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2024 SUPPLY CHAIN EXPO

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Wednesday 24 April 2024 from 8am-3pm
Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre
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WHAT'S ON IN Gladstone

from 21st March 2024

LinkedIn Local Gladstone

THURSDAY 21ST MARCH

You're invited to LinkedIn Local Gladstone on Thursday, March 21 from 5pm. Held at Ward's Brewery, LinkedIn Local Gladstone allows you to connect, engage, and network with local business without the pitch. Network over some nibbles and drinks in a great atmosphere and just chat and enjoy or make some business connections that could be valuable in the future. LinkedIn Local Gladstone is free to attend, and you do not have to be on LinkedIn.

When: 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Where: Ward's Brewery, 135 Auckland Street, Gladstone Central,

Cost: Free Registration

Family History Workshop

SATURDAY 23RD MARCH

A FREE Beginner's Family History Workshop is being held by the Genealogical Society Gladstone District Inc. Learn research techniques and where and how to search for information to connect your Family Tree. Everyone Welcome.

Contact: Jan 0417 216 062

When: 1:30pm

Where: GSGD Inc. Resource Room, Frances Ward Drive, Barney Point

Cost: FREE

Spellbound A Night of Magic & Grand Illusion

MONDAY, 8 APRIL

Get ready for a spectacular night of Magic and Grand Illusion with one of Australia's leading Illusionists, Anthony Street.

Witness levitations, impossible vanishes, mentalism and a death-defying escape as Anthony pushes the boundaries of reality and distorts your senses. With his unique and edgy style performing one of the oldest of art forms, Anthony will fascinate and astonish you, while keeping you on the edge of your seat.

When: 7:30pm

Where: Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre

Cost: Tickets from \$69.90

Bella THE Brave

Run for a Cure

Sunday, 28 Apr 2024, 6am - 11am
Millenium Esplanade, Tannum Sands

Scan the QR code
now to register!

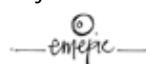


A future without brain cancer means a future for Bella and kids just like her.

Brain cancer kills 4 out of 5 people and kills more children than any other disease. But funds to support research will help change these awful statistics and Bella the Brave wants to help play a part in this.

Come and join us at Bella the Brave's second annual Run for a Cure running festival at the beautiful Millenium Esplanade at Tannum Sands on Sunday, 28 April 2024.

This is a family friendly event that aims to cater for all ages and abilities with four distances to choose from: 2.5km, 5km, 10km and 21.1km.



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Celebrating 110 years of Gladstone Ports

Gladstone Ports Corporation (GPC) is commemorating a significant milestone in its history - marking 110 years of operation. This milestone solidifies its standing as one of Australia's foremost ports, underscoring its pivotal role in both the Queensland and national economies.

The supercentenarian birthday is official on March 6th, 110 years since the Gladstone Harbour Board first met in 1914 at the Gladstone Town Hall.

The historical records of GPC unveil a rich legacy, from the transportation of horses to India in 1894 to handling over 120 million tonnes of diverse commodities today.

One of its earliest trade ventures, established in 1929 at Auckland Point in collaboration with the British Imperial Oil Company (now Shell), involved the construction of tanks for petroleum storage, a partnership that endures to this day. This marked the genesis of GPC's journey. By 1930, the port had already exported more than 58,000 tonnes of coal worldwide.

Fast forward to 2024: GPC is now the world's fourth largest coal exporting terminal, handling more than 34 products including LNG, aluminium, petroleum and timber. Since the establishment of Reg Tanna Coal Terminal (RGCT) in May 1980, we have totalled 1.5 billion tonnes of coal exports.

GPC's CEO Craig Haymes said the ports sector is a major contributor employment and future job opportunities with many jobs across

the State linked to export/import of trade from ports like GPC.

As an employer of more than 750 staff, GPC contributes to economic activity that supports thousands of additional jobs and generates billions of dollars in gross value add for the broader Central Queensland economy.

"Today, GPC facilitates more than 120 million tonnes of throughput a year, with a record dividend of \$117 million delivered to the State's economy last year for the benefit of all Queenslanders," Mr Haymes said.

"By leveraging our extensive operating experience across our three operational ports we are strengthening GPC's position as one of the world's leading multi-commodity ports, contributing to Queensland's economy and demonstrating our role in building a sustainable and prosperous future for Queensland and the nation," he said.

"We are focused on ensuring continuity and stability for the business and exploring exciting new opportunities like assisting in transforming Australia's energy landscape.

"To our teams, our customers and the communities in which we operate, thank you for your continued and valued support as we facilitate sustainable trade and development and provide prosperity to the region for another 100 plus years."

GPC is more than a port, it boasts award-winning parklands, serves as the base for Gladstone Marine Pilot Services handling over 1900 vessel movements, hosts the finish line for the prestigious Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race, now in its 76th year, and organizes Central Queensland's largest fun run. This event raised over \$70,000 in a single day for schools and the community in 2023.

1914

Gladstone Harbour Board held their first meeting on the 6th of March



1923

Auckland Point Jetty extension completed

1929

The Shell Oil Company completed bulk oil storage facilities at Auckland Point

1938

British Empire Flying Boat inaugural service



1982- 1994

Development of the Marina



2001

Works on Spinnaker Park were complete



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110
YEARS
1914 - 2024

Corporation

1943

US Navy vessels assembled in Gladstone Harbour



1949

Brisbane to Gladstone Inaugural race

1952

First aircraft to use Clinton airstrip

1954

Auckland Point Jetty extended



1959

Coal exports to Japan begins



1963

Gladstone Harbour Festival began



1980

Official opening of the Clinton Coal Terminal

2008

Kullaroo House Head Office



2010

Inaugural Botanic to Bridge



2012

Indigenous Land Use Agreement



2014

Wiggins Terminal had its first coal shipments late 2014
East Shores opens November 2014

2013

VMR and Boat Ramp



2020

East Shores 1B Opens

2021

Port to Park first year



2023

Container trade begins from Port Central

2024

GPC Celebrated 110 years of operations





LABOR DRAGS FEET ON *Flynn Election Promises*

Hundreds of promised projects remain stalled nearly two years after Federal Labor outlines its commitments during the 2022 election, as per documents recently disclosed to Parliament.

Colin Boyce, the Federal Member for Flynn, criticised the bureaucratic hurdles imposed by the Albanese Government, asserting that organisations and councils in Flynn have been unjustly subjected to prolonged processes.

