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FISH OF THE MONTH WINNER

Congratulations Amanda Schubert Brown on catching this Sweetlip!

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

DID YOU KNOW?

Sweetlip are also known as 'Tricky Snapper' and is a prime eating tropical reef fish. Sweetlip are found around most shallow bommies and reef structure.



Name: Amanda Schubert Brown
Fish Species: Sweetlip
Location: Boyne River

WHAT'S ON IN Gladstone

from November 16th, 2023

Art Matters – Twilight Markets

SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER

Where: 3 Pitt Street, Gladstone
Central QLD

Time: 4pm – 8pm

Cost: Gold Coin Donation

Rotary Charity Markets

SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER

Where: Tondoon Botanical Gardens

Time: 7am – 12pm

Cost: Free General Admission

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Boyne Tannum Men's Circle

WEDNESDAY 22 NOVEMBER

Where: Junction Café, Tannum Sands

Time: 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Cost: Free

Join us at Junction Cafe Tannum Sands
for a Boyne Tannum Men's Circle, every
second Wednesday. This is a space
for men to connect, build emotional
capacity and have conversations in a
safe, non judgmental environment.

These meetings will be run fortnightly
at various locations. Any enquires
please message or email support@outbackmind.org.au

The Chess Social Club – Scavenger Hunt

SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER

Where: East Shores, Flinders Parade • Time: 9am – 11am

Cost: One ticket per team and can be booked online via the link at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-chess-social-club-scavenger-hunt-with-an-amazing-race-twist-tickets-738683822197>

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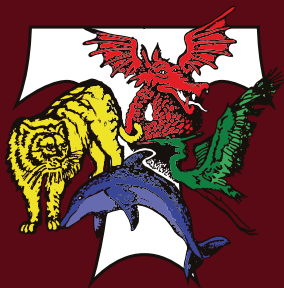
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a message

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

*It is with
immense
pride and
joy that
I extend
my heartfelt
congratulations to our
exceptional graduating
cohort of 2023.*



As the Principal of Toolooa State High School, I am filled with admiration for the hard work, dedication and outstanding academic performance displayed by our graduating students.

These young minds have not only embraced the challenges of their academic journey, but they have surpassed expectations, setting a new benchmark for excellence. Their achievements are a testament to their resilience, intelligence, and the unwavering support of our committed school community.

Our school enjoys a great reputation within the Gladstone community, and the success of this cohort only reaffirms our commitment to nurturing students to achieve their



Congratulations to our top 5 Outstanding Academic Achievers (left to right: Kaye Ng, Aleia Golding, Elle Hetherington, Alyssa Pease, Deenah Quadri – pictured with Principal Mr Harrison and Donna Boyce from CQ University)

best. As these students embark on new adventures, I have no doubt that they will carry our school's core values to make a positive impact on the world.

To the parents, families and staff, thank you for being such an incredibly strong support team for our students. Together, we have created an environment where dreams are not only fostered, but realised.

Thanks also to the greater community, including our award sponsors, our industry partners, and those working towards supporting our students with their next steps beyond school.

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2023! May your futures be as bright as the promise you've shown within your school. I look forward to seeing the fruits of your labour beyond your school years.



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Congratulations **TO OUR GRADUATING COHORT OF 2023!**



Jayli Oates

2023 Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and South Sea Islander Bursary

Congratulations to Jayli Oates, the recipient of the 2023 Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and South Sea Islander Bursary. Jayli has sustained a high academic record across her senior years, and has consistently demonstrated excellent effort and behaviour at school.



Our Proud History With The Rotary Club of South Gladstone

Toooloa State High School has a proud history of collaboration with the Rotary Club of South Gladstone. Thanks to their generous support, Kaye Ng and Elle Hetherington received the Interact Student of the Year and Albert Mills Humanitarian of the Year Awards, respectively (pictured with Debbie Mills, Bruce Hunt and Robin Hunt of South Gladstone Rotary Club).



