all varieties of seafood, and will let visitors of all ages participate in the carnival-style atmosphere of the B2G Village.



Winners Are Grinners!

Schools across the Gladstone Region have hosted their Cross Country events this month, and these faces couldn't look any happier about it.



Celebrate Easter at the **Gladstone Ports Corporation Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race**

THE GLADSTONE PORTS CORPORATION BRISBANE TO GLADSTONE YACHT RACE IS GEARING UP FOR ANOTHER BUMPER YEAR WITH 38 YACHTS LINING UP FOR THE STARTER'S GUN ON GOOD FRIDAY IN SANDGATE.

Avid race enthusiasts, community members and visitors can watch the spectacular superyachts Ichiban and Black Jack or local heroes Wistari and

Restless cross the new finish line at Patsy Lee Place, East Shores.

Chief Operating Officer Craig Walker said Gladstone Ports Corporation has always supported the race and is honoured to be playing a major role in such a historically important sporting event.

"As the naming right sponsor, we are excited to welcome locals and visitors to watch the race from the best seats in the port

city – East Shores Parklands and Spinnaker Park," Mr Walker said.

"This is such an iconic annual event on the yachting calendar and Gladstone continues to grow in popularity as a destination at Easter," he said.

Marina Superintendent David Osmond said while boaties were fine-tuning their boats, GPC was also getting ready to welcome race-goers across the finish line in style.



“Our beautiful Marina has front row seats to the action and it’s situated close to the race finish line,” Mr Osmond said.

“Our team at GPC has put in a lot of work to transform the Marina area and we are very proud to offer our modern facilities and for competitors and visiting boaties to relax in our stylish marina lounge,” he said.

Gladstone Ports Corporation is proud to play a major role in one of our region’s most successful and iconic events and with loads of fun and festivities over the Easter break, there’s something for everyone!



Fun Facts About the B2G Yacht Race

In 2021, local Gladstone yacht Wistari matched Laurabada’s record for the most number of race starts at 51.



1957 saw the slowest race in history with winning yacht Alvis, skippered by Fred Markwell, limp across the line in a time of 95 hours, 9 minutes and 1 second, and an average speed of 3.24 knots.

In 1972, Cyclone Emily hit and winds reached up to 96 knots. There were 25 race starters and 20 of those retired.

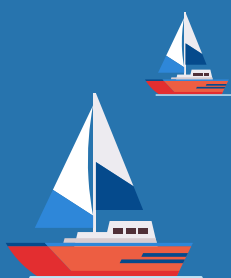


In 2018, Peter Harburg realised a lifelong goal with his Supermaxi Blackjack by smashing the race record, arriving in Gladstone only 16 hours, 53 minutes and 37 seconds after they started!

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



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





B2G VILLAGE

BRISBANE TO
GLADSTONE VILLAGE

B2G VILLAGE OPENING *presented by Port Curtis Coral Coast*
- Thursday 14th April from 5pm to 10pm - Free All Ages Event

YACHTSMAN'S LONG LUNCH *presented by Gladstone Cinemas*
- Friday 15th April from 11am to 3pm - Ticketed 18+ Event \$195
For tickets go to gladstoneentertainment.com

FESTIVAL OF SUMMER SOUNDS - Friday 15th April from 5:30pm to 10pm - Ticketed 13-17yo Event \$40
For tickets go to gladstoneentertainment.com

SEAFOOD FESTIVAL *presented by The Capricornian* - Saturday 16th April from 10am to 10pm - Free All Ages Event

HARBOUR CRUISE BRUNCH *presented by GAPDL* - Saturday 16th April from 11am to 1pm - Ticketed All Ages Event \$35
For tickets go to gladstoneentertainment.com

LINE CROSSING PARTY *presented by Australian Pacific LNG*
- Sunday 17th April from 2pm to 12am - Free 18+ Event

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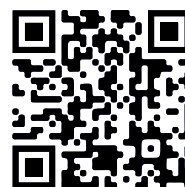
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FIVE LOCAL GROUPS SHARE IN \$200,000 FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS

SHELL'S QGC COMMUNITIES FUND HAS SUPPLIED FIVE LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS FROM ACROSS THE GLADSTONE REGION WITH A SHARED \$200,000 OF FUNDING TO DELIVER KEY PROJECTS ACROSS THE REGION.

The grants will fund upgrades to several different local programs which will improve the lives of hundreds of Gladstone Region residents. These include upgrades to community hubs and sporting grounds, improvements to local sports clubs and a program which is helping address domestic and family violence.

One of this year's recipient group's is Gladstone Women's Health Centre (GWHC). GWHC Director Patricia Lisle said that the grant will fund the extension of the Men's Education Network (MENs), which is included in a suite of programs that aim to help address domestic and family violence in the region.

"It's helping us to provide a safe network of support for men to address abusive behaviour by focusing on negative behaviours, family breakdown and the judicial system, while improving the safety and wellbeing of women and families," Ms Lisle said.

"The program's focus is to increase men's understanding about the impact of their

behaviours on others and enable strong social networks that support positive behaviours. In turn, the outcome is that men will be more productive, positive and effect people; and better fathers, husbands and partners."

Shell's QGC business LNG Asset Manager Krishna Venkatesan said the annual Communities Fund grants help volunteer-led, not-for-profit groups deliver programs and projects that make a difference to the community.

"For groups such as these, raising funds takes an enormous amount of time and effort by people who volunteer on top of their work and family commitments. The Shell's QGC Communities Fund grants give grassroots community groups a helping hand to fast-track projects, for the benefit of the wider community," Mr Venkatesan said.

