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FISH OF THE MONTH WINNER

Congratulations Lucas Gilliland on catching this Gold Spot Cod!

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

DID YOU KNOW?

Fish have a specialised sense organ called their lateral line, which works much like radar and helps them navigate in dark or murky water.



Name: Lucas Gilliland
Fish Species: Gold Spot Cod
Location: Rock Cod



WHAT'S ON IN Gladstone

from June 2nd, 2022

BAM

SATURDAY, JUNE 4

Where: Millenium Esplanade

When: 2pm to 7pm

Bring the whole family down for an afternoon of good music and great food. Enjoy plenty of local market stalls, and make sure to bring a jumper as the nights have started to cool down.

NAIDOC Exhibition- June to July

JUNE 4 TO JULY 23

Where: Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum

This annual exhibition will profile the art of our First Nations People, including heritage works, local voices and memories.

EcoFest

SUNDAY, JUNE 5

Where: Tondoon Botanic Gardens

When: 9am to 3pm

Enjoy a fun day out with the whole family, filled with workshops, stalls, activities and food. The theme this year is 'Only One Earth'.

David Strassman: The Chocolate Diet

SUNDAY, JUNE 5

Where: Gladstone Entertainment and Convention Centre

When: 7-10pm

Cost: from \$49.90 to \$79.90

America's David Strassman is gracing the stage of Gladstone with his hilarious ventriloquist stand-up. Rated MA.

Sydney Dance Company - 'Impermanence'

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

Where: Gladstone Entertainment and Convention Centre

When: 7:30pm

Cost: Tickets prices range from \$30 to \$45. Book at GECC website.

Experience the power of dance and music performed live together in this performance that is laden with meaning.

Photo credit: Sydney
Dance Company



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Practitioners Yvette Luckock (RAQ Senior Services Support) and Jasmine Smith (Solicitor CLC) provide information on Elder Abuse and teach you how to safeguard your future – including Wills, Enduring Power of Attorney and more.

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What can I do? | How can I safeguard my future?**

When: 9am-1.30pm, Wednesday 15 June 2022

Where: Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct,
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RSVP: 4976 6300

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Steps To Success:

HOW CQU'S STEPS PROGRAM CHANGED MICHELLE AND KARLISLE'S LIVES

The two women who quite literally met in the middle of the street, are now both registered nurses at Gladstone Hospital.



The Skills for Tertiary Education Preparatory Studies, or STEPS, program is an ongoing, government-funded project from CQU that helps people find a pathway to University.

Michelle Goldenberg had wanted to study a degree for six years before she took the plunge into the STEPS program.

"I was working odd jobs before I got into STEPS. I had wanted to study since having my daughter, since the midwives that helped me were so amazing, but I was really bad at maths, and it felt like I hadn't really done a job where I 'used my brain' in years. I was scared," said Michelle.

Karlisle Baker worked as a dairy farmer in Tasmania and raised four children before starting STEPS.

"I worked as a dairy farmer for ten years, and when I made the decision to move from Tassie to here, I thought I would start studying teaching at University, but I had been out of school for too long and I needed to do a bridging course," said Karlisle.

The pair have undertaken their nursing degrees together, and have been in friendly competition ever since living across the road from each other here in Gladstone.

STEPS not only acts as a bridging or preparation course, but also allows

people to have a 'trial' of the degree they are about to undertake.

Both Michelle and Karlisle originally wanted to undertake teaching degrees, however after undertaking the 'Career Voyage' program with STEPS, they both found that they were more suited to nursing.

"I remember them telling us to look at a job that we wouldn't normally do- look at the stats, look at the employment opportunities and wages," said Michelle.

The Access Coordinator Gladstone Bre Knight, said that the STEPS program also allows people to get a sense of



STEPS not only acts as a bridging or preparation course, but also allows people to have a 'trial' of the degree they are about to undertake.

the responsibility and dedication it requires to get a degree.

"This program really helps build people's confidence, and helps them adjust to the study workload if it's something they haven't done in a while," said Bre.

For Michelle and Karlisle, though, STEPS meant a lot more to both of them than simply getting into University.

"Originally, I just started STEPS because I had mentioned going to Uni, and I wanted to get out from a bad situation. It turned out to be so much more than that though. I really think that this program has got the potential to give you whatever you're needing. I'm sure that some people who just need academic help get that, but for me it was not just that but also so much more. I really learnt how to make myself a priority," said Michelle.

Karlisle can't help but agree with Michelle on this.

"Honestly, whenever I talk about 'Prep Skills', I always refer to it as a bit 'hippie dippy'. But you really learn so much about yourself, and you learn how to learn. You just learn how to be the best of you. It's like going to a weird life-coaching thing, but three days a week. So much of my life changed, and all of a sudden I just had the confidence to do what I wanted to do, and to put myself as a priority," said Karlisle.

Anyone over the age of 18, and who is an Australian or New Zealand citizen or permanent resident is able to apply for STEPS. Applications are open now at <https://www.cqu.edu.au/courses/study-information/work-and-study-preparation/steps>.

Pictured: Michelle Goldenberg, Karlisle Baker and Bre Knight.