“Our community has been forced to jump through the Albanese Government’s hoops just to receive the funding that was promised to them before Labor were elected,” Mr Boyce said.

“Here in Flynn, 4 projects have failed to commence and are still being held up by Labor’s incompetence.”

The delayed projects in Flynn encompass: Stage 3B of the Biloela Raedon Street Industrial Estate, Boyne Tannum Sharks Football Club Clubhouse Facilities, Gladstone Regional Indoor Sports Complex and Aquatic Centre for Boyne Island and Tannum Sands.

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Our community has been forced to jump through the Albanese Government’s hoops just to receive the funding that was promised to them before Labor were elected

“These delays demonstrate the low regard the Albanese Government has for Flynn Community groups and councils have been left in the lurch by Labor after they promised these projects would be delivered.”

Senator Bridget McKenzie, Shadow Infrastructure Minister, echoed concerns over the widespread impact of Albanese’s delays, emphasising their unfair consequences for towns, regions, and suburbs across Australia.

“Communities across the nation gave Mr Albanese his Prime Ministership off the back of these promises, and with 98.7 per cent of projects incomplete nationally, and 60 per cent not yet agreed and contracted, it exposes Labor’s warped priorities,” Senator McKenzie said.

Senator McKenzie criticised the Albanese Labor Government for squandering time and resources on divisive campaigns like the \$450 million Voice Referendum initiative instead of prioritising much-needed community infrastructure. “The Albanese Labor Government has wasted much of the past two years distracted by its disastrous and divisive \$450 million Voice Referendum campaign, instead of delivering much needed community infrastructure.”

“Since being elected, Prime Minister Albanese has abolished \$10 billion in regional and community programs and his government has bungled the delivery of projects Labor promised at the election.”



Australia's longest running Queen tribute since 1993, "Bohemian Rhapsody," starring the internationally acclaimed Thomas Crane, returns in 2024 for a brand new show.

The GECC will rock you with a huge month of entertainment in April

April is set to be a massive month at Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre (GECC) as a large variety of shows prepare to perform at the state-of-the-art venue.

There will be performances to suit everyone's taste, from tributes to Queen and Creedence, Fleetwood Mac, a magic show and plenty in between.

It all begins on Monday 8 April with *Spellbound A Night of Magic and Grand Illusion* featuring one of Australia's leading illusionists, Anthony Street.

Robertson Brothers 60's Variety TV Show returns to GECC with their brand new show on 9 April with Geoff and Ben Robertson paying tribute to the musical giants of the 1960s including The Beach Boys, The Monkees, Johnny Farnham, The Bee Gees, The Seekers and much more.

The internationally acclaimed Australian Fleetwood Mac Show *Running In The Shadows* is heading to the GECC to pay homage to the superstar band on Friday 12 April.

Australian music sensation Brad Cox follows two nights later with his solo tour *Yarns and Yodels* on Sunday 14 April.

Friday 19 April will see *Bohemian Rhapsody* perform. This Queen tribute is led by Thomas Crane, who not only looks like Freddie Mercury, but also sounds and moves like the rock legend.

Saturday 20 April will feature *Creedence Clearwater Collective*, a six-piece band featuring a vocalist who sounds just like John Fogerty.

Visit www.gladstoneentertainment.com/whats-on to learn more about these shows and to book your tickets.

Easter is the time to get snapping

The time has come to dust off your camera lenses or free up space on your smartphone so you can enter the 2024 Easter in Gladstone Photography Competition.

Winners from each category will receive a \$250 gift voucher and a certificate signed by Mayor Matt Burnett, while one lucky winner will have their photo on a billboard.

The competition is divided into three categories: under 18s, over 18s and visitors to the region.

Entries to the amateur photography competition open from Friday 29 March and will close on Sunday 28 April, with winners announced on 1 May.

Photos must be taken during the March/April School Holidays and can be taken from anywhere within the Gladstone Region.

Voting is based on the most likes, so share your entry to your network for their support and start liking!

Visit conversations.gladstone.qld.gov.au/EiG-photography-competition for more information.



Matt Cann was the Over 18s winner in 2023.



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Easter Appeal to raise funds

FOR THE CENTRAL QLD'S SICKEST KIDS

The indomitable spirit of eleven-year-old Maddison Challen is making a difference in the lives of other children by mobilizing the community to aid sick kids in Central Queensland and support the Children's Hospital Foundation this Easter season.

Following a visit to her local hospital due to a suspected broken leg, four-year-old Maddison received a diagnosis of Rhabdomyosarcoma, a form of cancer. This diagnosis led her to leave her Bundaberg home to undergo rigorous treatment at the Queensland Children's Hospital.

"We were thrust into a reality we could have never imagined, feeling scared and unsure about what the future held for Maddison," recounted her mum, Vanessa.

Now cancer free, but still navigating the effects of her treatment, Maddison's story is one of unwavering courage. Serving as ambassadors for the Children's Hospital Foundation Easter Appeal in Central Queensland, Maddison and her family are opening up about their journey.

This Easter, all donations made to the Children's Hospital Foundation at Woolworths stores in Central Queensland will be directed to the Queensland Children's Hospital, guaranteeing that children like Maddison receive top-notch care and treatment when they need it most.

Since 2016, Woolworths customers have raised over \$415,000 for sick Central Queensland children through the Easter Appeal.

"Through shopping at Woolworths this Easter, you can make a genuine difference in the care and treatment that children and their families receive at the Queensland Children's Hospital each and every day," Ms Rice said.

Woolworths General Manager in Queensland, Danny Baldwin, said: "Since 2016, our Queensland customers continue to exceed expectations in their generous and steadfast support of organisations like the Children's Hospital Foundation through the annual Easter Appeal."

Woolworths customers will be able to purchase a \$2 egg-shaped wall token or donate to the Children's Hospital Foundation to benefit Queensland Children's Hospital at all Woolworths stores across Central Queensland until 2 April 2024.



SPEND YOUR EASTER IN GLADSTONE *You'll Be Glad You Did!*

With just over two weeks left until the Easter weekend, anticipation is building in Gladstone for a flurry of festivities set to animate the city's harbourside.

At the heart of excitement are the renowned Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race and Gladstone Harbour Festival. Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett highlighted some of the most significant events on the Gladstone Region Calendar that are held across the Easter long weekend. "Whether you are attending the Gladstone Harbour Festival, lining the banks of Gladstone Harbour to welcome in the fleet from the Gladstone Ports Corporation 76th Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race or attending events within the Brisbane to Gladstone (B2G) Village, there is no shortage of things to do at Easter in Gladstone," Councillor Burnett said.