"This means our locals have access to improved facilities and more opportunities to take active roles in building a safer community.

"Our shell QGC team, the majority of whom are locals and many of whom volunteer themselves, are humbled to play a small part in helping these community championships make a real difference to our region," Mr Venkatesan said.

This year was also the first time that joint applications were submitted to the program, which encouraged collaboration between local groups.

Calliope Rodeo Association and the



Rotary Club of Calliope successfully applied for funds to complete major upgrades at the Chapman Park Grounds, a central venue for events in the Calliope community. The project will include the construction of a new five-bay shed, electrical work and the instillation of solar power.

The five recipients of Shell's QGC Communities Fund are The Calliope Rodeo Association Inc and Rotary Club of Calliope, Gladstone Women's Health Centre, Gladstone Gymnastics Club Inc, and the Boyne Tannum Football Club Inc.

Shell's QGC Communities Fund is supported by its joint venture partners Tokyo Gas and CNOOC, contributing to strong, liveable communities across the Western Downs and Gladstone Regions.





Bill Robertson Toyota WINS BIG AT DEALER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

The team at Bill Robertson Toyota have won the 2021 Rural Toyota Dealer of the Year award and been acknowledged for many more at the Queensland Toyota Dealer of the Year Awards.

The management team at Bill Robertson Toyota attended the awards ceremony in mid-March, and returned accompanied by nine separate awards.

The awards included Excellence Awards in Parts, Service, Sales, Business Management, Guest Experience, Marketing, Facilities and Environmental Practices. The most exciting part of the evening, however, was being awarded with the 2021 Rural Toyota Dealer of the Year Award.

"This is truly an award that requires everyone at our dealership to do their jobs at a high standard every day. Toyota Motor Corporation recognizes the most outstanding Metropolitan and Rural Dealer's in each

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Region, which is only ten winners throughout Australia each year, so we were thrilled to be announced as the Rural Dealer of the Year winner for our 2021 achievements. These achievements represent consistent performance across all areas of our business and exemplary performance in commitment to our guests," said Bill Robertson Toyota Dealer Principal, James Robertson.



FROM HOME TO SHOWROOM:

LOCAL BUSINESS OWNERS
MELISSA AND GAVIN LAUNCH

Rooftop Vibe

'Moonbar Moments' owners Melissa and Gavin Hamilton are only just getting started when it comes to their event-planning business.

The husband and wife duo have just recently launched their newest project 'Rooftop Vibe', an outdoor space which will present live music, drinks on a Friday afternoon and play host to your next celebratory event.

"We started our business from home and now have a showroom; showcasing our products. We also have a café where you can sit down, have something light to eat as well as a coffee or a cold drink. We're also in the middle of setting up an indoor venue as well as an outdoor option," said Melissa.

'Rooftop Vibe' recently hosted a 'Live Night', hosting several local artists at their performance venue.

"We are in the middle of setting up an indoor venue as well as an outdoor option. Our venue will host some local and national artists," said Gavin.

The pair's future plans are to grow their team, and further develop their spaces and venues to suit customer demands.

"We want to be able to offer an alternative space- if it rains, for example, then we won't have to cancel a picnic.

"We also want to be able to have a showroom for our stock to be visible, so brides and grooms especially can visualise their special day."

'Rooftop Vibe' will be hosting a variety of different events in future, with the next performance announced as Melbourne four-piece band Darlinghurst.

If you're looking for someone to host your next event, contact Melissa and Gavin at memories@moonbarmoments.com.au, or call them on 0432 244 631.



Children and their parents look over the contract before one lucky winner gets to take over Willy Wonka's chocolate factory in Roald Dahl's hit musical.

Record attendance makes Charlie a sellout sensation

The audiences of young and old, family, friends, future musical performers and music lovers came in record numbers to watch this year's Combined Schools Musical presented at the Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre (GECC).

Over five nights, from 12 – 20 March, 3117 audience members enjoyed the fun and sweet, mesmerising magic of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*.

For statistic buffs, the attendance figure beat the 2021 Gladstone Regional Council (GRC) production of *Legally Blonde* by 172.

Adding to the excitement and high standard of the show, this year's musical offering featured a live orchestra to accompany the performers.

In past years, musicians sat down at the front of the theatre, but the prevalence of COVID meant they were moved into The Playhouse this time to put some distance between the orchestra and the audience.

The positioning of the orchestra away from the stage made it seem like it was just playing background music or even a playlist.

Demonstrating the technical talent of theatre staff, in-house technicians controlled the 3D effects and the use of a green screen as a backdrop for digital effects to contribute that captivating magic *Charlie – the musical* is known for.

Everyone who sat through the five nights of this show presented by students who had prepared for the performances of their lives, left the auditorium smiling at the wonder and high standard on show.

They were effusive in their reactions:

"I went to this production in Sydney at the Capitol Theatre and was so disappointed, and this was so much better than the Sydney production! Fantastic show," one woman said.

Another said: "It was absolutely amazing. Congratulations to everyone. We thoroughly enjoyed the performance."

And: "It was simply great."

Sadly, the Combined Schools Musical is over for another year, but look out for the next one and be quick to get your tickets!



BTARC Concept Design gets green light

The Boyne Tannum Aquatic Recreation Centre (BTARC) project has taken another step forward with Council embracing the Concept Design at a recent general meeting.

