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## FISH OF THE MONTH WINNER

**Congratulations Kenzee Eccles on catching this Sweetlip!**

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

### DID YOU KNOW?

The common name of the sweetlips (family Haemulidae) refers to the thick, blubbery looking lips of these fish. There are 145 species worldwide with 21 species in Australia.



Name: Kenzee Eccles  
Fish Species: Sweetlip  
Location: Gladstone Harbour



# WHAT'S ON IN Gladstone

from September 21st, 2023



## *Mystery on the Orient Express*

THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

Where: Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre

Time: 7pm on both nights

Cost: Adults \$65 | Loyalty Members \$60

Tickets can be purchased online via the link <https://www.gladstoneentertainment.com/events/event/117/mystery-on-the-orient-express>

## *Red Lips & Wine Sips Ladies Night*

SATURDAY 30 SEPTEMBER

Where: 3 Pitt Street, Gladstone QLD

Cost: Tickets are \$80 pp with all proceeds going toward The Women's Health Centre.

Expect and elegant evening of wonderful food and extravagance. Hors d'oeuvres will be served throughout the evening and a welcome drink upon arrival. Tickets can be purchased at [www.creativegladstone.org.au](http://www.creativegladstone.org.au)

## *Gladstone Lift The Lid Walk*

SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER

Where: Spinnaker Park, Alf O'Rourke Drive Gladstone

Time: 8am • Cost: Free

The Lift the Lid Walk event is a national initiative used to raise awareness on mental illness across Australia. For more information visit [www.liftthelidwalk.com.au](http://www.liftthelidwalk.com.au).

## *Halloween Disco & Night Time Fun*

FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER

Where: Toondoon Botanical Gardens • Cost: Free

Dress in your Halloween best and get ready to boogie man! Food vendors will also be available on site. There will be limited candy available for trick or treat so we recommend bringing additional for your children to avoid disappointment.

## Lake Awoonga SCAVENGER HUNT

**The school holidays are here...  
now's the time to join the fun!**

Time is running out to enter this month's draw.  
Head down to Lake Awoonga and find GAWB'ie!

### Here's September's clue!

Where it's cool to sit in the  
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A group of students in school uniforms are on a beach. In the foreground, two boys are sitting on a black cart labeled 'A CARTS'. The boy on the left is holding a yellow ball. Both are wearing light blue polo shirts with a 'clearview' logo and dark blue shorts. The boy on the right is also wearing a dark blue bucket hat with the 'clearview' logo. In the background, another student is holding a yellow ball. The beach and ocean are visible in the distance.

# Clearview Christian College

**Fast becoming the school of choice in the region**

**“The word is out... Clearview Christian College is fast becoming the school of choice in the region.”**

Clearview Christian College commenced its inaugural year in January this year with 33 students in both Years 7 and 8. Next year the College will open its doors to 60 students across Year 7 to 9, with a waitlist already opened for the incoming Year 7 students for 2024.

‘I would like to take this opportunity to thank every student, parent and community group that has endorsed our school. It is this positive word of mouth that we owe our current success to and we are so grateful for

their support,’ said College Principal Melanie Loosmore.

Clearview’s learning environment design utilises the school’s natural surroundings to enhance learning programs. Students can regularly experience concrete learning opportunities in outdoor spaces, bringing the classroom curriculum to life. Clearview intentionally uses situated learning to connect our students to ‘place’, the natural physical surroundings and community structures. This connection allows students to develop ownership of their local place and empowers them to meaningfully contribute to improving environmental, social, and economic vitality. Additionally, there is notable research to suggest the wellbeing benefits for students in actively moving during learning experiences, experiencing fresh air,

and visually benefiting from natural surroundings.

A key feature of Clearview’s education program is high engagement learning opportunities that focus on students actively participating and developing agency in their learning. The College’s distinctive subject called Projects, is offered to Year 7 and 8 students, and provides them with the opportunity to identify local





community needs and liaise with local experts. It is designed to connect students to authentic learning experiences, which involve real world problems and aims to develop their future citizenship. Throughout their education journey at Clearview, students are continuously building transferrable knowledge and skills that are preparing them for future employment opportunities. Students begin tailoring their learning pathways from Year 9, providing a natural progression towards potential senior options such as tertiary education, trades, or entrepreneurship. The College values all learning pathways and recognises that it's important that students feel supported to be successful in any area of personal interest and natural ability.