Introducing our 2024 School Leaders:

School Captains: JieXi Zang and Benjamin Campbell
Vice Captains: Amanda Evans and Alex Montgomery



Seth Reading Apprentice/Trainee of the Year

Congratulations to our Apprentice/Trainee of the Year, Seth Reading (pictured with Tyrone from Cutuli Electrical).



Tage Bergstrom Rising Star Scholarship

Thanks to the support of James Cook University, Tage Bergstrom has been awarded a Rising Star Scholarship as she is set to enter a Nursing/Midwifery Degree in 2024.

LNG OPERATORS JOIN FORCES FOR CURTIS ISLAND CLEANUP WITH TANGAROA BLUE PARTNERSHIP



In partnership with Tangaroa Blue and the Curtis Island LNG operators (Shell QGC, APLNG operated by ConocoPhillips Australia, and Santos GLNG), the 2023 Curtis Island Community Beach Clean resulted in the collection of 174 bags totalling 1,301 kilograms of rubbish cleared off our beaches.

This highlights participants' impactful dedication to coastal cleanliness and ecological health. Another successful beach cleanup, clearing over 1300 kg of marine debris, celebrates our community's ongoing commitment to restoring and preserving coastal beauty.

For the past three years, Ian

Anderson, Project Coordinator for Tangaroa Blue, has led the charge on keeping our local beaches clean. His leadership has transformed these clean up events into powerful educational tools, enlightening our community about the origins of marine debris, the tangible and potential harm it inflicts and empowering individuals with actionable steps to safeguard the pristine beauty of our coastlines.

"The beach cleans help us to provide stats that we then feed back to the federal government to locate the source of debris issues and update reduction plans," explained Ian.

"Thanks to our comprehensive research and the use of data collection sheets, we've significantly reduced the presence of smaller plastics on our beaches and the ongoing help from our supporters and community volunteers is fantastic. The timely collection

of this data allows us to intercept these materials before they break down into harmful microplastics, showcasing the effectiveness of our proactive approach in minimising the long-term impact of plastic pollution on our marine ecosystems."

The Shell QGC Community Events Fund is now open for applications and closes 31 December 2023. For more information and application link to Smarty Grants portal: <https://www.shell.com.au/about-us/projects-and-locations/qgc/community/sponsorship-donations-and-qgc-communities-fund.html>

WEEKEND BEACH CLEANUP STATISTICS:

Focus Areas:

- Stone Hut: 438kg
- Joey Lees: 264kg
- Turtle Street: 560kg
- Connors Bluff: 43kg

Breakdown of Sorted Debris:

- Hard Plastic Remnants: 2,180 pieces
- Plastic Bottle Lids: 1,482 pieces
- Plastic Drink Bottles: 90 pieces





Mayor Matt Burnett with (L to R) Michelle Taranto, Jude Kennedy, 2023 Awards Judge Sarah Johnson, Christine Holden, Gordon Lister, Clifton Schulke, Niloufar Lovegrove and Cr Glenn Churchill at The 48th Rio Tinto & QAL Martin Hanson Memorial Art Awards night.

Artistic beauty is in the eye of the voter at QAL People's Choice Awards

The 48th Rio Tinto & QAL Martin Hanson Memorial Art Awards presentation has wrapped up for another year but there is still plenty of time to have your say and vote in the QAL People's Choice Awards.

Formed in 2014, the QAL People's Choice Awards allows members of the public to vote for their favourite artwork in each of the four categories of the Awards – Easel Paintings, Works on Paper, Three Dimensional and Fibre Works, and Digital Works.

Everyone who votes in the QAL People's Choice Awards will go into the draw to win a \$1000 travel gift voucher redeemable at Helloworld Travel, while section winners as voted by the public will receive \$500 each.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said voting in the QAL People's Choice Awards is open until 2pm on Saturday, 20 January 2024 and must be done in person at Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum (GRAGM).

"The voting process is simple – attend GRAGM, scan the QR code and enter your details, or enter your details directly into the QAL People's Choice Awards voting kiosk and then choose your favourite artwork in each section," Councillor Burnett said.