This step signals Council is continuing its commitment to the development of a public aquatic recreation centre for Boyne/Tannum to meet the population's exercise and recreation needs.

Council has long recognised Boyne/Tannum residents' desire for their own aquatic centre and is excited to share this announcement.

The proposed year-round multi-use facility will attract a diverse group of users, including both Gladstone Region locals and visitors alike.

The facility would bring new opportunities to the local economy, health and fitness and tourism during both construction and once established.

The area already offers attractive elements of each, but Council believes BTARC will be another community destination to enliven and enrich the lifestyle.

The proposed location, which will include a 50 metre outdoor heated pool and twin waterslide, is Lot 900, Coronation Drive, Tannum Sands.

Council will continue to seek opportunities for external funding to deliver this project for the community which is expected to cost approximately \$21.08 million.



An artist's impression of the Concept Design for the Boyne Tannum Aquatic Recreation Centre (BTARC).

Anzac Day Services



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GLADSTONE LUCKY DUCK DERBY HITS THE WATER

This Good Friday

The Gladstone Seafarer's Centre will be launching the event in Auckland Creek at 3pm, with spectators encouraged to watch from East Shores.

The derby will take place under the Harbour Festival umbrella of events, which is why the event will be taking place on Good Friday. The Gladstone Seafarer's Centre manager, Melinda Anderson, says that the timing of events has worked to their advantage.

"Due to the Brisbane to Gladstone yacht race launching on the same day, Auckland Creek has extra pontoons and far less traffic than normal, making for ideal racing conditions for our ducks. Our new location is also more family-friendly with easy accessibility for all to attend," said Melinda.

The event will operate as the Gladstone Seafarer's Centre's major fundraiser for the year, and since the program is a not-

for-profit dedicated to the welfare of those on the water, the idea of a duck derby is perfectly fitting.

"Duck Derbies are held all around the world and we think they're a hilariously good time. We even have two little duck costumes that the people of Gladstone may see us galivanting around in while we try and sell tickets.

Are you concerned about possible waste going in to our ocean?

"Don't worry," Melinda assured me, "We've been really fortunate to have the support of Maritime Safety Queensland again this year. They will be dropping the ducks off from their boat 'The Badger' with a huge net to drop our ducks from, and they will also have some of the gear they use to contain oil spills that have floats to contain our little ducks in at the end of the racecourse.

"We would really love to see as many people crammed along the shore line as possible. The ducks will be dumped

into the water right out the front of East Shores, so it's a perfect spot for people to watch.

"We also have a simultaneous race that has larger dinner-plate-sized ducks in it. These are the 'Quackens' and have been purchased by local businesses to go in the running for a separate prize. Most of these businesses are also going in the running for the hotly contested prize of 'best-dressed duck'."

For anyone who is interested in purchasing raffle tickets, go to <https://rafflelink.com.au/lucky-duck-derby> or to <https://rafflelink.com.au/release-the-quacken> for businesses.



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ADVENTURE TRAIL

**2022**



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EXPLORE SPINNAKER PARK, EAST SHORES AND THE GLADSTONE HARBOUR FESTIVAL THIS EASTER

Discover the iconic marine animals and Brisbane to Gladstone yachts for your chance to win a gold room cinema experience for up to 30 people.

Competition opens on Thursday 14 April 2022 and closes on Monday 18 April 2022 at 5pm, so don't miss out!

Visit gpcl.com.au/b2g-adventure-trail for more details or scan the QR Code.





Ken O'DOWD and the LIBERAL AND NATIONALS GOVERNMENT

DELIVERING FOR FLYNN

A MESSAGE FROM *Ken*

I've always stood up to fight for our region's fair share and to protect local jobs.

And as part of the Liberal and Nationals Government we're working hard to deliver the infrastructure, services and jobs Central Queensland deserves. I'm proud of what we have achieved with the community but there's more to be done.

I'm passionate about standing up for our way of life and our values.

Under a Federal Liberal and Nationals Government, we are delivering on this with an economic recovery plan that will:

- ✓ Protect our industries and jobs, including the mining sector and local manufacturing.
- ✓ Support local businesses, farmers and jobs including tourism and fishing industries.
- ✓ Prioritise Central Queensland.
- ✓ Keep our borders secure and our national defence strong.

While I will be retiring at the upcoming election, I know that born and bred Central Queenslander Colin Boyce will work hard every day for local communities.

Yours sincerely,



Ken O'Dowd MP
Federal Member for Flynn



DELIVERING FOR CENTRAL QUEENSLAND

Works are well underway on the \$367.2 million Rookwood Weir project.

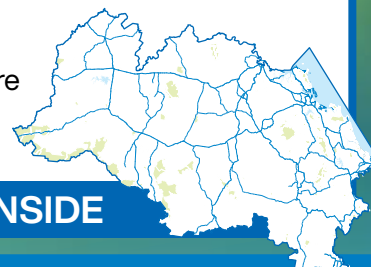
The weir will unlock thousands of megalitres of water to increase water security, expand irrigated agricultural production and drive new employment opportunities across Central Queensland.

The Liberal and Nationals Government is determined to deliver for the people of Central Queensland and Rookwood Weir is proof of that commitment.

Rookwood Weir is going to transform this entire region, driving the expansion of irrigated agricultural production and opening up new business opportunities to boost the local economy.

The best thing we can do for this country is ensure a secure future for water, our farmers and the regional communities that continue to drive our economic recovery.

We are getting on with delivering the infrastructure Central Queenslanders need and deserve.