"Festivities within the B2G Village begin from 5pm on Thursday 28 March with the Village Opening Party and extend through until late on Easter Sunday with the Line Crossing Party."

"Live stream coverage of the race will occur via the Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race Facebook page, Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race website and on Kayo Sports via Kayo Freebies."

The race start will also be shown on the big screen at Gladstone Harbour Festival and East Shores.

Along with the race start is the Yachtsman's Long Lunch, an exclusive event offering delectable local seafood, fine wines, captivating speakers, and live music—all enjoyed while watching the race unfold on the big screen.

On Easter Saturday, enjoy the Seafood Festival and Harbour Cruise Brunch, with live music at the Gladstone Yacht Club from 3pm onward on both Saturday and Sunday. The Gladstone Harbour Festival features free entertainment, thrilling rides, kids' activities, and fireworks.

Good Friday hosts the Gladstone Road Runners Fun Run and Raft Regatta. Cr Burnett recommends checking out accommodation deals on the Easter in Gladstone website for an unforgettable experience.



B2G VILLAGE

BRISBANE TO
GLADSTONE VILLAGE



Village Opening Party - Limitless Groove feat. Tom Dahl from The Alpha Blokes Podcast

Thursday 28 March 5pm to 12am

- Free Entry All Ages Event
- Live DJ Set from Limitless Groove feat. Tom Dahl from The Alpha Blokes Podcast
- Licensed Bar
- Food Stalls

Yachtsman's Long Lunch

Friday 29 March 11am to 3pm

Ticketed 18+ Event \$275pp or \$2500 for a Table of 10
Seafood Long Lunch, all inclusive food and drinks including spirits

Seafood Festival

Saturday 30 March 10am to 10pm

- Free Entry All Ages Event
- Fresh and Cooked Seafood
- Live Music from Local Musicians
- Crab Races
- Competitions
- Licensed Bar
- Kids Activities

Harbour Cruise Brunch

Saturday 30 March 11am to 1pm

Ticketed All Ages Event - \$75pp

- Brunch Box Included
- Licensed Bar
- Barge Leaves from Yacht Club Boat Ramp

Line Crossing Party

presented by



Sunday 31 March 2pm to 12am

- Free Entry All Ages Event Till 9pm
Then 18+ From 9pm Till 12am
- Live Music from The Hamilton Band and DJ Danyon
- Licensed Bar
- Food Stalls

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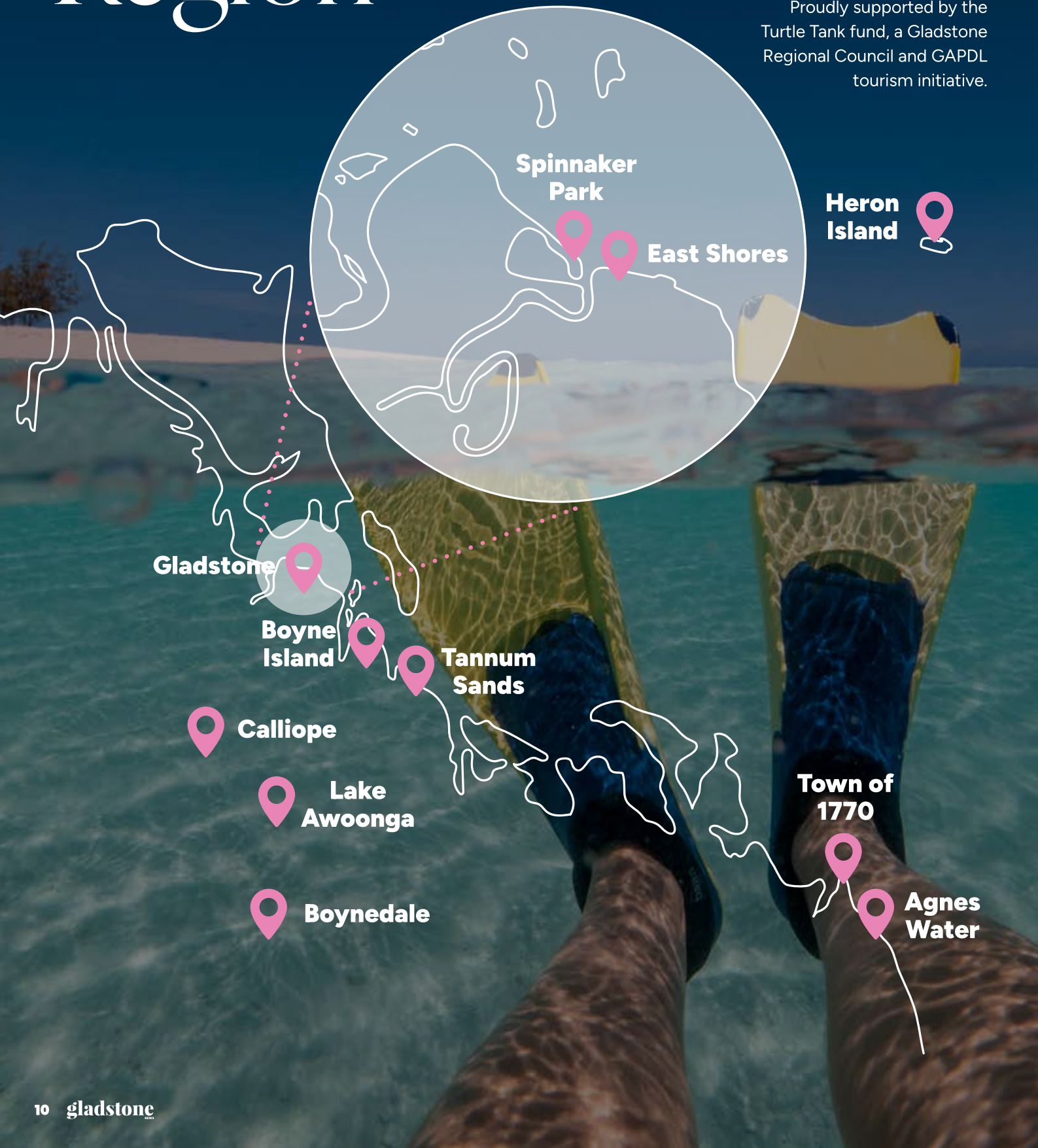


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**Spinnaker
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East Shores

**Heron
Island**

Gladstone

**Boyne
Island**

**Tannum
Sands**

Calliope

**Lake
Awoonga**

Boynedale

**Town of
1770**

**Agnes
Water**



+ play

In Gladstone, adventure awaits around every corner and fun-filled experiences abound! Gladstone is a vibrant destination brimming with exciting activities for visitors of all ages and interests. From outdoor adventures to cultural discoveries and everything in between, there's never a dull moment in this dynamic region.