"With a record 272 entries this year, I encourage everyone to take their time to absorb all the fantastic works on display and vote for what they believe is the best.

"Art can be very subjective and that's one of the great things about voting in the QAL People's Choice Awards."

Winners of the 2023 QAL People's Choice Awards will be announced on Saturday, 27 January 2024.

Visit www.gragm.qld.gov.au/programs-events and click on QAL People's Choice Awards for more information.

GRAGM is located at the corner of Goondoon and Bramston Streets, Gladstone.

Show off your Aussie pride and artistic skill

Help us celebrate 'who and what makes Australia great' by encouraging your child or grandchild to enter the 2024 Celebrate Australia Primary School Art Competition.

To enter, students must draw, paint, or collage an aspect of Australia they believe is iconic, on an A4 sized sheet of paper. Entries can be submitted through their school or with a completed entry form, available from the Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum (GRAGM) website or reception.

There are two sections of entry: Section One: Prep - Year 2 and Section Two: Year 3 - Year 6.

Entries close at 2pm on Saturday, 9 December 2023, and must be delivered to GRAGM, corner Goondoon & Bramston Streets, Gladstone. Entry terms and conditions are listed on the entry form.

Gladstone Region Councillor Chris Cameron said winners will be announced at Council's free Australia Day Family Fun Day on 26 January 2024.

"Following this, prize winners will have their piece exhibited at GRAGM, while selected entries will tour various libraries across the region during 2024," Councillor Cameron said.

"Initiated in 2006 and first presented in 2007, the Celebrate Australia Primary School Art Competition continues to grow from strength to strength and it's great to see so many students show off their Aussie pride and artistic skill."

Visit www.gragm.qld.gov.au/programs-events for more information.



Cr Chris Cameron with Ayla Cadzow-Smith, who was awarded Second Prize – Section Two at the 2023 Celebrate Australia Primary School Art Competition.

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Gladstone's Telehealth TRANSFORMATION

The CQShines Hospital Foundation is excited to share information about the introduction of new innovative technology for the Queensland Operating Theatres here at the Gladstone Hospital.

Tele Health innovation is important in regional locations and CQShines Foundation in conjunction with CQ Health are focused on improving equitable access, experience and health outcomes for the Gladstone community.

Glenn Burton who is the General Manager for The CQShines Foundation, shares with us his valuable insights to this new service.

"We are very excited to be able to invite local counsellors, business leaders and community members within the Gladstone community and Banana Shire

to hear local surgeons speak about a telehealth solution that we are looking to incorporate into the operating theatre here in the Gladstone Hospital," said Mr Burton.

"I believe that this will be a real game changer in the terms of patient care and patient outcomes."

Dr Darren Laturi who serves as the Director of Surgery at the Gladstone Hospital, shares his views on the exciting initiative.

"Real time telehealth support, especially in surgical cases in Gladstone, enables us to access expert advice from outside our hospital's immediate vicinity. This support can be invaluable in managing trauma and routine surgeries, potentially allowing us to keep patients in our local region, rather than needing to transport them to a facility like Brisbane." explained Dr Laturi.

Mark Cascio who is the Chief Executive Officer for Gladstone Airport, also shares his thoughts.

"Gladstone is at the forefront of pioneering numerous new and exciting initiatives, and I find it truly fantastic," said Mr Cascio.

"We hope to welcome more visitors to our region and eagerly anticipate the future prospects that this service will bring," said Mr. Cascio.

Joe Smith, who is the President of Gladstone Chamber Commerce and Industry shares his valuable insights.

"One clear advantage I foresee is that this new service has the potential to draw more people to the region," said Mr Smith. "It's an excellent means to continue attracting more individuals to our region."

As the region leads the way in embracing exciting new initiatives, the future is filled with promise, offering increased access to quality healthcare and further enriching the appeal of this vibrant community. The possibilities are vast and we eagerly anticipate the positive impact this development will have on the Gladstone region and beyond.

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This was based on the concept and sale of the system by Murray from Solar Power Gladstone, and the finishing design and install by Philip from Solpac, one of our best quality installers!