SEE MAP INSIDE



COST-OF-LIVING PRESSURES EASED

The Federal Coalition Government has handed down a Budget that provides responsible and practical help for households to ease the cost-of-living pressures they are facing right now.

- ✓ For the next 6 months, Australians will save 22 cents a litre every time they fill up their car.
- ✓ A family with 2 cars who fill up once a week could save around \$30 a week or around \$700 over the next 6 months.
- ✓ Whether you're dropping the kids at school, driving to and from work or visiting family and friends, it will cost less.
- ✓ This cut in fuel excise, which takes effect from midnight tonight, will flow through to the bowser over the next 2 weeks.

This temporary reduction in fuel excise will not come at a cost to road funding, which will see more than \$12 billion spent in the coming year.

Cost of Living Payment

- ✓ A new one-off \$250 Cost of Living Payment, delivered within weeks to 6 million Australians.
- ✓ Pensioners, carers, veterans, job seekers, eligible self-funded retirees and concession card holders will benefit. Together, with existing indexation arrangements, this will see a single pensioner receive more than \$500 in additional support over the next 6 months, just when they need it most.

Cost of Living Tax Offset

- ✓ A new one-off \$420 cost of living tax offset for more than 10 million low and middle income earners.
- ✓ Individuals already receiving the low and middle income tax offset will now receive up to \$1,500 and couples up to \$3,000 from 1 July this year.



STRONG ECONOMY. STRONGER FUTURE.

“ The Liberal and Nationals Government is investing federal funding across a range of key projects that support local jobs and make our community a better place to live, work and raise a family. ”



LOCAL TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- ✓ **Rookwood Weir.** Underway
- ✓ Delivering the **Bruce Highway Safety Upgrade**, improving the overall safety of the highway by upgrading high-risk and blackspot locations. Underway
- ✓ **Delivering more overtaking lanes along the Bruce Highway**, making travel safer and faster for motorists. Underway
- ✓ **Capricorn Highway (Rockhampton to Emerald)** overtaking lanes. Complete
- ✓ **Biloela Heavy Vehicle Bypass.** Underway
- ✓ **Philip Street** widening, Gladstone. Complete
- ✓ **Glenmoral Roundstone Road floodways.** Underway
- ✓ **John Peterson Bridge** upgrade, Mundubbera. In planning
- ✓ **Dawson Highway (Banana - Rolleston)**
 - ✓ Roundstone Creek bridge overflow upgrade. Underway
 - ✓ Pavement strengthening and widening. Complete
- ✓ Upgrade to sections of the **Dawson Developmental Road between Springsure and Tambo.** Underway
- ✓ **Willies Creek Royles Road** upgrade, Bingegang. Underway
- ✓ **Gogango Creek Bridge** upgrade, Gogango. Complete



SCHOOL UPGRADES

- ✓ **Emerald Retro Kindy** redevelopment. Underway
- ✓ Refurbishments at **Mount Larcom State School**, **Gladstone South State School** and **Gooburrum State School**.
- ✓ ICT facilities and equipment at **Goovigen State School**.
- ✓ Equipment upgrades at **Gayndah State School**, **Capella State High School**, **Biloela State High School**, **Abercorn State School** and **Dingo State School**.
- ✓ Playground equipment at **St Francis Catholic Primary School**.



COMMUNITY FACILITIES

- ✓ **New Gin Gin Community Hub.**
- ✓ **Gladstone PCYC** expansion. Underway
- ✓ **Lake Callide Retreat** amenities, laundry and camp kitchen block.
- ✓ Upgrade of the **Thangool** stormwater system.
- ✓ Supporting **Central Highlands seniors week**.
- ✓ **Biloela Community Resource Centre** extension.
- ✓ **Emerald Airport** general aviation upgrade.
- ✓ **Calliope Community Hub stage one**, weatherproof roof and Community Hub.
- ✓ **Volunteer Marine Rescue Round Hill** slipway extension.
- ✓ **Vinnies Gladstone** warehouse and family support centre upgrade.
- ✓ **Emerald PCYC** air conditioner installation.
- ✓ Supporting the **Wondai Art Gallery** extension.
- ✓ Installation of access ramp and fencing and **Mount Larcom Showgrounds**.
- ✓ **Dingo Community Hall** back up generator.



CHILD CARE

- ✓ **Around 880 local families will benefit from an increase in Child Care Subsidy** for families with more than one child in care.



HEALTH AND HOSPITALS

- ✓ Commonwealth funding for public hospital services in Queensland has **increased from \$2.7 billion in 2012-13 to \$5.4 billion in 2020-21 — a 102.6% increase.**
- ✓ In Flynn, there have been **313,105 telehealth consultations through Medicare** in the past year and these services are now being extended.
- ✓ People in Flynn have **benefited from 1,958,626 prescriptions being subsidised through the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme** over the past year.



HOUSING

- ✓ 16,273 people in Queensland have received grants under our HomeBuilder program to help build a new home or substantially renovate an existing one.



AGED CARE

- ✓ A record investment in aged care is helping the 20,280 senior Australians living in Flynn.



MENTAL HEALTH

- ✓ Supporting our young people and their mental health with a **headspace in Emerald** (opened January 2022) and in **Gladstone** (opened April 2016).