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125 YEARS OF EDUCATION AT Gladstone South State School

In 1898, in response to concerned citizens, 'Parsons Point Provisional School' was built near 'the old meatworks', in order to cater for the educational needs of the meatworkers' children.

Records show that this building was 24ft by 15ft and cost 48 pounds.

There was no front veranda or fence. Martha Jane Miller was the first teacher/principal appointed. At the end of the first year, there were 49 children enrolled.

Children used to cross under the 'black bridge', (known as Sloman's Bridge to old locals) and onto the meatworks' road on the mudflat side of the railway line. If the creek was flooded, they warily crossed the railway lines.

In 1913, the school became a State School. A new building was built 400 yards away on an acre of land offered by Gladstone Meatworks Co, and was opened in 1915. The area was finally fenced in 1918, after worries of roaming goats and cattle.

From the 1920's to the 1930's, Parsons Point School was a mixture of learning, with strict discipline combined with happy memories of school picnics and sports days. The School Picnic was a highlight of the year; held in paddocks adjoining the school grounds. To prepare, the students had to clear the grounds of obstacles, such as bushes, sticks and cow pats. Seating was carted, and green leafy branches were put over the open sheds to provide shade areas.

In an era before television, children 'made their own fun' in this closely-knit little community. A swimming enclosure was built which offered protection from sharks. It was used by the school and many of the pupils learned to swim there.

Parsons Point School became very much a sports school, with the mudflat being used as the sports ground. The basketball courts joined the meatworks' paddock where cattle were run. The tennis court was built on the edge of a mudflat.

In 1945, after the new owners of the meatworks advised the residents of Parsons Point to vacate their homes so they could expand, the school was

finally moved to its present location on Toolooa Street. During the removal period, children continued their lessons in the meatworks' boarding house.

Head Teacher/Principal, Mr Thuge wrote to the Department of Public Instruction on June 25th 1945, "I desire to inform you, that I have this day, occupied the school at its new location."

Attendance went from 86 in June 1946, to 162 in 1949. Mr Thuge had two assistant teachers: a male teacher had grades 1,2 and 3 (60) pupils in one room, and a female teacher had 50 'infants' in the other classroom. Mr Thuge had 48 in grades 4 to 7 that he taught in the partially enclosed veranda.

In 1980, enrolments reached 1200 students, and the name of the school changed from South Gladstone State School to Gladstone South State School. In 1985, Gladstone South State School proudly marched into the new technological era with the introduction of computers.

Now, the biggest physical change can be seen in the expansion of our facilities; which include: a pool, dental clinic, multipurpose hall, sports courts, library, and a variety of flexible learning spaces that enhance individual learning needs.

Our enrolments to date are 410 students. Gladstone South has become a multiculturally diverse school, with emphasis on inclusion and equality, which is proudly provided in a loving and nurturing environment.

The longest serving teachers at Gladstone South State School are Mrs Marg Golder, who began at the school in January of 1983, and Mrs Donna Newberry, who began in January of 1990. Between these two 'South Stars' they have a grand total of 71 years of teaching at G.S.S.S.

The school is set to hold their 125th anniversary on April 8th next year, with a Celebration Fair at the school, and will greatly welcome offers of community and business sponsorship.

The above article references information and stories taken from the Gladstone South Centenary Booklet and its' contributors. Article written by Tracy Rios.



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Flossie Collective

RAISES OVER \$900 FOR AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Flossie Collective's Sarah Jaenke and her team raised more than \$900 for the event on May 20.

The reason why I did this is because everyone knows someone who has been, or will, be affected by cancer. Also, it helped that my family really loves to bake."

Available at Flossie Collective's Biggest Morning Tea were raffle prizes donated by several local businesses, including: Light Box, Studio GIW, Rocklily Clothing, Runway 7 Boutique, Coastal Homes Gladstone, Gladstone Cinemas and Happier Healthier.

Sarah and her team truly went above and beyond in this year's Biggest Morning Tea, making a variety of mouthwatering treats from jam drops to Oreo slice.

According to Sarah, they are already planning for how they can make the event bigger and better next year.

Learn more about the event, including how to register your own morning tea, at <https://www.biggestmorningtea.com.au/>



David Strassman:

THE MASTER PUPPETEER RETURNS TO GLADSTONE

One man, many voices. David Strassman is returning to Australia this year, including a night in Gladstone on June 5.

Strassman, who has been touring Australia for thirty years now, said that he loves the genuine nature of Australian audiences.

"I love the genuine and welcoming attitudes of real Australia. Gladstone is one of the jewels on our Queensland tours and it feels like home every time I return. When I asked Ted E. Bare what he remembers about Gladstone, he said 'Sunshine, tropical planets, The Harbour Festival and coal'," said Strassman.

Strassman said that his show is vastly different to other ventriloquist shows.

"It's a huge production with sets, music, special effects, stage lighting, a menagerie of puppets with state-of-the-art robotics, and it's also really funny."

Strassman said that he feels incredibly lucky to have this job, and it's always a pleasure performing for people.

"I'm a grown man who plays with dolls and makes people laugh for a living. I'm truly blessed."