East Shores is the perfect destination for families seeking a day of fun and excitement. Let the little ones unleash their energy at the state-of-the-art waterfront playground, complete with climbing structures, slides, and interactive water features. Pack a picnic and relax in the shaded picnic areas while the kids play nearby, or fire up one of the free barbecue facilities for a delicious outdoor meal with family and friends.

The Tondoon Botanic Gardens is also another to add to your to do list when visiting Gladstone, explore beautiful Japanese Gardens and walking trails that curve through a variety of rainforest types. Looking for something educational? Agnes Water Museum have got you covered. Learn more about James Cook with copies of journals, logs, charts, a model of HM Bark Endeavour and much more.

+ stay

Gladstone is a jump-off destination for the Southern Great Barrier Reef, with Heron and Wilson Islands situated off the coast. Heron Island has accommodation to suit families through to luxury villas, while Wilson Island has just nine glamping tents resting only metres from the Reef.

From Gladstone extending north to Yeppoon and south to Bundaberg, the area offers an abundance of campsites and caravan parks, ensuring ample accommodation choices for those setting up tents or parking caravans.

For those seeking hotels, motels, or apartment accommodations in the city, look no further than Gladstone Central. Here, you'll find options catering to all preferences, ranging from family-friendly hotels boasting year-round outdoor swimming pools to fully self-contained apartments. Gladstone's accommodations mirror the diversity of the region itself, ensuring there's something to suit every traveller's needs.

+ explore

The Gladstone Region is the gateway to the Southern Great Barrier Reef. The region is blessed with pristine beaches and picturesque islands making it a paradise for outdoor enthusiasts. Visitors can explore the stunning coastline, relax on sandy beaches or embark on scenic hikes through Kroombit Tops National Park or Mt Larcom. The Southern Great Barrier Reef is also easily accessible from Gladstone, offering opportunities for snorkelling, diving, and marine wildlife encounters.

From the town of Agnes Water, the Paperbark Forest will take you into the heart of a very special type of forest, which is rarely seen in pristine condition. If you want to explore the town of Agnes Water and 1770, Agnes Scooter and eBike Hire is the best way to travel around the town.

+ eat

Gladstone boasts plenty of options to fuel your adventure within the region. From waterfront cafes to cozy eateries dishing up hearty Aussie favourites, there's something to satisfy every craving in this vibrant region. Gladstone's waterfront micro-brewery, Auckland House has more than just incredible sea views from its beer garden: it serves breakfast, lunch and dinner seven days a week.

A penchant for an innovative cocktail will lead you to Lightbox Espresso and Wine Bar, found in the entertainment precinct of Gladstone. One of the more innovative eateries in the region, Lightbox is a non-negotiable for any guide on where to eat in Gladstone.

If you're looking for something quirky and funky in Agnes Water, head over to Codies Place, a beachside café/restaurant offering superb coffee and home cooked style meals with an artistic flare. The Rustic Pelican is your go to for the best fish and chips in 1770 and with a view overlooking the water, it's the ideal spot to catch a breathtaking sunset while savouring their signature fish and chips.

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Gladstone Maritime Museum

gladstonemaritimemuseum.org.au
(07) 4972 0810

Look forward to learning more about Gladstone's marine history with the Maritime Museum at East Shores. With the star of the show the HMAS Gladstone you surely won't be disappointed.



East Shores Parklands

Flinders Parade, Gladstone Central

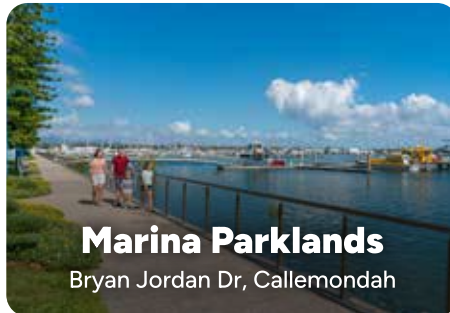
Wanting to explore more of Gladstone parklands? East Shores is the place to be with a waterfront boardwalk and café, BBQ's, outdoor cinema, a water play park, basketball hoops and plenty of green space, make sure to put East Shores Parklands on your itinerary.



Spinnaker Park

Alf O'Rourke Dr, Callemondah

Spinnaker Park offers front row seats for parkgoers to catch all the action on the harbour from ships to tugs. The park also features a swimming beach, café and nature walking tracks through the Khoodghn Guparl forest.



Marina Parklands

Bryan Jordan Dr, Callemondah

The Marina Parklands feature two playgrounds and a basketball court as well as a number of barbeque areas. The Marina Parklands is also home to several high-profile events including GPC's Port to Park, the Gladstone Harbour Festival, Symphony Under the Stars and the Mayor's Carols at the GPC Marina Main Stage.



Gladstone Fly and Sportfishing

gladstoneflyandsportfishing.com.au

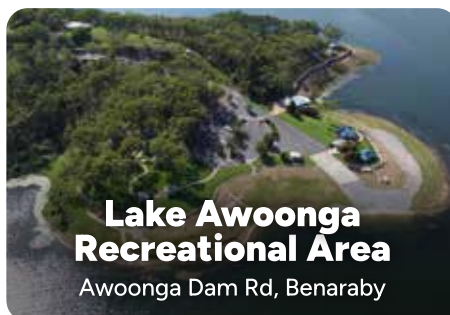
Looking for a different and unique experience? Gladstone Fly and Sportfishing offers that. With specialities in targeting Barramundi, they provide nothing but the best of everything... highly experienced guides, custom built sportfishing vessels, state of the art sonar equipment and top of the range fishing tackle.



Boyne Tannum HookUp

boynetannumhookup.com.au
3rd - 5th May, 2024

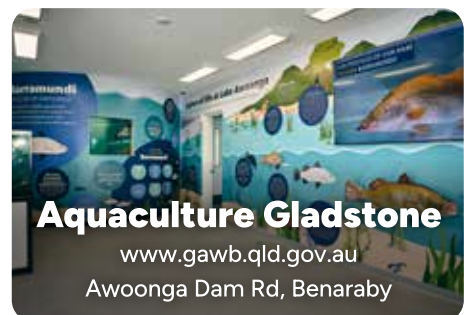
This annual event is surely to spark your interest being the best & biggest fishing competition in Australia. With lots of activities and prizes to be won, this is no doubt, the place to be this Labour weekend.