The College's research-based teaching methodology utilises key insights about the way young people learn and intentionally embeds them in everyday classroom routines. Clearview's educational model integrates a middle school approach, with core classroom teachers connecting regularly with students to provide a supportive transition into junior secondary education. Clearview's Learning Environment Design positions our students to learn and thrive across two connected and innovative learning models. Our Junior Secondary students benefit from consistency and structure, whilst at the same time, they are supported in dynamic learning spaces that produce critical and creative thinking. Clearview's Senior Secondary Model migrates students into autonomous modes of learning that promote independence and responsive mindsets (Years 11-12 pending accreditation).

Clearview has taken

Australian Curriculum subjects such as Health and Physical Education from the College ground playing fields down to the local beach, Duck Ponds, and Canoe Point parklands. Teachers use alternate spaces such as fitness trails, beach touch football and volleyball to further enhance participation in active learning experiences. Students also engage in active learning opportunities around the Canoe Point precinct in Core subjects, for example data samples and stimulus materials are collected from the various locations surrounding the college for authentic learning for Geography, Science, The Arts and English Units, creating experiences that are engaging and contextual for students.

'Learning in and about our local community really piques the interest of students as they can contribute to the lessons in ways that are meaningful for them, this has resulted in strong interpersonal connections with each other and a real sense of belonging to a community and having a purpose both for learning and for their community. As a teacher it is rewarding to see students genuinely engaged and thriving in both their learning and their relationships,' said Secondary Teacher Jenelle Wood.

The College is now entering another exciting phase of introducing contextually relevant and tailored elective programs for Year 9 students in 2024. Program deliverables



include STEM centred electives that build a young person's capacity to develop critical and creative skills and necessary digital literacy to engage in the modern workplace. Another exciting development in its piloting stage is a Marine Environments elective that features an aquaculture focus that takes contextual opportunities around the region to promote student learning and career opportunities.

**Limited places are still available for Year 8 and 9 next year, however places are filling fast. If you are interested in finding out more about the College, please visit the College website [www.clearview.qld.edu.au](http://www.clearview.qld.edu.au).**



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# Capturing Unfiltered Beauty:

## LEANNE JOHNSTON'S INSPIRING JOURNEY THROUGH THE LENS

*Leanne Johnston, the visionary owner and founder of Unfiltered Beauty Photography, has a captivating tale to tell a story that unfolds against the backdrop of her remarkable journey into the world of visual artistry.*

From what first started off as a hobby soon developed into something a little bit more for me," said Leanne.

"I am a breast cancer survivor and one of my friends who happened to be a photographer came over one day to take my photograph. I remember feeling so powerful in that moment whilst I was

undergoing treatment and began to feel hopeful that I could overcome such a horrible sickness,"

"I started Unfiltered Beauty Photography, because I wanted to empower other women who may be going through the same journey as I did. I don't necessarily edit my photos as I like to capture the raw essence of natural beauty in women," explained Leanne.

"We are hosting a ladies day event on the 28th of October at the Cedar's Art Gallery. It's great to be able to provide this service for cancer patients and I am really proud to partner with April from All things beauty and am very grateful to Priceline Pharmacy for their lovely donation of makeup products. I would like to say a special thank you to Melissa

Holzheimer who is a Resilience Coach as she was kind enough to donate a few dresses for the event too,"



"My own journey and battle with breast cancer is what inspired me to start my own photography business. I have tried to apply for grant funding for this project but to no avail, it would really mean a lot to me if we could get further people on board with this initiative in order to help as many patients feel beautiful." said Leanne.

In Leanne's hands, the camera becomes a tool for revealing the truth: that beauty, like any great photograph is unfiltered and uniquely captivating. Together, we can help more patients find their own moments of hope, courage, and confidence in the face of adversity.



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*Cr Glenn Churchill at the 2022 H.O.P.E Café lunch with Kathy Wakefield, Dorothy Schafer and Les Schafer.*

## H.O.P.E Café to headline Seniors Month activities in the Gladstone Region

Queensland Seniors Month is back and Gladstone Regional Council together with various community groups and organisations will host several events to keep seniors connected throughout October.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said the popular H.O.P.E Café (Helping Other Possibilities Emerge) lunch is returning with this year's event taking place at Builyan and Many Peaks Progress Association Hall on Wednesday 25 October from 11am.

"H.O.P.E Café is a fantastic opportunity for seniors to come together for lunch and great conversations," Councillor Burnett said.

"Last year's lunch was well attended with more than 100 people gathering at The Old Station at Raglan and I'm expecting this year's event to be just as popular."