David Strassman will be touring a number of different towns and cities right across Australia, creating a multi-layered stage performance for your viewing pleasure. Strassman's characters, which have also made him a unique television personality, are sure to make you laugh.



"Buttons the clown, the alcoholic and sad mess of a man puppet, was created out of a very sick joke my crew tossed around one tour, the contents of which I can never tell in a respectable publication such as Gladstone News. Regardless, my new show 'The Chocolate Diet' is bellyaching funny and you'll not want to miss it. It'll be the best night out you'll have in a long time."

For more information on Strassman's Gladstone show, go to <https://gladstoneentertainment.com/event/david-strassman-the-chocolate-diet/>.



Youth Council members Tayla Bullen, Stefani Seumanu and Rommiel Malig with Lenny Dalton at the Clean Up Australia Day event held earlier this year.

Council continues commitments during Q3

It's been a busy third quarter of the 2021/22 financial year for Gladstone Regional Council, with the organisation taking great strides forward between January and March.

Council adopted its third Operational Plan Quarterly Report for 2021/22 at the 17 May general meeting and within that report are a series of highlights, interesting infographics and Operational Plan performance.

Delivering on essential services such as water, waste and roads are crucial undertakings for Council, but that's only scratching the surface.

Here are some of the highlights:

54,286 visits to our landfill transfer stations

This figure includes visits from the public and kerbside collection trucks. Between January and March 2022, 4215t of general waste and 916t of recyclable waste were collected curb side across our region. This is 376t greater than the waste collected between July and September 2022, but 128t less than October to December 2022.

44,377 visits to our libraries

These visits included Gladstone Regional Libraries' Out and About Library Service and visits to all six of our libraries – Agnes Water, Boyne Island, Calliope, Gladstone City, Miriam Vale and Mount Larcom. The top three visited libraries were Gladstone City (20,587), Boyne Island (9012) and Agnes Water (8294).



827 trees/plants planted

Council's Environment and Conservation Team lived up to their name between January and March, planting more than 800 trees or plants across the region. They also teamed up with the Roads Program Delivery Team to pilot the Cleaner Roads Runoff initiative. This initiative focuses on reducing sediment run-off from unsealed (gravel) roads within the Great Barrier Reef's catchment to ensure the cleanest possible water is reaching it.

700kg of rubbish

In March 2022, Council's Environment and Conservation Team facilitated Clean Up Australia Day events across the region with the support of multiple teams from across the business including our Parks, Waste, and Brand and Communications Teams. The community were encouraged to join in by attending any of the 24 registered sites across the region. Approximately 700kg of rubbish was collected from the Gladstone sites alone.

70 individual roads graded

Council graded 70 roads totalling 319.7km between January and March. This included multiple types of grading such as maintenance, heavy grading, and light grading.

Visit www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/plans-reports to view the 2021/22 Quarter Three Operational Plan.



Operational Plan Quarterly Report

Highlights



54,286
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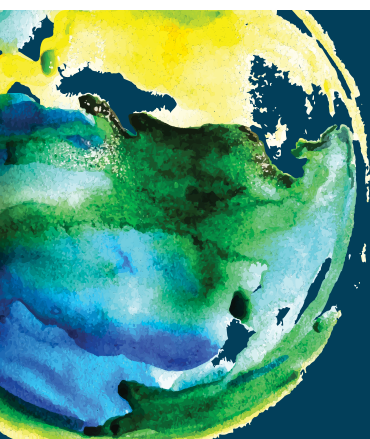
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For When Good Times Go Bad:

NEW NIGHTSAFE BUILDING OPENS IN GLADSTONE

The new building, located at 24 Goondoon Street, is a volunteer-supported program that aims to help people for when good nights out turn bad.

NightSafe is intended to be your safe space in the CBD overnight, and offers a quiet and friendly space to get off the street or to wait for a lift. Also available is first-aid for when you've been injured, and four beds that are a nurse-led rest and recovery space for those affected by alcohol or other drugs, and are requiring monitoring and care.

Paul Koen, the Gladstone ChaplainWatch Team Leader, said that the building has already had several busy weekends, and are expecting more to come. Luckily, though, the space is fully prepared to deal with whatever may happen. This includes the rest and recovery space, sick bags, comprehensive first-aid supplies including an AED and medical oxygen, and welcoming and caring staff waiting to receive you.

The staff and volunteers come from a broad range of backgrounds, and all are fully first-aid trained. They also have other trainings including chaplaincy, mental health first-aid, nursing, and crisis intervention. This means that they are more than able to provide care to people who are intoxicated, injured, upset or all three.

"We have volunteers at the moment, but we are always looking for other people



to join our team. Ideally, we would love to have more nurses to be able to help us with people who are really injured, while we support people waiting for ambulances." said Paul.

"People interested in volunteering don't have to have any medical training to enquire, and lots of training and support is provided."

The NightWatch Chaplains are prepared to support people in all kinds of personal crisis, and are not just available as a first-aid service.

"People don't just always go out for a good time, sometimes when people go out and drink too much it's because they're escaping something.

"We also have volunteers here who are able to help with crisis support, and that means people who are in danger of harming themselves."