Lake Awoonga Recreational Area

Awoonga Dam Rd, Benaraby

If you are looking for a relaxing retreat definitely look at putting Lake Awoonga Recreational Area on your to do list. With activities like BBQs and campfires, walking trails and camping at the Lake Awoonga Caravan Park, Lake Awoonga Recreation Area is sure to give you that digital detox.



Aquaculture Gladstone

www.gawb.qld.gov.au
Awoonga Dam Rd, Benaraby

Aquaculture Gladstone is the best place to learn more about Lake Awoonga and the fish that inhabits the waters. Jump into the Aquaculture centre to get a glimpse of rare Barramundi like the Golden and Albino Barramundi.

A destination where iconic Queensland beaches merge with ancient reef and pristine national parks, the perfect blend of coastal charm, untamed wilderness, and genuine Australian hospitality. Discover the Gladstone Region with a huge selection of local tourism providers.



Enjoy a choice of a full day, 2 hour lunch or an afternoon cruise on Bustard Bay aboard the iconic LARC. Cruise along deserted sandy beaches and through pristine estuaries as you hear stories of the town's early settlers and take in all the sights that made Captain Cook drop anchor all those years ago. Enjoy stopping off at the prettiest spots as you admire seabirds, turtles, dolphins, mantas and more.



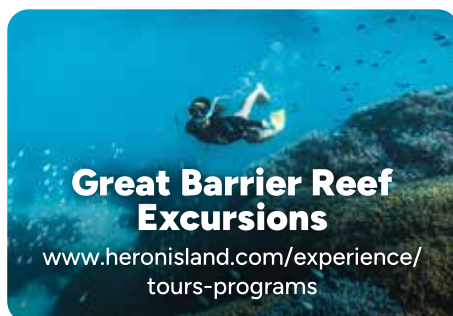
The town of 1770 and Agnes Water is the only place on the east coast of Australia, where you can watch an ocean sunset from a kayak. If you are looking for something to do while visiting our area, you have come to the right place. There is something for everyone at 1770 Liquid Adventures.



Discover the sandy bays of 1770 in style and ease on board a luxury pontoon boat. Connect with family and friends having fun and chilling on the water. You've got the best seat in the house with plush seating and space for up to 10 people as well as a choice of catering options or bring your own.



Heron Island and the Great Barrier Reef are a significant nesting locations for two threatened sea turtle species, the Green Turtle and the Loggerhead Turtle. Nesting season occurs from November to March each year, with hatchlings beginning to emerge in early January.



Discover more things to do at the Great Barrier Reef like incredible snorkelling opportunities. At Heron enjoy offers such as snorkelling boat tours or Heron Island snorkelling lessons. Bring your own snorkelling gear or hire equipment at the Heron Island Marine Centre.



Needing something a little more luxurious? Lady Musgrave Island is the perfect spot for you. Whether you stay overnight or just for the day you can expect the best here at Lady Musgrave Island. From snorkelling to guided island walks, there is something for everyone.

Town of 1770/Agnes Water

Heron Island & Lady Musgrave



Celebrating **30 YEARS OF 1770 LARC! TOURS**

This May we celebrate 30 years of exploring the Town of 1770 in the Gladstone Region with our unique amphibious LARC vessels. Venture with us onto beautiful secluded beaches in the Southern Great Barrier Reef and soak up the serenity of the local National Parks and Bustard Head Lightstation.

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Life-saving donation

FOR CALLIOPE COMMUNITY

During a routine school pickup of his daughter from Calliope State School, Michael Gosschalk, a Maintenance Technician at Rio Tinto, found himself witnessing a serious incident that necessitated immediate access to an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED).

Acting swiftly, Michael sought assistance from a passerby. Though the outcome was positive, the incident sparked discussions among Calliope State

School, the local Calliope ambulance station, and Rio Tinto Yarwun regarding the need for improved access to life-saving equipment.

In response, Rio Tinto proudly sponsored the procurement and installation of an AED at the Calliope State School Swimming Pool.



Yarwun General Manager Mark Gilmore explained safety is a key focus for Rio Tinto both on and off-site. "Health and safety matters at Yarwun, both inside and outside the gate, in our community. We're grateful that one of our staff, Michael Gosschalk brought this to our attention," he said.

"We want to make sure we're supporting and enhancing the safety of the communities in which we operate, and we're proud to support initiatives that can make a positive impact and potentially save lives."

Gladstone Auto Club secures funding to erect a 600-seat

STADIUM AT BENARABY'S NATIONAL SPEEDWAY FACILITIES

This funding was secured through Community Bank Calliope and Gladstone's Community Investment Program and will not only benefit the speedway community, but also the multiple facility users including rotary clubs and the Doorways to Construction Program.

Club Secretary Richard Gilmour said that the support from Community Bank Calliope and Gladstone to provide funding toward the grandstand seating is a fantastic outcome for the crowds of over 3,000 people, and will draw more spectators to these events, which are held at local, state, and national levels.