TAX RELIEF

- ✓ Around 53,200 taxpayers in Flynn are benefiting from tax relief of up to \$2,745 this year (compared to 2017-18 tax rates).
- ✓ The Government's Tax Plan has **already benefited 62,800 people in Flynn**.
- ✓ Around 19,300 businesses in Flynn are being **supported** through the expanded instant asset write-off to encourage investment and boost local jobs.
- ✓ Around 5,800 businesses in Flynn will be able to **use the extended loss carry back measure** to support cash flow and confidence.



COVID-19

- ✓ The Morrison Government's JobKeeper payment **supported 3,800 businesses and 15,600 employees in Flynn** to help them through the pandemic and keep them connected to their place of work, setting the groundwork for the recovery.
- ✓ The tax-free cash flow boost has helped around 4,100 small and medium businesses **providing \$177 million in payments to help businesses in Flynn to stay afloat**.



SPORTING FACILITIES

- ✓ **Taroom Pony Club** clubhouse improvements.
- ✓ **Gladstone District Dirtriders Club** upgrade.
- ✓ **Gayndah Swimming Pool** new grandstands and upgraded starting blocks.
- ✓ Upgrade to lights at **Callide United Football Club**.
- ✓ Football field lighting upgrades at **Gracemere Sports Club**.
- ✓ **Mundubbera Pony Club** multipurpose facility.
- ✓ Playground upgrade at **Baralaba Tennis Club**.
- ✓ Upgrade of **Bouldercombe Recreation Complex**.
- ✓ Purchase of ride-on lawn mower for **Moore Park Beach Bowls and Sports Club**.
- ✓ Amenities upgrade at **Magavalis Sports Club**.
- ✓ Installation of a floating dock at **Maraboon Powerboat and Ski Club**.



LOCAL ENVIRONMENT

- ✓ One in four homes have solar panels in Australia. Locally, there are **more than 26,100 roof top solar panels** installed in Flynn.
- ✓ **Sandpiper Park** weed removal and restoration.
- ✓ Agricultural strategies for the **Western Burnett and Monto Districts**.
- ✓ **Nogoa River** recreational track.





The program launched in Gladstone on the 30th of March, and will aim to support multicultural communities.

The program will include several services including 'My Aussie Plan (MAP)' a tool to help people migrating from overseas to adjust to their new lives in Australia. The other services include community information sessions, safe relationship awareness activities, storytelling projects, grief and loss resilience building programs to directly cope with COVID19 and organisational support to those working with culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

The program will operate within the Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct, as it is important for these services to exist in the heart of the community. Stronger Together Project Officer, Supria Singh, says that the MAP

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We use our knowledge, experience, creativity and forward-thinking approach to make a real difference in the lives of people.

program would have been a great help to her eleven years ago, when she moved to Australia from India with her husband and young daughter.

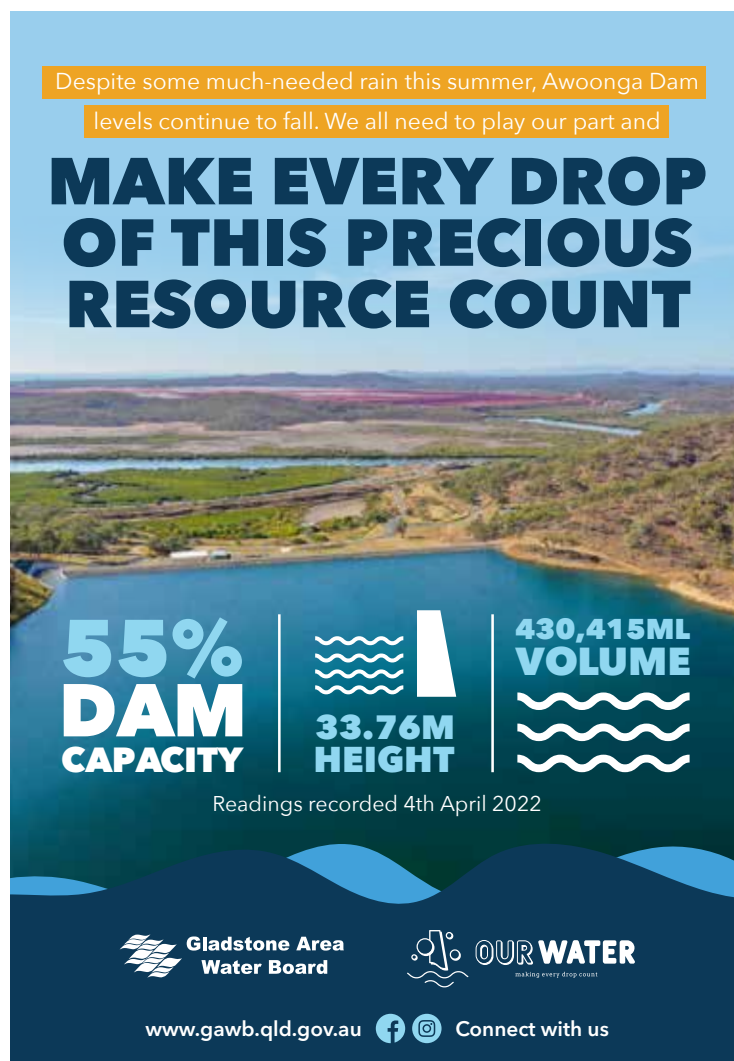
“I am very excited to be part of this initiative, I have the personal experience of moving to a new country and having to find my place in the community. Services such as My Aussie Plan would have made my journey much easier and I would have felt better supported. I am very happy I can now help others with this resource,” Supria said.