Cr Burnett added that transport to and from Builyan and Many Peaks Progress Association Hall is available across the region with transportation routes and times to be advised closer to date.

"Registrations open on Monday 25 September via Council's online Conversations platform," he said.

"Alternatively, seniors can call the Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct on 4976 6300 to register."



*Mayor Matt Burnett with Ray Davies.*

## Free microchipping offer during October

Gladstone Regional Council is doing its bit to encourage responsible pet ownership by offering free microchipping for all new animal registrations made during the early payment discount period for animal registrations in October.

### How it works?

- Register your new pet with Council during October 2023
- Bookings are essential so please contact our Customer Service Team on 4970 0700 to book your free microchipping appointment. Appointments available in 15-minute intervals, Monday to Friday between 8.30am and 4.30pm
- Bring your pet (dog or cat) in for a quick, painless microchipping procedure (on lead or in pet cage) at the Gladstone Region Pound, 17 Albert Street, Callemondah
- Please bring your proof of registration on the day of your booking.

Visit [www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/microchipping](http://www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/microchipping) for more information about the benefits of microchipping your pet, or visit [www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/registration](http://www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/registration) for more information about animal registration.



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# GLADSTONE WELCOMES NEW 'Head to Health' Service

*The Gladstone community will have greater access to free mental health care and support with the announcement of a new Head to Health adult mental health service.*

This new service builds on the existing network of services in Queensland. Head to Health services are currently available in Townsville and new services in Ipswich and Kingaroy will open later this year.

Once operational, the Gladstone Head to Health service will provide a safe and welcoming place for adults to access mental health information, services and supports delivered by multidisciplinary care teams over extended hours without needing a prior appointment, GP referral or paying a fee.

Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Emma McBride has commented on the initiative and the benefits this will bring to the community.

"The new Head to Health service means that the Gladstone community will have access to mental health support and advice closer to home," said Ms McBride.

"We have funded this new Head to Health service and work will soon begin to determine what services are needed to best help the Gladstone community. We are working to make sure all Australians have access to care and support when they need it."

Minister for Health and Ambulance Services, Shannon Fentiman has also commented on the initiative and has shared her views on the new service.

"Queenslanders deserve the best mental health care no matter where they live,"



The new Head to Health service means that the Gladstone community will have access to mental health support and advice closer to home.

"That's why the local government has invested more than \$1.645 billion towards mental health, alcohol and other drug services to make it easier for people in the Gladstone region to access support that is closer to home,"

explained Ms Fentiman.

"Head to Health will expand community based options for people experiencing mental health and suicide crises and take pressure of our emergency departments."

Through the National Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Agreement bilateral schedule, the Australian and Queensland Governments are working in close partnership to address service gaps. Together, the Australian and Queensland Governments will provide \$2.4 million over three years to the Central Queensland, Wide Bay, Sunshine Coast Primary Health Network (Country to Coast QLD PHN) to commission this new service.

Head to Health is accessible to anyone by simply calling 1800 595 212 or visiting their nearest service. For more information go to <https://www.headtohealth.gov.au/>





# Celebrating National SES WEEK 2023

*State Emergency Services (SES) members are the unsung heroes of our community who are dedicated to ensuring our safety and wellbeing during times of crisis.*

Their invaluable support extends beyond disaster management, as they are always on standby to collaborate seamlessly with police, ambulance and firefighters by offering critical reinforcements when extra resources are required. In the face of adversity, SES members embody resilience, courage and selflessness.

Brian Pitt, who is the Group Leader for the SES team based in Calliope would like to remind local residents of the importance of preparing for the summer storm season during National SES Week which runs from September 9th to the 17th.

"Queensland is one of the most disaster

prone states in Australia and storms certainly account for a considerable amount of that damage," said Brian.

"People can greatly reduce the risk to themselves and their families by simply clearing their properties of rubbish. It is also worthwhile to secure any loose objects around the yard such as outdoor furniture and wheelie bins which can become lethal weapons in strong winds,"

"I have been fortunate enough to be apart of the SES community for over thirty years. One of my most memorable experiences would be when my team and I assisted in locating a missing person and found them alive, safe and well," said Brian.

"What I enjoy most about being apart of the SES is being able to help our community in times of need. I hope that our current SES members will take away a sense of achievement and belonging by joining with us and hope to see more friendly faces join us in the long term future!"

"We are always looking for volunteers as



there is a shortage of volunteers across all our Gladstone groups. If you would like to make a difference in your community or simply would like to find out some more information, you can do so by contacting your local SES Group," explained Brian.