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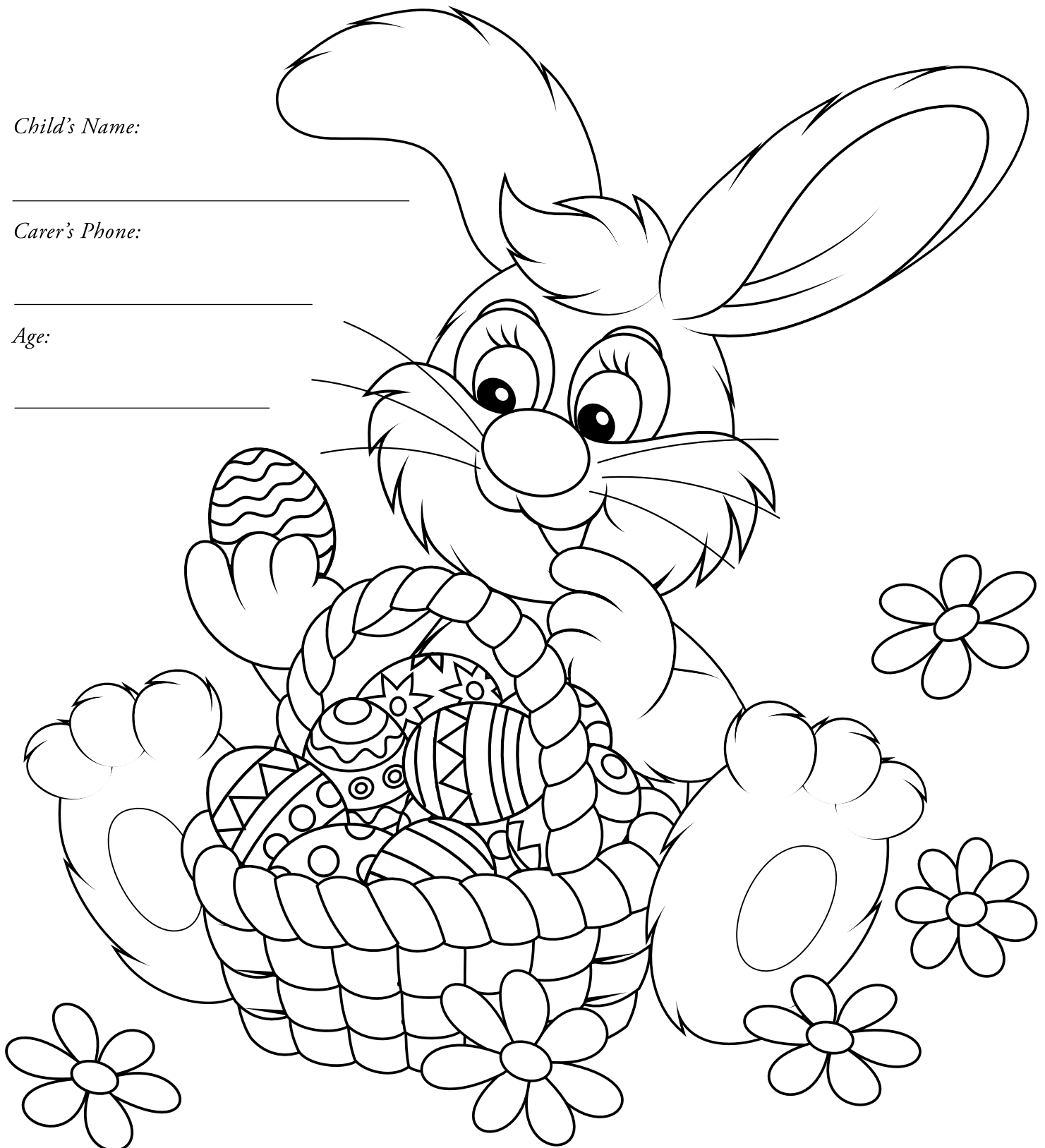
Colour in, fill in your details and drop off to Gladstone News at Shop 12, 100 Goondoon St, Gladstone. Competition starts Friday 15th March, closes Wednesday 27th March and will be drawn on Thursday 28th March 2024. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place.



Child's Name:

Carer's Phone:

Age:





Elders Gladstone and Tannum Sands announce the acquisition of LJ Hooker in Gladstone

In a strategic move to bolster its presence in the real estate sector, Elders has announced the acquisition of LJ Hooker in Gladstone, effective from March 1, 2024.

This acquisition marks another milestone in Elders' continued growth path and underscores its commitment to expanding its footprint in key markets.

The newly acquired office, comprising 21 dedicated staff members, will now operate under the banner of Elders Gladstone and Tannum Sands. Led by the seasoned industry professional, Mark Spearing, who will assume the role of branch manager, the team is

"We are very excited to see Mark and his team join Elders Real Estate!"

Daniel Roberts

poised to deliver comprehensive real estate and property management services to the surrounding area.

Mr Spearing said his team are delighted to be partnering with Elders and their extensive real estate network. "My team and I have been part of the Gladstone Region for many decades," said Mr Spearing.

"During this time we have watched the industry change in many ways, and have facilitated approximately \$500 million worth of properties under management and administration."

Elders State General Manager Queensland & NT, Lisa Hewitt, said Elders is pleased to welcome the Elders Gladstone and Tannum Sands team. Elders, reliable in the Australian business landscape with a legacy spanning 185 years, has established itself as a leader in both the agribusiness and real estate sectors. The company's expansive network across the country, encompassing farm supplies, agronomy, livestock, finance, insurance, and real estate, positions it

"My team and I are excited by this move forward with Elders and as the only corporate owned real estate office in the market place we have experienced the efficiencies that this brings to our customers and staff from day one. Its super exciting to be a part of!"

Mark Spearing

as a trusted partner for clients seeking tailored solutions and specialist expertise.

With a focus on strategic growth initiatives, Elders Real Estate has been steadily expanding its presence in key locations across Australia. The recent acquisition of LJ Hooker in Gladstone is a testament to Elders' commitment to enhancing its market share and delivering unparalleled real estate services to clients nationwide.



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Gladstone's 'Abilities' on Show

Endeavour Foundation 'harbours' inclusive job and community opportunities with double Open Day.



Twenty-year-old Gladstone woman, Rhiannon, "cried like a baby" when she found out she had "finally got a job with Endeavour Foundation."

The employee who is nearing her first month with Business Solutions, was assisted by the leading service provider in gaining NDIS funding, before realising her dream.

"For me this job represents independence," said Rhiannon.

"After leaving school, I watched my friends get jobs and I wanted one too, but just kept falling short.

"I have a sibling with disability and have always wanted to work to set an example of what's possible when we go after our goals. Now I can give advice and offer guidance to all my siblings when that time comes for them to work," added Rhiannon.

It's stories like Rhiannon's that Endeavour Foundation's social enterprise is keen to share at their double Open Day on Thursday, March 28, in conjunction with the provider's Learning and Lifestyle Hub.

Running as an umbrella event to the Harbour Festival, "we can't wait to swing our doors open and celebrate inclusive possibilities and job opportunities for anyone with a disability in Gladstone who's been thinking about working – we can support you," said Business Solutions Production Manager, Rachel Webber.

"At our site, we offer a range of jobs from AAA certified NAID document destruction, to painting survey pegs, the refurbishment of personal protective clothing to even sand bagging.

"Rhiannon is a ray of sunshine and an absolute team player. She's fitted into work so well. However, it can be hard for people with disability to find employment, and we're here to assure anyone interested, there are opportunities waiting for them," confirmed Ms Webber.