Strong Communities Ltd. began operating in Gladstone in 2019 with the intention of delivering much needed services for regional and remote communities. Supporting families, children and other organisations, Strong Communities has

worked with key agencies all around Central Queensland as well as providing access to programs for families nationally, using digital platforms.

Natalia Muszkat, Director and founder of Strong Communities Ltd. wants to put a focus on areas where support is limited.

“We work in areas where families have limited services, we use our knowledge, experience, creativity and forward-thinking approach to make a real difference in the lives of people.



Dan Murphy's Gladstone

CELEBRATES TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Gladstone's own Dan Murphy's celebrates their tenth anniversary this year, made even more special by the two team members who have been at the store since the opening.

Over the ten years we've been open we've seen a lot of changes. From the day we rushed around to get us ready to open, to today," said Store Manager, Darren.

"We opened at the time of the Gas Boom and we had a large amount of people in Hi Vis coming through the doors, which was quite an eye opener," said Kristin, a team member of ten years.

The pair said that there have been noticeable changes in the ten years since the store's opening, though some

things always stay the same.

"Customers are now looking for new and exciting things and our range is constantly changing to reflect that. We are continually helping our customers to drink better.

"We do still have customers coming in now that have been shopping with us since we opened ten years ago," said Darren.

"Over the past ten years, the highlight is meeting some incredible people who have become lifelong friends. I've been lucky to have a manager like Darren, I see him as family and we have a solid friendship," said Kristin.

"We have had many highlights over the past ten years," said Darren.

"We have held degustation events, assisted in community events, and had themed days which are always fun. We've also had challenging time



brought on by natural disasters, and of course Covid-19.

"By far the hardest day in my thirty-seven-year career was when we lost a member of our team, who passed away suddenly. The news was heartbreaking, and I was so grateful and proud of the way Dan Murphy's looked after my team and I during this hard time."

In the next ten years, both Darren and Kristin can see themselves in different positions.

"In ten years I'll hopefully be on the verge of retiring, so I can spend some time with my grandkids," said Darren.

"In ten years I probably see myself as Store Manager when Darren retires," said Kristin.



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The Mount Larcom Show

CELEBRATES 103 YEARS

The Mt Larcom Show is making a return this year, and it's expected to be bigger and better than ever.

With last year's attendance numbers topping 10,000 patrons- an increase in 1500 from the previous year- the event's organiser Kaylene Hooley said that this number is still likely to grow.

"Last year's show had record numbers, which was an increase from the previous show two years ago, and we expect this growth to continue. Each year we build on the last with different entertainment and some highlight events," said Kaylene.

"This year we have some shows making a return, like the Kangagang Children's Show, the Reptile Kingdom Show, Hellyhoops Hula Show, free face-painting and a free climbing wall. New to the show this year is EI-Jay Motorcycles show, the live fish tank and buskers in the Entertainment Tent on stage.

"On the Saturday night in the centre ring we have live woodchop demonstrations, the EI-Jay night show, Fireworks, and to end the night we'll have 'Seven Whales in Moscow', a great local band, playing in the bar area.

"This is not even to mention all the regular events and displays that we have such as Pavilions, Poultry, Birds, Animal Nursery with the Mt Larcom School petting zoo. We'll have

competitions galore, a Dog Show, Chainsaw and Woodchops, Beef Judging and Horse events. The Old Stationary Engines, Historical Household Items, and Old Tractor Displays grow each year and are very popular."

Along with this massive selection of events, the show will be hosting the National Woodchop Championship, and will also see a return of 'Side-Show Alley'.

While all the events at the show help to draw in massive crowds, the most popular are the Chainsaw, Woodchopping and the Stationary Engines Displays.

"Of course, families with younger children are more attracted to the kid's entertainment like face painting, animal exhibitions and show rides.

"We also noticed last year that the Saturday night-time events had record crowds staying late to watch the entertainment on display."

The Mt Larcom Show has been operational since 1919, and has been continual since then except for breaks taken during the years of both World Wars. In 2021, the Show Society celebrated 81 years of presenting the

annual agricultural show.

"In 2022, we are proud to say that it has now been 103 years since the first agricultural show."

In the early 2000's, many members of the wider community realised the scale and quality of the show, and volunteer numbers increased dramatically.

"Resulting from this was the expansion of events and displays, especially in recent history. We have even had the Queensland Agricultural Show Body advise us that we have gone against the 'trend' of Agricultural shows fading and folding, so they now class us as a premium show. This is simply due to hard work, and the excellent support of the local community, Council, Businesses and Industries."

Kaylene would like to thank all of the Show's supporters including committee members, volunteers, and record sponsorship from the Gladstone Regional council.



A SOUR BIRTHDAY TURNED *Sweet*

Nardiah's family were completely unprepared for the overwhelming amount of community support they received on her birthday.

Nardiah was due to spend her birthday in isolation with her family without a cake or gifts. That was, until, her grandmother Jennifer Dekker reached out to people on Facebook as a last hope.

"My granddaughter's birthday is tomorrow and we have been isolating in our house due to covid. Please if anyone can help make her Birthday a happy one, as we are stuck here. Would be greatly, greatly appreciated," Jennifer posted.

In another Facebook post less than twenty-four hours later, Nardiah smiles in front of a giant pile of gifts and cards.

"Nardiah would like me to say a big thankyou to all those who made her a cake or dropped off balloons and gifts. Today she woke up one happy little girl."

Jennifer described how the kindness of strangers has blown her mind.