The first step in preparing for storm disasters is to create a comprehensive emergency plan for you and your family. This plan should include communication strategies, evacuation routes and a well-stocked emergency kit containing essentials such as non-perishable food, water, first aid supplies, flashlights and batteries.

By taking these precautions and fostering a culture of preparedness, we can better protect ourselves and our loved ones during storm disaster season.

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Gladstone is the gateway to Central Queensland's (CQ) and the states Industrial and renewable energy sector, the 2023 conference will provide an opportunity to gain insight into where industry, energy and manufacturing is heading and the available opportunities sprouting within the broader CQ Region as our Nation, State and Region progress through the renewables transition.

The Conference provides superior networking conditions to reinforce relationships and gathering information to get a head start at the evolving business opportunities in store for the future.

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# Parliament House to showcase strength OF QUEENSLAND MANUFACTURING

*To kickstart Manufacturing Month with great enthusiasm, Queensland proudly hosted the inaugural Parliamentary Manufacturing Showcase, featuring 26 of the state's leading manufacturers.*

Queensland's manufacturing sector had been a dynamic economic powerhouse, contributing a substantial \$20 billion annually and employing 180,000 Queenslanders. This event provided a platform to spotlight these industry leaders, celebrating their past achievements and highlighting their remarkable capabilities.

As part of Manufacturing Month festivities, the Queensland Government

officially introduced a novel social media campaign, "If you don't make it, it'll never exist," with the aim of inspiring recent school graduates to pursue careers in manufacturing.

The exhibition featured a diverse array of manufacturers, including Stella Marine, known for their premium marine equipment, Norweld from North Queensland, specialising in vehicle accessories and Elexon Electronics, renowned for manufacturing a wide range of electronic products for specialised local and global markets.

The Showcase also boasted the presence of iconic businesses such as Frosty Boy, a Gold Coast-based ice cream manufacturer, Kandy Couture, a confectionery business hailing from Gladstone, Suitcase Records, a vinyl records manufacturer based in Pinkenba and Packer Leather situated in Narangba. Known for producing leather

products used in the iconic Sherrin AFL football. Additionally, attendees had the opportunity to explore locally crafted beverages from Queensland's leading distillers and brewers.

Glenn Butcher, who is the Minister for Regional Development and Manufacturing is passionate about manufacturing in Queensland and has shared his thoughts about the recent exhibition.

"I am passionate about Queensland manufacturing, because there is no better place to manufacture than right here in Queensland," said Mr Butcher.

"I've seen projects we've invested in, being supplied by Queensland manufacturers that have grown their businesses through our manufacturing grants and support programs. That is what we want, our investment delivering for Queenslanders all the way down the supply chain."

This Parliamentary Showcase marked a historic first for Queensland, highlighting the remarkable diversity of the state's manufacturing sector and underscoring its ongoing role in providing employment opportunities, both then and in the future.



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# Celebrating World Tourism Day

*On World Tourism Day this year, we celebrate the Gladstone Region, our hidden gem.*

This vibrant destination is a testament to the beauty and diversity that awaits travelers in our very own backyard. From pristine beaches and rich cultural heritage to breathtaking natural wonders, the Gladstone Region beckons adventurers, nature lovers, and culture enthusiasts to explore its treasures and create lasting memories.

Let's celebrate world tourism day this year by exploring our region and what we have to offer.

The Great Barrier Reef, a jewel that draws travelers from across the globe. Here, you can immerse yourself in the kaleidoscope of marine life while snorkeling or diving amidst the vibrant coral reefs. The clear

blue waters provide a window into a breathtaking underwater world, making it an ideal destination for aquatic adventures.

The Town of 1770 is a step back in time. Named after the year that Captain Cook first landed on Australian shores, this charming town offers a glimpse into the past with its heritage-listed sites, scenic lookouts, and a welcoming atmosphere. It's a place to explore, relax, and connect with Australia's rich maritime history.

Jump right next door to Agnes Waters, a coastal paradise renowned for its endless sandy beaches, perfect for surfing, swimming, SUP'ing and beachcombing. The laid-back atmosphere and friendly locals make it an ideal spot for a relaxed getaway or family vacation.

Island hopping in the Gladstone Region is another right of passage. Heron Island, Lady Elliot Island, and Wilson Island offer unparalleled experiences for wildlife

enthusiasts and those looking to unwind in a secluded paradise. From nesting sea turtles to vibrant birdlife, these islands showcase the region's incredible biodiversity and stunning ocean views.