Presently, the unemployment rate for people with disability is double what it is for people without disability¹.

"This really needs to change, and through our double Open Day with the Learning and Lifestyle Hub, we hope we can help lift the lid on what people with disability can do with the right support," added Ms Webber.

The double Open Day will offer various activities across both Gladstone sites between 10am and 2pm.

Business Solutions at 5 Lyons Street will provide a drive through sausage sizzle, a site tour and career chats, while the Learning and Lifestyle Hub at 2 Joyner Close will have inclusive art and craft activities, a woodwork display, cooking demonstration, as well as the reveal of an extensive art display.

Sharon Krog, Learning and Lifestyle Hub Acting Operations Manager confirms, "the Open Day is a wonderful opportunity for Gladstone locals to experience our centre, explore activities, and learn new skills, all within our local community."

For more information, go to endeavour.com.au or call 1800 112 112 today.

Community Open Day

Thursday, 28 March 2024
10am – 2pm

Endeavour Foundation Business Solutions Centre

5 Lyons Street, Gladstone

- Drive Through Sausage Sizzle
- On-site tours and demonstrations
- Raffle Prizes to be won

Endeavour Foundation Learning and Lifestyle hub

2 Joyner Close, Gladstone

- Learning and Lifestyle activities
- Arts and Crafts
- Cooking demonstrations



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Hear them Roar

INTRODUCING LIONHEART'S ADVOCACY SERVICES!

A beacon of empowerment and support for individuals living with disabilities and their families, Lionheart provides exceptional training and support services, fostering a sense of belonging for people of all abilities.

Join us in celebrating their commitment to inclusivity and making a positive impact in the lives of others.

Lionheart is pleased to announce the launch of advocacy services, offering complimentary, personalised, and confidential advocacy support for individuals and families residing in the Gladstone region. With the aim to empower and assist those in need to safeguard and advance their rights, needs, and overall quality of life.

Lionheart will attentively listen to your concerns and collaborate with you to explore potential solutions for your challenges. Alternatively, Lionheart can connect you with other organisations equipped to address your needs effectively.



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Introducing Lionheart's Advocacy Services!

At Lionheart, we provide a free, individual, and confidential advocacy service for individuals and families in the Gladstone region who require support to protect and advance their needs, rights, and lives. We will listen to your concerns and work with you to find potential solutions for your challenges or refer you to other organisations who are able to advance your concerns.

We **do not** provide legal advice, financial advice, counselling or secretarial services.

As we are a service provider, we are unable to advocate for you with your service provider as this is seen as a conflict of interest.



Australia's over-55 demographic presents a significant opportunity in domestic tourism. As per the Australian Bureau of Statistics, the group holds 32% of the nation's disposable income and exhibits both the flexibility and motivation for travel.

Awards Director, Kim Morgan, said the Awards provide verified information for this important segment, helping guide their decisions on where to visit and what to include on a must-see Australian road trip in 2024.

"As a nation, our love of the open road has never dimmed, and with Australia being a big country it's important to know where to visit to have extraordinary experiences. That's where the Grey Nomad Awards come into play," Ms Morgan said.

In commenting on Mt Larcom's success, the judges said, "The owners live and breathe tourism, ensuring that every business in this small town benefits from their success by furnishing guests with incentives to explore local eateries, participate in activities and visit nearby attractions."

"They also understand that sometimes it's the little things that make a big difference to guest's experience, and we love that the Park provides a table and chairs at each powered site to make it an easy and relaxing set up for the weary traveller," the judges commented.

Mt Larcom Tourist Park

NAMED AUSTRALIA'S BEST SMALL CARAVAN PARK AGAIN!

Mt Larcom Tourist Park clinched the title of Gold winner for the 2023 Best Small Caravan Park in Australia.

This marks their second Gold Award, following their initial triumph in the same category back in 2019, solidifying their standing as an essential destination along the Queensland coast for travellers.

Mt Larcom Tourist Park emerged victorious, surpassing the previous Gold winner, Valley View Caravan Park in Victoria's King Valley (awarded Silver),

and Charters Towers Tourist Park (Bronze) in Queensland's Townsville region, to claim the top spot. The Grey Nomad Awards illuminate regional Australia by highlighting premier destinations for relaxation and recreation, while also promoting active aging through gentle adventures and social engagement.

Situated alongside the Bruce Highway and being family owned, this park has a limited number of powered sites, but it compensates with its extensive amenities, including six and a half acres of stunning gardens, a spacious unpowered area styled like bushland, and breathtaking views of Mt Larcom from the sunrise lookout atop the park.

Mother's Day Classic

RUNNING TOWARDS A CURE

The Mother's Day Classic is on again Sunday May 12th at the Millenium Esplanade, Tannum Sands.

A new volunteer committee team, headed up by Kate Adams and Tess Kurr, are working hard to make this year's event one to remember.

Since 1998, the Women in Super Mother's Day Classic has united a nationwide community of participants starting their Mother's Day with purpose by walking or running while raising vital funds for breast cancer research.

Through research, great progress has been made to change the relative 5-year survival for those diagnosed with breast

cancer, from 84% to 92% - but there's still more to be done.

This year the Mother's Day Classic are going one step further by also raising money for the Ovarian Cancer Research Foundation. The 5-year survival rate for a woman diagnosed with ovarian cancer is currently 49% and there is no early detection test. Every day in Australia 9 women die from breast cancer. When you add ovarian cancer that number goes to 12 deaths every day. One death is too many.

In 2024, the Mother's Day Classic are asking the community to come together to walk or run and accelerate progress towards a day where every woman diagnosed with either breast or ovarian cancer will be given the assurance that they can survive.

As well as the 4km and 8km timed

running races and the 4km walk, the Tannum Sands event will have plenty for everyone to enjoy on the day, including raffles, musicians, face painting, balloon art, Junior Dash races, colouring in competitions, a breaky BBQ and treats and coffee for sale. There are multiple ways to participate or volunteer, and all information can be found on the website (<https://www.mothersdayclassic.com.au/event/mothers-day-classic-tannum-sands>) or by following the event on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/MDC.Tannum.Sands>).

The Tannum Sands event wouldn't be possible without generous local business sponsorship and many more who donate prizes for our raffle. Gold sponsor – AC AIRE. Silver Sponsors – MI Scaffold, Simmons Civil, BITS Medical Centre, SE Plumbing, Webster Mining Services, The Junction Café, Island Sands Asset Management. Bronze Sponsor – Gladstone Vision.