Along with the fantastic care facilities, the building is also furnished with a kitchen area for volunteers, to allow them to catch their breath during such a diverse and often high-intensity job.

"This area out here is where our volunteers can take their breaks, and just have a rest. Sometimes, this sort of work can be really hard."

As well as having a walk-ins-welcome building on Goondoon Street, volunteers at NightWatch can also be found walking the streets overnight, wearing hi-vis vests that are fitted with first-aid kits and radios.



"The vests contain first-aid kits, torches, sick bags, and a radio- so that if we potentially find someone in need of our help, we can tell people back at the building that we need water, a wheelchair, or an ambulance."

Parked outside the front of the NightWatch building is also the specially-modified ChaplainWatch car. The boot contains an advanced first-aid kit, a full P.A system, and flashing lights. As well as being able to provide thorough first-aid, the P.A system and bright lights helps to break up any fights.

In future, Paul said that they will have a mobile phone charging station installed, to save people from the stress of not being able to call a lift home. Paul also said that people are free to come inside, sit down, and have some water while they wait for a taxi home.

NightWatch are open every Friday and Saturday night, and public holidays, from 10:30pm until 3:30am. If you are interested in volunteering, call 0423 005 000, or send an email to info@chaplainwatch.org.au. Or, you can follow the cues on the ChaplainWatch website, at www.chaplainwatch.org.au/volunteer.

Pictured: Paul Koen and Zanelle Hughes.



PORT CURTIS HARBOUR WATCH

UNDERSTANDING OUR HARBOUR AND CATCHMENT WATERWAYS

GLADSTONE HARBOUR EXPLORER BARGE TOUR

8th June is the United Nations World Oceans Day so why not join us in exploring the water quality of our local harbour?

The theme for World Oceans Day 2022 is Revitalization: Collective Action for the Ocean. We need to conserve our wonderful marine resources for future generations.

Join Harbour Watch in conjunction with Gladstone Ports Corporation as we cruise the inner harbour and learn about water quality monitoring and why water quality is important to our harbour environment. Also learn how GPC manages the harbour environment and plans for its future sustainability

Morning tea provided on board.



WHEN: World Oceans Day, 8th June 2022

TIME: 11:00 –1:30

WHERE: Gladstone Yacht Club boat ramp
Flinders Parade, Gladstone

SAMPLE SITES: China Bay, Tide Island, Wiggins Island

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SHOW DAY 1 - SATURDAY 18TH JUNE

- 8.00am** SHOW OPENS – Show Pavilions Open, Animal Nursery Opens
- Show Events Start: Chainsaws, Woodchops, Horse Events, Cattle Judging, Dog Show, Poultry – Birds, Ute Muster
- 9.00am** Cement Australia Tent – Book a Mine Tour
Helly's Hulu Hoop Show – Tent
Luke's Reptile Kingdom – Check for Show times
Berkleys Fishing Supertank with Cookie – Shows Sponsored by Gladstone Regional Council
Old Machinery & Equipment Display Opens
Matherson Ball Drop Ticket Sales open
- 9.30am** Bush Poet Marvellous Margy Mac – Tent
- 10.00am** Watch for the Roving Thistle Pipe Band
Free Rock Climbing Wall Opens
Free Face Painting Opens
Main Bar & Chainsaw Bar Opens
Gladstone Regional Council Displays – near Fishing tank
- 10.30am** Kangagang Childrens Show- Tent
- 11.15am** Busker – Tent
- 11.30am** ELJAY's Motorcycle Show – by APLNG
- 11.45am** Busker – Tent
- 12.00pm** Matherson Crane Ball Drop – Centre Ring
- 12.15pm** Busker – Tent
- 12.45pm** Bush Poet Marvellous Margy Mac – Tent
- 1.00pm** Roving Buskers
- 1.30pm** Helly's Hulu Hoop Show – Tent
ELJAY's Motorcycle Show- by APLNG
- 2.00pm** GRAND OPENING – RING PARADE
- 2.45pm** Matherson Crane Ball Drop –Centre Ring
- 3.00pm** Kangagang Childrens Show- Tent
- 3.45pm** Fashion Parade in Tent with Runway 7 & Limestone
- 4.30pm** Busker – Tent
Evening Centre Ring Entertainment
- 5.00pm** Costume Class in Main Ring
- 5.30pm** Chainsaw /Woodchop Display
- 6.30pm** ELJAY's Motorcycle Show- by APLNG
- 7.00pm** Hellyhoops LED Light Show front of Main Bar
- 7.30pm** NRG Fireworks Display
- 7.45pm** Fire Eating Show outside Main Bar
- 8.00pm** Seven Whales in Moscow Band – Main Bar