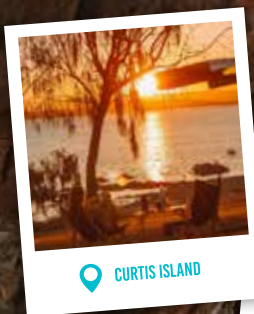
Make your way back inland to the rugged beauty of Mount Larcom and the serene surroundings of Kroombit Tops National Park await adventurers and nature lovers alike. Hiking trails, lush rainforests, and breathtaking viewpoints offer a chance to reconnect with the great outdoors and witness the region's diverse ecosystems.

The East Shores precinct in Gladstone itself is a vibrant hub where locals and tourists converge. Overlooking the picturesque Gladstone Harbour, it boasts a range of dining options, parklands, and cultural events, making it a dynamic spot for relaxation and entertainment.

The Gladstone Region invites you to explore, stay local, and create unforgettable memories in our backyard.

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# Queensland's Property Market Shines: A GLIMPSE AT THE LATEST TRENDS

*Queensland Property keeps proving itself to be a shining performer.*

According to the quarterly median sales results released by the Real Estate Institute of Queensland (REIQ). The June 2023 quarter (April – June 2023) revealed that many of the Sunshine State's property markets remain in an enviable position, with statewide median house prices rising by 4.62 percent over the quarter and median unit prices lifting 3 per cent.

Taking a broader view and comparing Queensland's annual figures, the state saw substantial year on year growth of 5.26 per cent for houses and 6.91 per cent for units. Bundaberg stood out as

the strongest unit market performer for quarterly growth at 15.45 percent based on 58 sales. This was followed by Ipswich (8.48%), Noosa (4.39%) and Gladstone (6.38%) and Fraser Coast (4.88%). Throughout greater Brisbane, which had an annual median unit price of \$480,000, annual median days on market remained relatively steady, fluctuating only a few days up or down. In Queensland's tourism centres however some sale campaigns doubled in length. The longest lengths of time to contract were seen in regional Queensland with Gladstone (62 days), Mackay (54 days), Townsville (49 days) and Rockhampton (45 days).

As the latest data from the Real Estate Institute of Queensland illustrates, the Queensland property market continues to radiate strength and resilience.

With impressive quarterly and annual growth figures, it's evident that many regions within the Sunshine State are thriving. Whether you're an investor, homeowner, or simply intrigued by real estate trends, Queensland's property market remains an intriguing and dynamic sector to watch. As we move forward, it will be fascinating to see how this enduring performance shapes the future of Queensland's real estate landscape.



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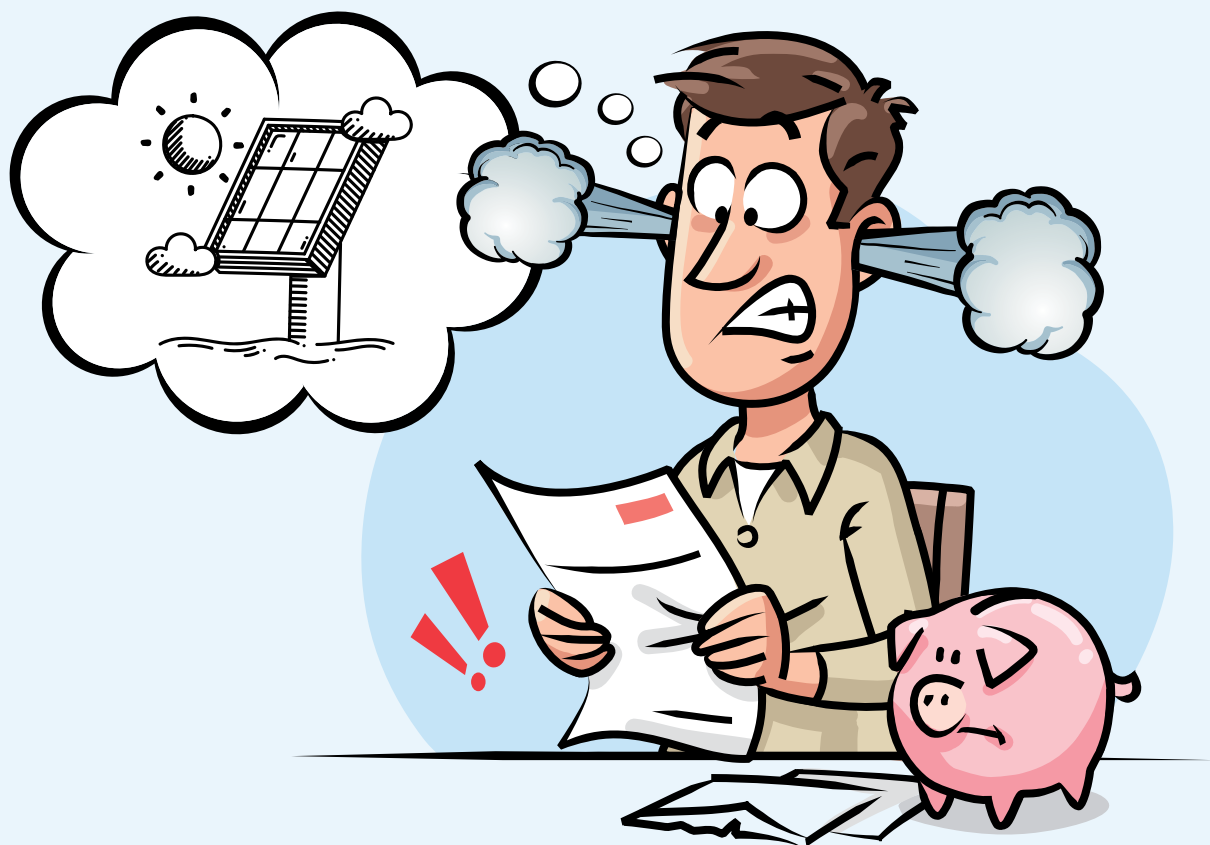
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# HANS: BERLIN'S SHOWBIZ DYNAMO *Takes the World by Storm*