Register today to be a part of this great event!"

OUR STUDENT WELLBEING PROGRAM IS CONTINUING TO FLOURISH IN 2024!



This year we have a support team that is second to none, bringing a wealth of knowledge and experience to help support our students.

In 2024 we have 3 Guidance Officers, 1 School Based Nurse, 1 School Based Police Officer, 1 Social Worker, 1 CEC, 5 Youth Support Coordinators with 2 new positions being added this year in relation to Student Engagement, and last but not least 2 Therapy Dogs who come along to visit regularly. The introduction of our Wellbeing Hub in 2023 has seen many students access this space and

receive the help they need with our team.

Last year we saw the introduction and success of our 'Hooked on Learning' Program. This program was developed by Ms Kim Johnson with students setting goals, building relationships, working as a team and understanding more about themselves. 'Hooked on Learning' was rolled out with a group of Year 9 Boys who, over the course of the year, celebrated some excellent personal and academic achievements, as well as some great fishing catches! This year's cohort are all very keen and excited to be a part of the program.

This year we have also continued our Wellbeing Program at lunchtimes with a range of activities on during breaks. This program has been successful with many students participating in many different workshops during break times.

Our Positive Behaviour for Learning Team has created some fun new initiatives in our school to encourage attendance

and excellent behaviour. Term 1 saw a Disco and a trip to Bundy Bowl. Next term students will have options of Laser Tag, Movies Under the Stars and Escape Rooms to look forward to.

Our Student Leaders are also working hard already this term to provide opportunities for our student body with a range of Wellbeing Days. This term students were able to participate in Valentine's Day, International Women's Day, Year 6 Leadership Day, Clean Up Australia Day and next week Harmony Day.

We look forward to a wonderful 2024 with all the Wellbeing initiatives happening at GSHS.



Strumming for a cause

IN THE GLADSTONE REGION

In the heart of Calliope, a familiar face can be spotted strumming away on his guitar, creating an uplifting melody resonating through the streets.

Meet Reg Sutton, a dedicated busker who has been using his musical talents to raise funds for Cancer Council Queensland since July 2018.

Reg's journey into charity busking began at Blend, a local coffee shop, where he started performing one day a week. Little did he know that his humble hobby would turn into a meaningful mission to support Cancer Council Queensland.

His motivation stemmed from personal experiences as he lost his father to liver cancer at the tender age of 16 and later lost his brother to lung cancer in 2018.

Reg's commitment to the cause became even more profound when he witnessed Glenda, a close friend, lose her battle with lung cancer. Following Glenda's passing, Rose took over the reins at Cancer Council Queensland, and Reg decided to use his passion for music to support the organisation.

Every fortnight, Reg graces the patrons of Coffee Ink, a local coffee hotspot owned by Sam, with his acoustic performances. Retired since 2016, Reg dedicates his time and musical talents to make a difference in the lives of those affected by cancer. His performance spans a wide repertoire, ranging from hits of the '60s to the '90s, with a focus on Country Pop and Country Rock.

"I've played the guitar for 30 years, and this is something I can do just to put a smile on their faces," he says. His passion for music becomes a channel for hope and healing while also raising awareness and funds for

Cancer Council Queensland.

Not only does Reg entertain the crowd with his musical prowess, but he also places a collection box for Cancer Council Queensland, encouraging passersby to contribute to the noble cause. His dedication is not just about playing tunes, it's about making a meaningful impact on the lives of those grappling with cancer.



In the weeks leading up to last Christmas, Reg surprised his audience with a rendition of Christmas songs, adding a festive touch to his performances. With a heartwarming smile and a twinkle in his eye, Reg continues to spread joy while honouring the memories of his loved ones and supporting Cancer Council Queensland.

As Reg Sutton strums away on his guitar, the streets of Calliope echo with a melody of compassion and goodwill, proving that one person armed with a guitar and a cause, can make a small but significant difference in the lives of Queenslanders impacted by cancer.

Have a great
Harbour Festival
and a

Happy
Easter!

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BLESSING AND NAMING OF *VMR Gladstone's new rescue vessel*

Volunteer Marine Rescue Gladstone (VMRG) was originally formed in 1971 as the Port Curtis Air Sea Rescue Association.

In 1983, it was renamed, after affiliating with the representative state body, Volunteer Marine Rescue Association Queensland Inc. (VMRAQ).

VMRG provides marine search and rescue services to the boating public on a volunteer basis. Our area of responsibility is generally from Cape Capricorn in the north to Bustard Head in the south, and 50 nautical miles seaward to reef islands. In cooperation

with Gladstone Harbour Control, a 24 hour watch is effectively maintained on VHF Channels 16 and 82.

Annually, Volunteer Marine Rescue Gladstone is called to undertake around 70 incidents covering search and rescue, breakdowns, groundings, and medical evacuations. Additionally, assistance is provided for the Brisbane to Gladstone yacht race, Boyne Tannum Hookup, and some Port Curtis Sailing Club races.

On 24th February, our new vessel Gladstone Rescue 1, was blessed and named. Planning for the new vessel commenced in late 2018 with the establishment of a committee to review activations and identify features needed in a new vessel with a focus on the safety of our crew and passengers. Through many planning sessions, the final design was a 12m aluminium catamaran with wave piercing bows, walkalong side of cabin at the deck level, flybridge and diesel engines with jet drives. We engaged Jon Pattie as the Naval Architect and went to tender for boat builders with Allweld Manufacturing at Tinana being successful.

The result of all the hard work of many volunteers, Jon Pattie and

Allweld is Gladstone Rescue 1.

The blessing and naming ceremony of our new rescue vessel follows part of a nautical tradition rooted in ancient times. Captains used red wine to make a sacrifice to the sea gods and to celebrate with a toast. The branch full of green leaves placed on the bow of the vessel symbolises safe returns and will remain on the vessel until after its maiden voyage. Monsignor John Butler AM blessed Gladstone Rescue 1 with holy water.

"Our new vessel looks impressive, but more importantly meets our expectations of performing well" said President Jeff Caldwell. "Providing our crew and passengers with a safer platform to perform activations when the weather is not so kind was an integral part of the design of the vessel" said Jeff.

Thanks goes to all the VMR Gladstone team who have made the new vessel and event possible.

As part of our continuous crew training, the team now have a new vessel to work with and Gladstone Rescue 1 has swung into action providing assistance out on the water.





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