SHOW DAY 2 - SUNDAY 19TH JUNE

- 8.00am** SHOW OPENS – Show Pavilions Open, Animal Nursery Opens
- Show Events Start: Chainsaws, Woodchops, Horse Events, Cattle Judging, Dog Show, Poultry- Birds, Ute Muster
- 9.00am** Cement Australia tent- Book a Mine Tour
Helly's Hulu Hoop Show – Tent
Luke's Reptile Kingdom – Check for Show times
Berkleys Fishing Supertank with Cookie – Shows Sponsored by Gladstone Regional Council
Old Machinery & Equipment Display Opens
Matherson Ball Drop Ticket Sales open
- 9.30am** Bush Poet Marvellous Margy Mac- Tent
- 10.00am** Mule Display near Beef Section
Alpaca Obstacle Course- signup – Beef Section
Free Rock Climbing Wall Opens
Free Face Painting Opens
Main Bar & Chainsaw Bar Opens
Dog Jumping in front of the Main Bar
- 10.30am** Kangagang Childrens Show- Tent
ELJAY's Motorcycle Show- by APLNG
- 11.15am** Helly's Hulu Hoop Show – Tent
- 11.30am** Matherson Crane Ball Drop –Centre Ring
- 11.45am** Busker – Tent
- 12.00pm** ELJAY's Motorcycle Show- by APLNG
- 12.15pm** Busker – Tent
- 12.30pm** ELJAY's Motorcycle Show – by APLNG
- 12.45pm** Busker – Tent
- 1.15pm** Kangagang Children Activity Workshop
- 1.30pm** ELJAY's Motorcycle Show- by APLNG
- 1.45pm** Bush Poet Marvellous Margy Mac- Tent
- 2.00pm** Matherson Crane Ball Drop – Centre Ring
- 2.45pm** Announce Drawing of Show Raffle
- 3.00pm** Draw Show Raffle & Announce Winners



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The Mt Larcom Show provides the community with unique friendly atmosphere providing entertainment with a distinctive country flavour.

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Here in History

SOUTH END BEACH WAS THE HOME OF THE LIFESAVERS IN GLADSTONE

by Betty Laver

In the early days, the Gladstone citizens enthusiastically embraced the humble picnic as an important element of their lifestyle.

This would bring family and friends together in such a wonderful environment. Picnics and outdoor entertainment were usually held at Barney Point or Police Creek but after 1910, South End became a popular weekend retreat.

By the 1920's the townsfolk of

Gladstone were constantly using the twelve miles of sandy beach. It was safe for children as nature had carved out countless pools in the rocks where the little ones could bathe in safety.

The main problem was that the only way to this beach was by boat service and the citizens had to catch the local launch. Some people came in their own boats. The Lifesavers' Club was formed in Gladstone in 1935 first servicing the local beaches (like Barney Point) but finally opting to base themselves at South End beach. Joe and Muriel Irwin were members of the club and Joe was an instructor. Dr John McGree was also an instructor at South End and he had

come from Sydney, having been an instructor in Bondi at one time.

The Gladstone Lifesavers would train during the week at Barney Point Beach and watch over South End Beach on the weekend. This became Gladstone's main beach option until WW2 when this type of recreation came to a halt.

After the war Tannum Sands became Gladstone's main beach and South End was a weekend retreat and fishing resort for many Gladstone residents. Lots of people had shacks on the island or day-trippers would come on the passenger boats that serviced the islands.

Photo from Trevor Laver: South End Beach in the 1950's.



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REAL ESTATE: WINTER

Could a drop in temperatures also mean a drop in real estate prices?

Back in Autumn, the average rental price was around \$450 a week. While we certainly haven't experienced a decline in housing availability, the average price of rental homes and apartments in Gladstone has definitely experienced a decrease.

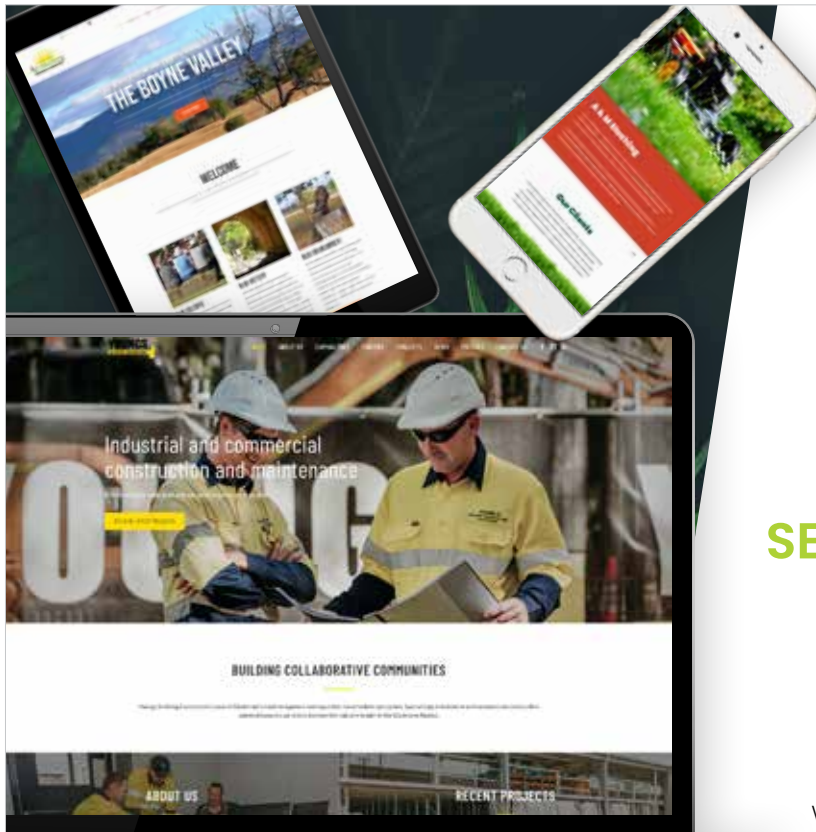
The average cost now as we head into Winter is closer to being around \$300 for a three-bedroom place in Gladstone, which is definitely an upgrade to what we experienced at this time last year.