*More intoxicating than Oktoberfest, with more horsepower than a Volkswagen, and a sizzle hotter than a bratwurst convention, Hans who is Germany's most exuberant export, reigns as an international superstar.*

This Berlin born accordionist and comedy cabaret sensation has been igniting audiences worldwide for over a decade with his unforgettable performances.

From captivating Prime Ministers to enchanting Princesses, from ordinary folks to the neighbourhood paper boys, Hans has left an indelible mark with his award-winning brand of entertainment.

Hans, who has recently performed at the Gladstone Entertainment and Convention Centre shares his journey on what life is really like on tour.



"My team and I are currently on tour at the moment as we're travelling all around Queensland. It was my first time coming to Gladstone and I must say, that I would love to return again someday!" exclaimed Hans.

"Life can get a bit tough from time to time when travelling on the road and you do need to be able to discipline yourself but it's also a really rewarding and very fun experience. I've been fortunate enough to meet a few celebrities such as Jennifer Lopez and Simon Cowell to name a few. When I auditioned for America's Got Talent back in 2018 and was over the moon when I returned back in 2020!"

"I have always been a bit of a show pony and love being able to perform in front of an audience. It's something that really means a lot to me and I guess my inner child just wants to shine as bright as he can. I've always put on shows for my family in my living room and would charge them 88 cents for a ticket!" laughed Hans.

Hans electrifying journey through the world of entertainment mirrors the same enthusiasm and energy he brings to his performances. His dedication to his craft is nothing short of spectacular. With each show, Hans continues to sprinkle stardust, ensuring that unique brand of joy and laughter illuminates hearts and stages worldwide, leaving a trail of brilliance in his path.



## BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: HMB BARBERS

### *Where Tradition Meets Trendsetter*

*HMB Barbers was founded by Theo Osakwe in 2017 and began as a single barber shop in Brisbane and has since rapidly expanded to include thirteen barbershops across Queensland.*

HMB Barbers, a traditional men's barbershop, prides itself on being a family friendly destination and delivering outstanding customer service. This commitment ensures that employees feel well supported in both their professional and personal lives, allowing them to focus wholeheartedly on delivering exceptional customer service to valued clients.

Liz, who is the Operations Manager for HMB Barbers reflects on her experience working for this expansive organisation.

"Our Gladstone based shop has recently come under new management, led by Jared Sengstock. Jared, previously managing one of the busiest Brisbane shops, has returned to Gladstone and is currently transitioning into his new role as manager," explained Liz.

"As a traditional barber shop, we operate on a walk in only basis a method we believe is in sync with both our business requirements and our customer's preferences,"

"We've recently introduced a check-in system that encourages our customers to join the queue with their preferred barber or the next available one, all through our convenient HMB Barbers app. This innovation allows them to do so from the comfort of their own homes, check real time wait times and avoid prolonged waits at the shop." said Liz.

HMB Barbers are dedicated to providing an outstanding experience for their valued clients. They look forward to continuing their journey, by meeting the unique needs of each customer and maintaining their status as a trusted name in traditional barbering.