"This kid has been smiling all day and now has about six birthday cakes, and then some! Everyone who contributed



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made her smile absolutely all day long, and I read every single birthday message that was sent.

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Love and kindness are contagious, and the spirit of community has shone through in the care people have shown to this family on a day where they expected sadness, and were instead met with overwhelming joy and happiness.

"I am so grateful for what the people here have done, everyone has been so generous in making her day. It's a great thing that the community has done for her, and we would love to thank everyone. My eyes won't stop leaking."

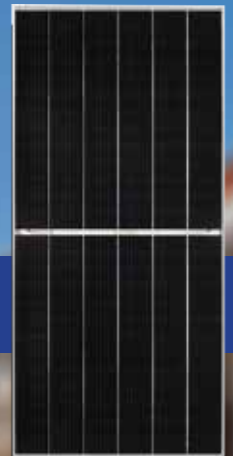


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GLADSTONE ORCHID & FOLIAGE SOCIETY RETURNS

Easter Weekend

The Gladstone Orchid & Foliage Society will be hosting their annual expo at the Bill Robertson Toyota Showroom for a 50th year.

Irene and Len Dowling, the Treasurer and President, respectively, of the Gladstone Orchid & Foliage Society have always had an interest in growing orchids and foliage.

"After we joined the Society, we learned so much about the plants. I was always interested in gardening, but later in life when I had worked for a lady who was interested in growing orchids, Len and I decided to join the Orchid & Foliage Society. Len was a Vice President for a long time before becoming President, and I became Treasurer in 2005," said Irene.

"We have created a number of events over the years, like setting up displays for nursing homes and setting up sales and displays for Mother's Day, Father's Day and Christmas at shopping centres.

"We have also done quite a few bus trips to other clubs as well, like the Nambour Home and Garden Show and the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers."

The Gladstone Orchid & Foliage Society have been operating for 52 years, and in that time have only missed the previous two years' Easter Shows due to the Covid-19 lockdowns.

This year, the expo will be back in full swing at the Bill Robertson Toyota showroom, with plants available for display and for sale. The show will be open from Good Friday to Easter Sunday, open at 9am each day.



EASTER EGG Truffles

Get the kids in the kitchen to help you make this recipe. These Easter Egg truffles are colourful, sweet and the perfect Easter treat.

They also make great gifts, but we're certain they'll be eaten before you can give them away!

INGREDIENTS

- 600g Packet Green's Vanilla Mud Cake mix
- 2 Australian free range eggs
- ¼ cup (60 mls) vegetable oil
- 2tsp finely grated orange rind
- 2tbsp orange juice
- 400g white choc melts
- Red, blue, green and yellow liquid food colouring
- Rainbow sprinkles or confetti, to decorate

METHOD

Step 1 | Preheat oven to 170°C. Grease a 20cm (base measurement) round cake pan. Line the base with baking paper.

Step 2 | Prepare the cake mix using the eggs, oil and ½ cup (125ml) water following packet directions. Pour into prepared pan. Bake for 45 mins or until a skewer inserted in the centre comes out clean. Turn onto a wire rack to cool completely.

Step 3 | Line a tray with baking paper. Crumble the cake into a large bowl. Add the icing mix from the packet with the orange rind and orange juice. Stir until the mixture comes together. Roll 1-tbs portions of mixture into oval shapes. Place on the lined tray. Freeze for 15 mins.

Step 4 | Meanwhile, place the choc melts in a heatproof bowl over a saucepan of simmering water (make sure the bowl doesn't touch the water). Stir until melted. Divide into 4 bowls. Use food colouring to tint the chocolate pale pink, blue, green and yellow.

Step 5 | Dip 1 cake ball in melted pink chocolate, shaking off excess. Place on lined tray. Repeat with remaining cake balls and chocolate, alternating between different colours. Top with sprinkles or confetti.

Step 6 | Spoon the remaining chocolate into 4 sealable plastic bags. Cut off 1 corner of each bag. Drizzle truffles with chocolate. Set aside for 10 mins or until set.

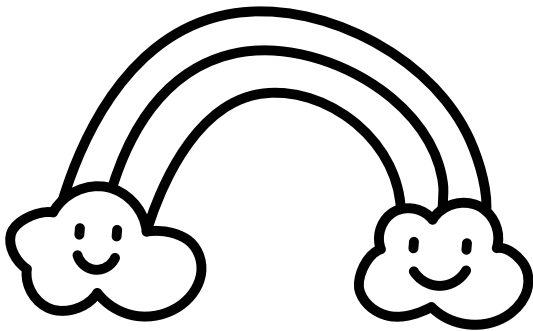
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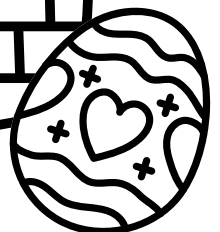
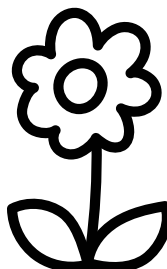
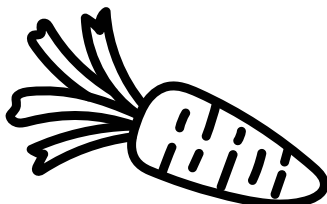
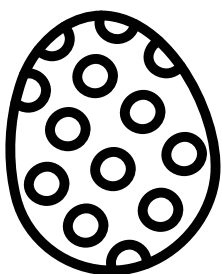
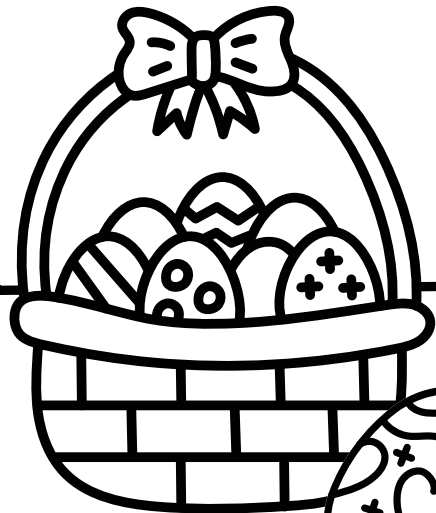
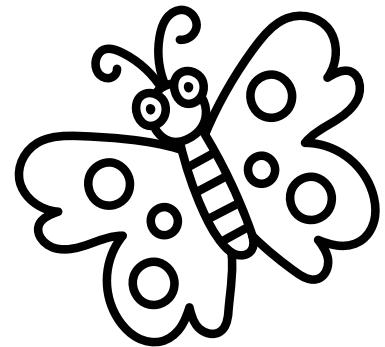
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DOMINO'S AND PCYC TEAM UP TO HELP *Learner Drivers*