House prices are also starting to sit a little lower than they have in previous months, with house prices starting

from around \$250 000, according to realestate.com.au. While this is around half of the average price in some other Queensland cities, like Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast, there is still a huge demand for affordable housing in Gladstone.

Despite the decline in prices though, there is still a massive amount of competition to get into rental properties around the Gladstone Region.

Of course, there's no way to guarantee getting in to a rental property, however some good tips include: making sure you have all your paperwork ready, checking in with your references, having your pay slips ready, and being on time to inspections.



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Gladstone Performing Arts Centre

CELEBRATES TEN YEARS WITH PERFORMING ARTS CONFERENCE



The conference, called Theatre and Tunes, will be held in Agnes Water on the 3rd and 4th of June.

The Gladstone Performing Arts Centre (GPAC) has held a place in Gladstone's creative and musical scene since 2012, following the discontinuation of the Gladstone Light Opera Society (GLOS), which had been operational since 1972.

GPAC recently hosted a 50 year celebration of music in Gladstone with a 'Soiree' at ARTMatters on Pitt Street. Among

the people invited were the remaining members of GLOS, and the event featured special performances from GPAC's choir, Company of Voices, and other local groups including string quintet 'Simply 5' and Funky Avenue.

Kerry Birt, the Event Coordinator of GPAC, said that the upcoming Conference in June will provide a great opportunity for adult performers.

"This initiative is to support adult performers who have little or no opportunity to attend workshops that would give them an opportunity to improve their technique and provide them with information and skills," said Kerry.

"The conference will cover topics such as dancing, singing, acting, stage presence, stage makeup, and building confidence and skills for delegates."

The convenors of the workshops will feature six performing arts professionals, including: Lyn Carr, Chelsea Elvery, Clare Evans, Peta Pitt, Robyn Addison and Niki Whitaker.

As well as this workshop, GPAC also hosts a variety of events that are available to people in the region. Recently, they have established Gladstone's own version of a 'Pub Choir', called BARSING. They also have a GPAC Youth Academy, available to primary and secondary students

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with a passion for singing and acting.

For anyone with an interest in performing, GPAC hosts weekly meetings on Monday evenings from 7pm at Shed 19 on Dalrymple Drive.

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WORLD SCIENCE FESTIVAL QUEENSLAND RETURNS TO GLADSTONE WITH A FREE COMMUNITY DAY ON SATURDAY 18 JUNE.

Sensational science shows, hands-on activities and an appearance from Australia's favourite science communicator Dr Karl Kruszelnicki will be on offer when the World Science Festival Queensland returns to Gladstone for a free community day on Saturday 18 June 2022.

This year's festival program celebrates the wonderful world of science, with two supercharged days of entertaining experiences, music and insightful demonstrations for the young and young-at-heart.

Queensland Museum Network CEO Dr Jim Thompson said the success of World Science Festival Queensland in Gladstone has stemmed from the community's enthusiasm for all things science.

"We are delighted to offer another exciting, immersive program this year; from talks with Queensland Museum palaeontologists, taxonomists and entomologists, to virtual reality, fantastic local activity providers and of course we're thrilled to welcome Dr Karl back this year in-person," Dr Thompson said.

Shell's QGC business Head of Digital Innovation Nikki Rankine said the festival is a unique learning opportunity to inspire local youth to become the STEM leaders of the future.

"The festival challenges the idea that science is locked away in a lab, it connects students and the wider community to real life STEM professionals and experiences," Ms Rankine said.

World Science Festival Queensland forms part of Queensland Museum Network's Future Makers partnership with Shell's QGC business, aiming to encourage uptake of and outcomes for STEM (science, technology, engineering, and maths) engagement, education and careers.

World Science Festival Queensland in Gladstone is presented by Queensland Museum Network and supported by Community Partner Shell's QGC business. The social investment program is supported by Shell's joint venture partners Tokyo Gas and CNOOC, contributing to strong, liveable communities across the Western Downs and Gladstone regions.



HIGHLIGHTED ACTIVITIES

Pop-up science shows

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Ancient Monsters

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GLADSTONE ENTERTAINMENT CONVENTION CENTRE

ROASTED Pumpkin Soup

Who doesn't love a nice, big bowl of steaming pumpkin soup on a cool June night?

This is the perfect pumpkin soup recipe, and you can make it with just a handful of ingredients.