# The Champ's Corner:

## GARY COWBURN'S KNOCKOUT LEGACY

*Gary Cowburn, a true icon in the world of boxing, has now posthumously entered the Australian National Boxing Hall of Fame.*

This honour was bestowed upon him at the start of the month in Melbourne, during a prestigious ceremony at the Crown Casino, cementing his place in the annals of Australian sports history.

Melinda Cowburn, his devoted daughter fondly reminisces about her late father and reflects on what it means to be the daughter of a local boxing legend.

"Dad began his boxing career in a time when opportunity for First Nations people was not equal and this certainly prevented Dad from being able to join the Olympic Boxing team back in his prime time of his boxing career," explained Melinda.

"Despite many hurdles that were thrown in his way, he refused to let it change him and remained true to himself and was a humble, respectful and determined man. Dad always stayed persistent and achieved great results for himself and his family,"

"A few months ago, we received a notification that the Australian National Boxing Hall of Fame was going to honour his legacy due to his incredible fighting record! Two of my sisters and five of his grandchildren had the pleasure of attending the event and we were all thrilled to represent our parents," shared Melinda.

"During his boxing career, he shared the ring with some incredible talents, including American world champion Ralph Dupas and Australian George Barns,"

"It fills me with immense pride to learn that my father is held in such high regard, not just within the boxing community but also within the Gladstone community. My family and I take great pride in his life's accomplishments and the knowledge that he will forever be remembered holds a special place in our hearts," said Melinda.

"For over three decades, Dad volunteered tirelessly at the Gladstone PCYC. He not only imparted the art of boxing to young individuals but also contributed thousands of hours of his time and raised tens of thousands of dollars alongside his beloved late wife, Joy Cowburn, in support of PCYC's mission in the Gladstone community. Their dedication was rightfully recognised when both Dad and Mum were honoured with life memberships with the PCYC."

Gary Cowburn's legacy extends far beyond the boxing ring. He was a loving father, a dedicated volunteer and a source of inspiration for countless individuals in the community and beyond. His impact on the lives he touched, both as a boxer and as a mentor, is immeasurable.



## Gladstone's Men Shed

### MARKS THREE DECADES OF COMMUNITY DEDICATION

*Compared to most other voluntary organisations in Australia, the Men's Shed organisation stands out as a rare example of consistent year on year growth.*

The Gladstone Men's Shed is set to welcome the community to an Open Day event at Barney Point on the 14th of October as part of Queensland Mental Health Week, offering a closer look at their important work and initiatives.

Ron, the President of the Men's Shed, is thrilled to share his excitement about their recent celebration of a significant milestone of thirty years of dedication.

"The Gladstone Men's Shed was formed in late 2011 with the very first committee elected on 9th of September in that same year," said Ron.

"During those earlier times, we were fortunate to receive support from Gladstone Regional Council, the Rotary Club, as well as individuals like Bob McCosker and Cyril Golding. What's remarkable is that we continue to enjoy their unwavering support to this day!"

"The Gladstone Men's Shed is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning for workshop activities on metal and woodwork as well our CNC Router and Friday mornings for group exercises that are conducted by Gladstone Physio and Fitness," said Ron.

"We've also had the privilege of fostering strong partnerships with various industrial organisations. However, one of our most significant accomplishments is undoubtedly our Early Childhood Services Project,"

"This initiative involves crafting items requested by early childhood centres and preschools, skilfully produced by our dedicated team within the shed," explained Ron.

Heartfelt congratulations are in order for the Australian Men's Shed Association, which has played a pivotal role in expanding the organisation to 1,297 sheds across Australia today and an impressive 2,500 sheds across twelve countries worldwide.



# Celebrating Accessibility: Agnes Water

## INTRODUCES AUSTRALIA'S FIRST COMMUNITY OPERATED MOBI MAT AT MAIN BEACH

*Agnes Water is excited to announce the public launch of the community's new Mobi Mat at it's Main Beach which is set to take place this weekend near the recently constructed Tom Jeffery Park bridge.*

The Heart of Agnes Community Association Inc has successfully raised over \$30,000 last month through their 'Mobi Mat for Main Beach' Community Fundraiser, improving public access for all people at Agnes Water's at Main Beach. The Mobi Mat is the first community owned

and operated Mat in Australia and is a fact that the local Agnes community is proud of.

Byron Mulligan who is the Heart of Agnes President, has shared his excitement about the upcoming launch.