The design objective was to get as close to eliminating the \$2500 quarterly power bill as possible, while using only the available roof space and staying within the PV 2x oversize ruling for hybrid solar inverters.

The system was featured in Issue 259 of Gladstone News, and comprises a single phase system, 17.6 kW of panels, through two 5 kW Hybrid inverters,

into two 11 kW battery banks. For nighttime loads, two stacks of BYD HV batteries, each connected to a 5kW Fronius Gen24 inverter were installed, and to provide security for blackouts a backup board was also installed to allow customer to power a selected number of circuits.

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Business Spotlight: Stylez Surf School

WHERE THE SWELL MEETS THE SWAG!

Stylez Surf School has had a longstanding presence in the beautiful and serene community of Agnes Waters.

When Anna and Sam took over the business as its third set of owners in December late last year, they decided to completely rebrand themselves. Their long term goal was to fuse together the surf school with the 'Stylez' brand that was first introduced in 2021 as a 'Stylez Real Art Collective'. Stylez has its roots embedded in the vibrant street culture of the 90s street scene which has since evolved alongside Sam's personal and professional journey as an artist.

Sam and Anna, both express their heartfelt gratitude as they've just recently come away with a win at The 2023 Best in Business Awards.

"We feel incredibly honoured and grateful to have been able to receive the Business to Watch Award for 2023. This recognition is a testament to the hard work, dedication and collaborative efforts of everyone involved in Stylez Surf School!" exclaimed Anna.

"This acknowledgment and support from GCCI motivates us to continue pushing boundaries and achieving even greater milestones in the future. It's a proud moment for us and the Stylez team and are very excited for what lies ahead," shared Sam.

"We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Agnes Waters community. Your unwavering support has been instrumental in our success and we are truly thankful for the strong bond we've built together. Thank you for being an integral part of our story." said Anna.

Grounded in the essence of pure creativity, Anna and Sam's shared mission is to inspire others to embrace individually and express it through creative channels, particularly in the fluid movements of riding the waves. Stylez Surf School now embodies this diverse identity, acting as a canvas for the creative spirit that defines Stylez.

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Flowing Through Time:

GAWB'S 'THEN AND NOW' WATER STORY

Gladstone Area Water Board (GAWB) is celebrating the launch of 'Then and Now,' a portable history exhibition that celebrates Gladstone's water supply.

At the launch event at the Gladstone Visitor Information Centre at the Gladstone Marina on the morning of Thursday 26 October, well known historian and Gladstone local, Paulette Flint will deliver a speech about the region's rich history.

The 'Then and Now' exhibition, consisting of seven double sided panels, features stories and interviews, historical photos and illustrations depicting the first 50 years of GAWB. In line with GAWB's 50 year tagline 'Our water, is your water story', the exhibition is broken down

into several key water stories, including; Indigenous Australia, European discovery, community, construction of water infrastructure and industry.

Darren Barlow, the Chief Executive Officer of GAWB shares his reflections on the exhibition.

"Our goal was to create an interesting and informative display that shines a light on the essential role water has played in the development and growth of our region for hundreds, if not thousands, of years," said Mr Barlow.

"While Gladstone Area Water Board is celebrating 50 years of operation this year, we know that Gladstone's water story began well before GAWB was created and we're incredibly proud to have had the opportunity to play a role in the history of our region,"

"We hope the community and tourists alike enjoy discovering our water story and how safe and reliable water services have propelled the growth of

this region," said Mr Barlow.

GAWB Chair, Adrienne Ward shares her thoughts on the exhibition.

"Our 50th year in 2023 has been jam packed full of celebrations but this project holds a special place in the calendar, as we celebrate the many water stories in our region," said Adrienne.

"From conception to design, these panels tell not just the GAWB story but also the story of water across the region and the whole Gladstone community."

The exhibition will embark on a 12 month roadshow around different venues in Gladstone and Calliope.

For more information on upcoming roadshow venues and dates, follow Gladstone Area Water Board on Facebook.