The takeaway restaurant's registered charity Give for Good announced a partnership with PCYC Queensland's 'Braking the Cycle' program.

Being a delivery-based company, Domino's is committed to making sure everyone on our roads is educated in safe driving. Those who don't have access to a supervisor or a registered vehicle are no exception, and this program allows them to complete their logbook hours.

Give for Good has committed \$40,000 to the Braking the Cycle program, which will provide fuel to thirteen locations across the state, including Gladstone.

The lack of transportation stops many young people from seeking employment, so this program seeks to enable those people to be able to earn money for themselves.

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In providing fuel for these sites, over 1,300 of the program's participants will be able to attain licenses, after driving a total distance of 163,000 kilometres and logging 5,900 logbook hours.

The program also aims to help graduates of the program to find employment, with the intention of setting up the new drivers with jobs at their local Domino's stores.

With over 30 percent of young people's unemployment reasoning due to a lack of transportation, this program will have a positive effect on the lives of hundreds of young people.



Gladstone SHAVES FOR A CURE

Local residents from across the region are sporting new styles in a bid to raise awareness for Leukaemia.

Shirley Matthews, a Gladstone local, said that cancer has affected both her and her husband in ways that have to be experienced to be understood.

“Behind closed doors, you really don't see how hard it is for people with cancer. I had a Stage 3 Melanoma and my husband had Colon cancer. For my husband, he had so many complications with his cancer... he's still affected by it to this day and there are many parts of our life that just aren't the same anymore.

Shirley was not emotional saying goodbye to her locks, and was instead glad to be raising awareness about the 'embarrassing' parts of cancer that rarely see the light of day.

“To me, it's just hair. It's going to grow back.”

Shirley chopped off about 60 centimeters of hair, and raised a massive \$2000 for charity.

Tannum Sands State High School raised an incredible \$8715, with three students now sporting shaved heads around school. Four of the people involved raised over \$1000 each!

Gladstone West State School had four participants in their own World's Greatest Shave event, and raised \$210 more than their \$5000 goal!

For those who missed out on the World's Greatest Shave this year, the event will be having its 25th anniversary in March of 2023. Head to <https://worldsgreatestshave.com> to find out how you can get involved.



United FOOTBALL CLUB

Gladstone's United Football Club is setting a new standard of community.

Ben Peardon, the President of Gladstone United FC is creating a new atmosphere at the club that will focus on community, inclusivity and friendship.

"For me, I see the club being more community-based. I want to make the culture at the club not just about coming down and having a kick, I also want it to be about supporting local charities," said Ben.

"I'd really like to take the approach that other local groups have; that anyone is welcome to come down and meet new people. Obviously it's good for fitness and some people are very competitive, but I also want to make it about giving back to the community."

After the club being non-operational for several years, Ben said that he would like to make a comeback that will cater to a wide variety of players.

"We want to make the atmosphere of the club so that there is something for everyone. We have different divisions so that we can cater for those with different skill sets."

Julia Blake, the manager of Gladstone United FC's women's team, says that the principles of the teams are evident throughout the club.

"I feel so lucky to have met such amazing and inspiring ladies. I love that the men's and the women's teams support each other and you can really see the core values of the club are family and a love for the sport," said Julia.

Ben said that the club is trying to be as inclusive as possible, especially with parents who play for both the men's and women's teams.

"We're really trying to make sure that when we have parents who are both playing for the club, they're still able to bring their kids down and support each other, so that no one has to miss out."

Ben would also like to thank the club's sponsors: Bendigo Bank, Tidal Roofing and Plumbing, Cash Converters, Bill Robertson Toyota and Bishop.

GLADSTONE LOCAL CELEBRATES 100 GAMES OF *Rugby League*

Gladstone's David West has recently celebrated the milestone of playing 100 games of Rugby League.

Many well-wishers, whether they were previous teammates, opponents, or friends took to Facebook to help celebrate David's significant achievement.

"Congrats Westy, you should be super proud of yourself," said one.

"Good stuff Westy, well done! 100 games is a huge effort," said another.

Included in the celebration was the fact that David West's team, the GRUFC Goats won their home game at Marley Brown oval against the Frenchville Pioneers.



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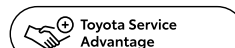
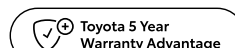
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