INGREDIENTS

- 1.5kg pumpkin
- 3 cloves garlic
- Olive oil
- 1 carrot
- 1 teaspoon dried chilli
- 1 stick of celery
- 1 tablespoon coriander seeds
- 1 large onion
- 1 litre hot vegetable stock

METHOD

1. Preheat the oven to 170°C.
2. Half the pumpkin and remove the seeds (you can keep these for roasting), then chop into wedges.
3. Place the pumpkin on two large baking trays and drizzle over a little olive oil.
4. In a pestle and mortar, grind the chilli and coriander seeds with a pinch of salt until finely ground.
5. Sprinkle the spices over the pumpkin with some black pepper.
6. Roast the pumpkin for 1 hour, or until soft and slightly caramelised at the edges.
7. Meanwhile, roughly chop the onion, garlic, carrot and celery.
8. Heat a lug of olive oil over a medium heat in a large saucepan then add the vegetables and cook for 15 minutes, or until soft and sweet but not coloured.
9. When the squash is ready, add to the pan with the hot stock. Blend with a stick blender, adding a little more water if you like a thinner consistency.

Recipe and photo courtesy of Jamie Oliver.com



LOCAL GRADUATE Wins Scholarship

Samantha Vardy, a recent graduate of Tannum Sands State High School, has recently started studying a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) at QUT.

The Australian Resources Industry Skills and Education (ARISE) funds two scholarships a year, both \$10,000 each. This year, the winners are a Kelvin Grove Student, and Samantha Vardy, Tannum Sands State High School's recent graduate. Samantha only recently developed an interest in engineering, and this scholarship will have a huge influence on her studies this year.

"I was committed to further study at university but had not yet found my passion," said Samantha.

"After completing a week of work experience in Gladstone, where I worked alongside a team of engineers, I could see that engineering was the right path for me."

Samantha, who was a school vice-captain in 2021, said that this scholarship will help her with the costs of moving to Brisbane this year, and allow her the freedom to undertake work placement opportunities within the industry.



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The ARISE Initiative was put in place to help broaden the geographic reach of the industry-led education and skills training initiative Queensland Minerals and Energy Academy (QMEA) in states and territories across Australia.



Local Apprentice

WINS LA JUDGE AWARD

Chloe Murray of Kirkwood Woolworths competed in the nation-wide competition earlier in May.

Chloe, who started her Cert III Bread Baking Apprenticeship in October of 2020, said she always knew she wanted to work with food.

"I've been at Kirkwood Woolworths going on eight years now, and saw the apprenticeship program as a great opportunity to start my career in food. Woolworths supply the apprenticeship, and it was an awesome chance for me to get involved with, and also for the growth of the baking industry as a whole," said Chloe.

The LA Judge Award consists of an intense three-day competition in Sydney. The competition was established in 1967 by the Bread Research Institute of Australia (now known as AEGIC Sydney) as a way of celebrating young bakers.

The competition involved rigorous assessments, which included physical and written components.

"We had to present speeches about ourselves and a question that was given to us at the competition. We also had to complete theory papers about production planning, food safety, product costing, bread production, wheat technology, bread ingredients and flour milling/quality. The biggest thing we had to do was the practical baking exercise. This task was extremely challenging because we had to use equipment we've never used before, like an oshikiri and a tweedy

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I was extremely nervous when I arrived in Sydney but when I met the other contestants I calmed down a little bit. They were amazing, they all embodied what the contest was looking for, which was the future leaders in the baking industry.

mixer. It also had to be run on a time schedule, which is challenging when you have never made this production before."

Chloe said that despite the tough

nature of the competition, she enjoyed the competition, and meeting the other young bakers.

"The LA Judge Competition was extremely intense but it was also a lot of fun. Every day was fully packed with tasks for me and the other contestants to complete. I was extremely nervous when I arrived in Sydney but when I met the other contestants I calmed down a little bit. They were amazing, they all embodied what the contest was looking for, which was the future leaders in the baking industry. I really had no clue who was going to end up winning."

Chloe was selected for the competition through her apprenticeship training at the Bakery Industry Training Association, or BITA. Through her apprenticeship, she has completed practical modules in Brisbane, and the teachers saw a potential in her that they thought might suit the LA Judge Award competition. Clearly, they were right to think so.

"The best part of my job right now is getting to go to my training at BITA to learn as much as I can about my trade."

As part of her prize, Chloe will spend a full week in Belgium on an -all-expenses-paid trip. While she's there, she will get to visit the headquarters of the baking and ingredients company Puratos. There, she will take part in training and bakery demonstrations.

"When I go to Belgium, I get to see the Puratos headquarters and take part in training and bakery demonstrations. I also get to see their sourdough library which I'm really excited about. I'm also extremely eager to see the Bocolade Chocolate Centre and try what the best chocolate in the world is supposed to taste like."

Gladstone Motor Sports Club Inc.

HOSTS REGION'S FIRST EVER DRIFT COMPETITION

The club hosted their first event on May 28th, with the second one due on June 25th.

The drift competition on the weekend of May 28th saw a total of 31 Pro/Proam drivers from across the state as well as three professional judges from South-East Queensland: Benjamin Bruin from Australian Institute of Motorsports, Michael Ginn from Dori Junkie and Troy Forsythe from Rotor Force. As well as a stellar line-up of judges, a professional MC, Tony Bishop, was flown in for the event from Melbourne.