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We're a family owned and operated business dedicated to supporting individuals and families living with disability in our local community. Founded in August 2020, inspired by our directors struggle to find support for their daughter, Florence, born with a complex undiagnosed generic condition. Lionheart is a vision where acceptance is unconditional and everyone, regardless of abilities, feels connected and able to lead meaningful life.

Our mission is outstanding support for individuals with disabilities, creating a community of inclusion for everyone. Our values: Right to thrive, whatever it takes, green and growing, stronger together and diversity is a superpower. SDA, which stands for Specialist

Disability Accommodation, is tailored for individuals with complex functional impairments or high support needs. On the other hand, SIL, or Supported Independent Living, is a service funded by the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) aimed at assisting people with disabilities in living independently. SIL provides around the clock support for daily tasks to foster independence among individuals with disabilities.

Social Inclusion Week is deeply significant because it brings awareness to our community. It encourages reconnecting and embracing inclusion across abilities, ages, cultures and nationalities. The main message is that every human deserves equal opportunities and experiences in their local community.

Disability Action Week is a chance to recognise and celebrate individuals with disabilities in our community. It emphasises their valuable roles and underscores the fundamental human right for everyone to be connected in our communities. We hope it raises awareness about basic needs crucial for the wellbeing of all community members.

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Gladstone West Primary School

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This year's event introduced innovative showcase categories that align with the Department of Education's Equity and Excellence strategy, shedding light on schools

that have made significant strides in improving student outcomes, enhancing educational achievements, fostering student wellbeing and engagement, and championing a culture of inclusion.

In recognition of their remarkable efforts, the nine showcased schools, including Gladstone West Primary School, have been awarded a \$20,000 bursary. This financial support will enable them to share their innovative practices with other school communities, further enhancing educational programs and initiatives, and collectively contributing to the advancement of state education.

Sarah Jacob, who is the Principal for Gladstone West State School has shared her excitement about the bursary.

"I am very proud of our Buraligm Weiber program and our work supporting First Nations students," said Ms Jacob. "To

receive the Showcase acknowledgment of the incredible work and dedication of our team is an absolute honour."

A local member of the community who wishes to remain anonymous has expressed their thoughts on this exciting announcement.

"Congratulations to Gladstone West State School on being one of the nine schools in the state to receive the bursary. What a great achievement for teachers and students and a fantastic reflection on the dedication of all involved in the education system."

This accomplishment not only highlights the school's achievements but also serves as an inspiration for the entire education system. It reaffirms that when individuals, communities and institutions come together in support of education, the possibilities for progress are limitless, shaping a brighter future for all.



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Whether you're a rookie angler or a seasoned pro, we're all ears for your fishing tales. We're here to offer guidance or pick up some tips from our amazing customers.

What we hope you'll take from this initiative is that small, local, family-owned businesses like ours are jumping on board to give back to our wonderful community. We'd be thrilled to see you supporting the businesses that support the community!



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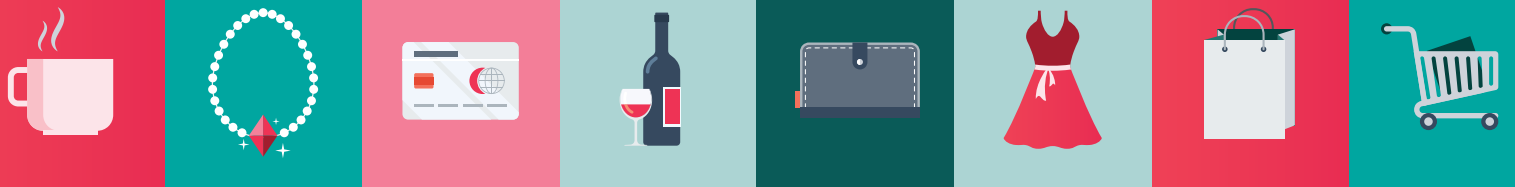
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Queensland's Comprehensive Aid Package Sparks HOPE AND HEALING AFTER BUSHFIRES

In the aftermath of the recent devastating fires in Queensland, residents facing the challenges of rebuilding and recovery now have a lifeline of support.