"The resource is a huge win for Agnes and the Gladstone region, as we have received an overwhelming amount of support from our local community," said Byron.

"The community managed to come together to raise money and it means a lot for us to be able to provide a more accessible and safer environment for our local community."

The Mobi Mat is a well recognised tool that is often found on beaches around Australia and New Zealand. It provides

a stable surface for anyone to cross the sand more easily. The mat was designed to be able to assist the elderly, anyone with an injury, disability, mobility or vision impairment as well as to assist families with small children.

The mat is set to be operated by Heart of Agnes volunteers and will be available every Wednesday and Saturday as well as daily for the duration of the school holidays. Surf Life Saving Queensland have generously donated secure storage for the Mat and other ocean assistive devices.



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## BURNING RUBBER WITH CENTRAL COAST CAR CLUB:

# Where Passion Hits The Open Road

*Introducing the Central Coast Car Club, a testament to the passion and dedication of local automobile enthusiasts.*

*Established in 1984 by a close-knit group of car lovers, the club's roots are firmly planted in a shared enthusiasm for car rallies and a strong connection to the world of motorsports.*

In its early days, the club gathered at The Rocky Glenn Hotel Tavern, where likeminded individuals converged to celebrate their mutual adoration for all things automotive.

Among the founding members, Trevor and Lori Burgess took the helm as the inaugural president and secretary, respectively, guiding the club through its formative years with the help of six other members. Today, the Central Coast Car Club continues to rev up the excitement among members and motor enthusiasts alike.

Keith Honour, the newly appointed club president, has generously shared the fascinating story of the Central Coast Car Club's inception.

"After participating in car rallies around the Rockhampton area, we started brainstorming ideas on how we could create our own homegrown challenges!" expressed Keith.

"While it took some time to materialise, we eventually had the opportunity to participate in intercity challenges, including motor hands and rally sprints."

"In 2016, The Inaugural Moonshine Run 180 was held in Benaraby and was hosted by us. The event took place around the north Queensland and Southeast Queensland short course off road series." explained Kieth.

The club is fortunate to have built quite a reputation for

themselves as they have been hosting events in Benaraby over the last six to seven years. When the Australian Khanacross Championship came up, the club jumped to the opportunity and was successful in gaining approval to host the event this year.

As they shift gears towards the future, the Central Coast Car Club wants to send a massive shoutout to everyone who has fuelled their journey, including the turbocharged support of sponsors like Ian Hill Backhoe Hire. Here's to many more tire squealing adventures and unforgettable burnouts on the horizon!



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# Spike to Success:

## REBECCA REDGEN'S JOURNEY FROM THE VOLLEYBALL COURT TO VICTORY

*Whether you're diving to save a powerful spike or orchestrating a perfectly timed set, volleyball is a thrilling symphony of athleticism where every point is a testament to skill, determination and the unbreakable bonds formed within a team.*

Rebecca Redgen, the Outside Hitter for the Australian Volleyroos, has graciously shared her experiences of playing alongside a team of remarkable individuals.

"For as long as I can remember, I've always been quite sporty. My late friend Stacey Daniels urged me to try out for the Gladstone State High volleyball school of excellence in Grade 7 and ever since then I just fell in love with the sport!" exclaimed Rebecca.

"I was selected into the Volleyroo squad just before COVID occurred back in 2020. For this particular tournament, I had been invited down to a trial camp at AIS in July with a squad of at least twenty five people and from here I was selected into a smaller team of fourteen to compete in the Asian Championship,"

"The Asian Senior Women's Championships were held in Korat, Thailand and only occurs every two years. It's one of our major tournaments and this year we finished 8th place which is the highest position we've achieved since 2007!" beamed Rebecca.

"We lost to Thailand, who still remain the champion winning team and won against Mongolia in our pool play to get through to the top eight.

We suffered a few other losses and sustained a few injuries and illnesses along the way but we are all quite happy with how we performed nonetheless,"

"This team is just full of incredible women and I'm proud to be able to call them teammates and am very lucky to be playing alongside them. I'm just nearing thirty and am very happy to say that I'm at the peak of my volleyball performance," said Rebecca.

"If I could share some advice for aspiring young volleyballers, I would say make sure you say yes to as many opportunities as you can! It's a huge honour to be able to represent my country and ensure that you go into situations with an open mind as this can further open up doors of possibility for you!"

As the final whistle echoes and the last spike falls, the legacy of this sport lives on in the hearts of athletes like Rebecca, who hopes to continue to inspire the next generation of volleyball enthusiasts.

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