Acrista Hamilton, the GMSC Secretary, said that what started as a vision for local drivers quickly turned into an opportunity for drivers from around the state.

"When we first had a plan to run competitions, our vision was to give our local competitors a chance to compete

locally. Word spread, and before long we had high-class drivers willing to travel to compete for the offer of \$5000 total in cash prizes. We have opened a second event on June 25th, available to any of the competitors that didn't place in the 'Top 8' in this competition, as well as any other experienced drivers that want a chance to compete," said Acrista.

The event saw about 500 spectators, 30 volunteers and 31 drivers, as well as their pit crew. Glenn Butcher was there for the official opening of the event, as it was the first ever drift competition in the Central Queensland Region.

"The never-run-before format meant more seat time for competitors: resulting in more smoke, scrapes, sliding and sideways action."

First place went to Dan Keneally from Twisted Villians, taking home \$2500. Second place was 'Senna Tunny Drift #147', taking home \$1500 and Karl Schulz from Fish & Drift and Matthew Sozz from



Twisted Villians coming in third and fourth, respectively.

"We were lucky enough to see not one, but five \$10,000 sponsorships awarded to drivers by the Australian Institute of Motorsports. We'd also like to thank our major sponsors for the event: Reef City Tinting, Paranormal Performance and MKS Towing."

GMSC are always looking for more volunteers to help with events. Find out more about upcoming events, or volunteering opportunities, at the Gladstone Motor Sports Club Inc. Facebook page, or #GladstoneDrifts on Instagram.

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GLADSTONE GYMNASTICS CLUB

Wins Gold

The Gladstone Gymnastic Club has returned home from the Australian Gymnastics Championships with several gold medals, and an incredibly proud team.



This annual competition is the biggest event on the Australian Gymnastics calendar, and hosts the top gymnasts from each state from each state on the Gold Coast to compete for National titles. Of all the separate competitions, Gladstone Gymnastics Club competes in Women's Artistic Gymnastics (WAG), Men's Artistic Gymnastics (MAG) and Acrobatic Gymnastics.

Rosie Parnell, one of the organisers at the Gladstone Gymnastics Club said that this is one of the best years that the club has seen at the competition.

"Gladstone Gymnastics has been fortunate enough to have had gymnasts compete at Nationals many times in our long history. This year has been our biggest involvement and most successful competition," said Rosie.

Previously, the most successful competitor that the club had was Shannon O'Shea in 2000, who won '1st All Around' for Level 7 in Women's Artistic Gymnastics. Most recently, Eryn Parker won '1st On Floor' in Women's Artistic Gymnastics in Level 9 back in 2016.

"This year, we have had an incredibly successful year. In WAG we have had two gymnasts representing Queensland in Level 8. Their Queensland Team won the Gold Medal in the Team

Competition, and our gymnast Felicity Webb won '1st All Around' in the Level 8: 15 years and over. She is the 2022 National Champion for that level.

"She also had fantastic apparatus results, placing first on Bars, and second for Vault, Beam and Floor. Our other WAG gymnast, Jenna Gaunt, won second on Bars in Level 8: Under 14 years."

Gladstone Gymnastics Club also had a gymnast represent Queensland in Men's Artistic Gymnastics in Level 8, with his team placing first in the Team Competition.

"Our gymnast, Ethan Sharpe, won '2nd All Around' in the Level 8 Open, as well as coming first on Vault, second on Floor, Pommel and Rings, and third on High Bar.

"In Acrobatic Gymnastics, we are thrilled to have had some very positive results too. All of our senior pairs and trios qualified to the state team and competed for Queensland at National this year. Our Level 6 pair, Hannah and Leah, and our Level 7 pair, Grace and Kirrilee, placed '3rd Overall' and our level 10 pair placed '1st Overall'."

Both of the WAG gymnasts who competed this year, Felicity and Jenna, have worked incredibly hard in the leadup to their first-ever Nationals competition. They each train for 19.5 hours a week, including two mornings

before school, along with the rest of their team. They are also both fully committed to their year nine and eight studies, respectively.

Both Felicity and Ethan have recently started coaching for the Recreational Programs at Gladstone Gymnastics. Ethan also trains for 19.5 hours a week, as well as managing his year 11 studies.

"The definite highlight this year is having three athletes on Queensland teams coming home with Gold Medals. We are so proud to have gymnasts represent our state at the highest levels of gymnastics. The other main highlight is to have a Gladstone Gymnast, Felicity Webb, win the title of Australian Champion in Level 8. This title is extremely competitive, with over 50 gymnasts competing, selected from hundreds across Australia.

"We are also very proud of the coaches of our athletes, including WAG Head Coach Peter Dowdell, MAG Head Coach Rodrigo Caron, and Acrobatics Head Coach Letitia Delioglansis, and Kym Dowdell, Gladstone Gymnastics Club's Technical Director, for her participation at Nationals as a judge."

If you are interested in Gymnastics here in Gladstone, reach out to the team over email, at office@gladstonegymnastics.org.au, or via their website: <http://www.gladstonegymnastics.org.au/>



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