The Queensland government, in collaboration with the Australian government, is offering a comprehensive assistance program designed to provide financial relief and emotional support to those affected. From Emergency Hardship Assistance grants for immediate essentials to income tested grants addressing a range of needs, including housing and structural repairs, this initiative aims to alleviate the hardships caused by the fires.

A lifeline of financial support has been extended to assist Queenslanders grappling with the aftermath of fires or those struggling to meet immediate needs for sustenance, clothing, medical supplies, or temporary accommodation. Irrespective of income or assets, individuals and families can benefit from Emergency Hardship Assistance grants, offering \$180 for eligible individuals and up to \$900 for families of five or more. Addressing disruptions to essential services caused by the fires, Essential Services Hardship Assistance grants provide \$150 for eligible individuals and up to \$750 for families.

For households impacted by the disaster, a suite of income-tested grants includes Essential Household Content Grants, offering up to \$1,765 for individuals and \$5,300 for couples or families, along with Structural

Assistance Grants reaching up to \$50,000. Furthermore, Essential Services Safety and Reconnection grants, with a maximum of \$5,000 per household, are available to inspect and reconnect damaged services such as electricity, gas, and water. This multifaceted financial assistance program is a collaborative effort between the Australian and Queensland governments, providing crucial aid to those in need.

To check which locations are eligible for assistance, apply for grants, or seek additional support, visit www.qld.gov.au/DistasterHelp or call the Community Recovery Hotline on 1800 173 349.

Support is available to both homeowners and renters, visit www.qld.gov.au/housing for more information. If you are experiencing or at risk of homelessness, call the free Homeless Hotline on 1800 474 753 (Available 24/7).

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Rebecca brings over 10 years experience, outstanding organisational skills and has an extensive knowledge in Property Management Legislation & Insurance claims.

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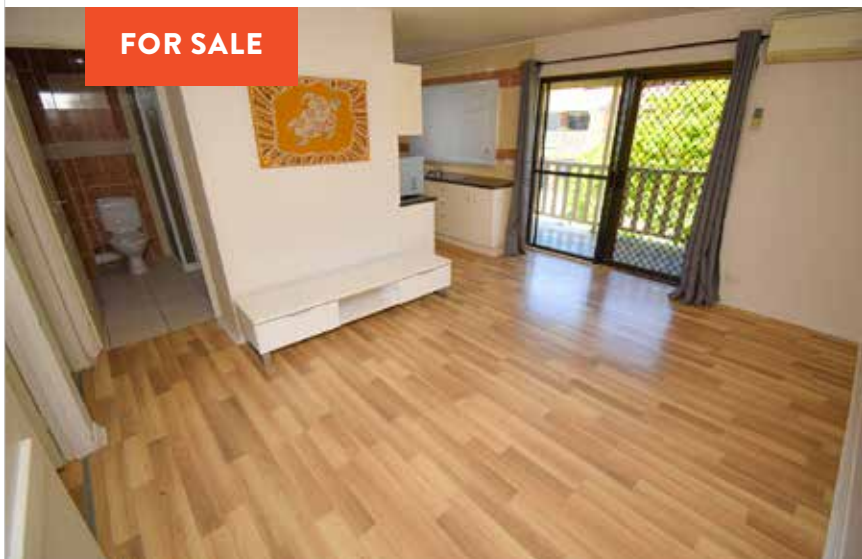


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MAKE YOUR OWN *Gingerbread House*

INGREDIENTS

- 200g butter, chopped
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 tbsp ground ginger
- 2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 cup plain flour
- 3 ½ cups self raising flour
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- ½ cup lightly beaten
- ½ cup golden syrup
- 2 quantities of Royal Icing
- Lollies, for decorating

METHOD

1. In a food processor, place the butter and sugar and process until fully combined.
2. Add the flours and the cinnamon and ginger into the processor and process on high until fully combined.
3. In a jug mix the eggs with the golden syrup. Pour this into the food processor while the motor is running and process until it is all combined.
4. Turn out onto a lightly floured bench and knead until smooth. Divide into 4 pieces and shape into flat discs. Wrap in cling film and refrigerate for 1 hour.
5. Remove the cling film and knead until pliable. Roll out to 5mm thick and cut to the template shapes. Re roll offcuts and cut as needed.
6. Bake all pieces for 15-20mins at 180 degrees Celsius or until golden.
7. Leave to cool overnight on wire racks. When ready to assemble prepare the royal icing and set out lollies for decoration along with the cake board or heavy cardboard.
8. Cut the slope for the roof from the end pieces. Cut the doors and windows from the front and back pieces.
9. Take the royal icing and decorate the walls with lollies and leave to dry for half an hour.



Here in History

THE FIRST CALLIOPE RIVER BRIDGE AT THE CALLIOPE CROSSING

With Betty Laver

In the early 1930's the first traffic bridge was built over the Calliope River Crossing.

This bridge was built of reinforced concrete that was boxed into a culvert type overpass, proving to be a great asset, except during flood time when the bridge was usually submerged.

The official opening was a gala day with a good crowd attending the many celebrations. A highly active young man, Rust Lutton was one of the first to try out the new bridge, taking his T Model ford for a spin. He lost control of his car on the northern tidal side of the bridge and went over the side. He landed on rocks just at the water's edge.

With many helpers they were able to push and shove the car up onto the road where they checked the oil, gave it a couple of turns of the crank handle and it burst into life again. Lutton proudly drove it away and the only damage to be found was the canvas hood was badly torn, the frames bent and the windscreen was broken.

The motor didn't appear to have any damage. Three people known to have worked on this bridge were John Bryce Kirkpatrick, George Wright and Harold Riding and I am sure there were plenty more.

Photo from Gary & Marguerite Sawyer.



CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE

AT THE 2023 GCCI BEST IN BUSINESS AWARDS

Over 440 Gladstone Region business leaders celebrated excellence in our community at Gladstone Chamber of Commerce & Industry's 2023 Best in Business Awards, presented by Gladstone News, on November 4.

Seventeen awards were presented on the night, across business, not-for-profit, events, large industry and business leader categories, while guests enjoyed a delicious three course meal, drinks, a raffles and a silent and live auction as well as live entertainment by local artist No Drahma.

GCCI Committee President Joe Smith said that with thousands of nominations received in this year's awards, the Judging Panel was

overwhelmed with both the quantity and quality of nominees.

"While there can only be one winner in each award category, each and every nominee should feel proud because their hard work, dedication, excellent customer service and contributions to our community have been seen, and are appreciated," he said.

Oakcrest Electrical took out both the Trade Services and Overall Best In Business awards categories at the

event, while Tina Zawila of UHY Haines Norton won Business Leader and Jonathan Digby won Young Business Leader.

"On behalf of the GCCI Committee I would like to pass on our congratulations to all this year's finalists and winners," Joe said.

"Each one of them went through a thorough judging process, which included an in-person submission and a face-to-face interview with our



Winner of Trade Services and Overall Best In Business awards categories, Oakcrest Electrical

volunteer Judging Panel.

“After 80 face-to-face interviews and hours spent reviewing submissions, our panel was left impressed with the innovation, diversity, and excellence exhibited by nominees across all categories. We are excited and looking forward to what 2024 will bring for our community.”

Joe said that delivering our region’s premier business awards was only possible thanks to support from local businesses and industry.

“Thank you to our presenting partner Gladstone News, our gold sponsors Shell’s QGC business, UHY Haines Norton Gladstone, HIT CQ and Here for Gladstone, our silver sponsor Bishopp Outdoor Advertising and our bronze sponsors GECC, Gladstone Industry Leadership Group and Chair Covers & Decorations,” he said.

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Thank you also to every business who donated a prize to our Silent Auction, Raffle and Lucky Door Prize Draw, with your support we raised over \$20,000 for GCCI programs and projects for 2024, including our Buy Local Campaign.”

Gladstone Chamber of Commerce & Industry is a not-for-profit membership organisation mainly consisting of members from small to medium businesses and has been a part of the Gladstone Region community since 1894.

The organisation coordinates monthly networking events, professional development opportunities and the Business Expo in addition to the Best in Business Awards. For more information on GCCI head to www.gcci.com.au or follow them on Facebook.



The Lake Awoonga Adventure Race IS BACK AND BIGGER THAN EVER!

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Brace yourselves for three mind blowing challenges that took excitement to a whole new level. The Barramundi Bush Bash was an open invitation for thrill seekers of all ages. Kids as young as ten, dove into the action and if you were under thirteen, you brought along your trusty adult sidekick for the ride!

Melanie, who serves as the Secretary of the Benaraby Progress Association has shared her thoughts about the recent success of the event.

"We have three race disciplines or categories that participants can choose to compete in," explained Melanie. "The first race is called the Taipan Trail,

which was an 18km course that consisted of trail bike rides and trail runs. The overall winner in 1st place was Brendan Scanlan,"

"The Goshawk Gauntlet, the second race in the series, proved to be an equally demanding challenge despite its shorter 14km course. Participants navigated a trail bike ride and a trail run, with the added option of either kayaking or swimming. The course also featured an additional trail run and bike ride to test competitor's endurance," said Melanie.

"Luke Campbelltown secured the 1st place in the Goshawk Gauntlet race and took out the win overall with John Earl closely trailing behind in 2nd place. Both demonstrated outstanding efforts throughout the challenging course!"

"The final race is designed to be more family friendly, featuring a 6km course



that includes a bike ride, kayak, trail run, and a concluding bike ride to the finish line," shared Melanie.

"I want to express my sincere gratitude to all the incredible volunteers and major sponsors, Cool Waters Outdoor and Gladstone Regional Council whose support has been instrumental in making this year's event truly exceptional. I would also just like to thank our event partner Gladstone Area Water Board for also contributing to its success!"

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The winner of the Lake Awoonga Scavenger Hunt \$3,000 major prize draw is Grace Burton.

**Congratulations Grace and thank you
Gladstone for your support of our first
ever scavenger hunt!**

We hope you enjoyed exploring Lake Awoonga on your quest to find GAWB'ie the golden pelican.

Stay tuned to see where GAWB'ie might turn up next.



A Rising Star's Journey from Local Excellence

TO STATE RECOGNITION IN CRICKET

In a notable accomplishment, Grace Rethamel, a talented young bowler from The Boyne Tannum Cricket Club, has managed to secure a spot in the NCQA Open Women's team.

Set to play against South Queensland, she aims for a place in the Queensland Country Women's Team, gearing up for the Nationals in the Hunter Valley come January next year. Grace's dedication and skill make her a standout contender, and her club and supporters wish her the best on this exciting journey!

Grace Rethamel expresses her excitement, aspiring to shine the light on women in cricket within regional areas.

"I've had the privilege of representing the CQ team and competing against Mackay. I was fortunate to secure a spot in the Country Central team, where we faced off against the North

Country team," shared Grace.

"I remember feeling very excited, as I wasn't quite expecting it but I'm so excited to be able to represent my club and my town as this opportunity means the world to me,"

"I remember when I was younger, I would tend to watch with interest from the sidelines and I guess that's what inspired me to take up the sport and become more active and engaged within the cricket community," explained Grace.

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I'm so excited to be able to represent my club and my town as this opportunity means the world to me.

"The competition will take place in Gatton, where we'll be taking on

the South country team. I would just like to thank my coaches and the Boyne Tannum Cricket Club for all your unwavering support throughout the years and I look forward to what lies ahead."

Our local cricket community eagerly anticipates the spirited performances that she'll bring to the NCQA Open Women's team. As she aims for a spot in the Queensland Country Women's Team, Grace's dedication to the sport and her community shines brightly. With each match, she continues to inspire aspiring cricketers and underscores the vital role women play in the regional cricket landscape.

The collective well wishes from her club and supporters resonate as a resounding cheer for Grace's continued success, both on and off the cricket oval.



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