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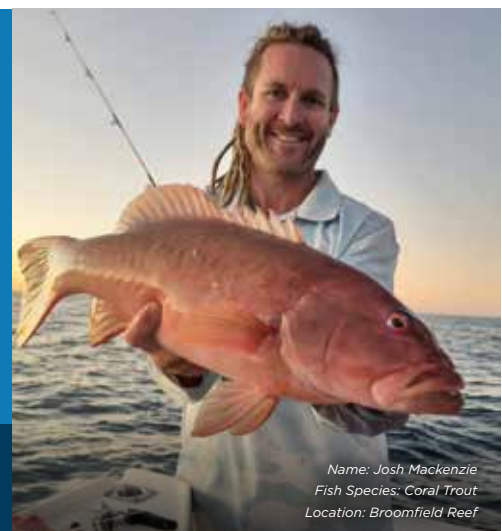
## FISH OF THE MONTH WINNER

**Congratulations Josh Mackenzie on catching these Coral Trout!**

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

### DID YOU KNOW?

The colours of a Coral Trout can vary with time of day, the surrounding habitat and the type of activity the fish is pursuing. It usually varies from red to greenish brown.





# WHAT'S ON IN Gladstone

from 25th July 2024

## National Tree Day

SUNDAY 28TH JULY

National Tree Day is a call to action for all Australians to put their hands in the earth and give back to their community. Connect with nature and our community.

When: 28th July 8:30 am – 12 pm

Where: Webb Park, Palm Drive, West Gladstone



## Happy Hour Sip & Paint - hosted by The Rituwell Club

SATURDAY 3RD AUGUST

Get creative with designing and painting your own tote bag over some fresh mocktails. Whether you are looking for something fun to do with your friends or are wanting to meet likeminded people, this is the event for you!

When: Saturday 3 August 2024 from 4:30pm - 6:30pm

Where: Crow St Creative, Studio 5/8 Crow St, Gladstone

Cost: \$60pp, buy tickets at [www.trybooking.com/CTOKF](http://www.trybooking.com/CTOKF)



## TalkTime – Kim McCosker Author Talk

MONDAY 5TH AUGUST

In support of National Diabetes Week local author Kim McCosker proudly presents her latest cookbook, **4 Ingredients MORE Diabetes**, a follow-up to the successful **4 Ingredients Diabetes**.

When: 10 am – 11 am 5th August • Cost: FREE, Bookings required

Where: Gladstone City Library, 39 Goondoon St



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## CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

### *Communities of Faith, Hope & Love*

#### *Queensland's Catholic Education Week*

*2024 will be  
celebrated from 21 to 27  
July.*



Catholic Education Week will see Catholic Education - Diocese of Rockhampton (CEDR) kindergartens, primary schools and college communities join in statewide celebrations to honour their distinctive mission.

This year the theme of Catholic Education Week is *Communities of Faith, Hope & Love*. Over 18 000 CEDR students, along with teachers, support staff and volunteers in regional, rural, and remote centres from Mackay to Bundaberg and west to Longreach will join with their counterparts from around the state to participate in a range of celebrations. These

celebrations include liturgies, award presentations, special assemblies, gatherings, fun activities, and outreach to the wider community.

Diocesan Director of Catholic Education Michael McCusker said Catholic Education Week was always a special date on the calendar as it gave school communities the opportunity to celebrate what is at the heart of a Catholic school.

"In Catholic Education Week we focus on our Catholic identity and the unique role of Catholic schools in their local communities. We reflect on our beliefs and values and seek to deepen our understanding of what it means to be part of the Ministry of Catholic Education within the Catholic Church, and to share that more widely with our parishes and communities," Mr McCusker said.

"We celebrate the faith dimension of a Catholic education where we seek to be true witnesses to Christ's message of hope and love for the world, to be the face of Jesus to those we meet in our everyday lives," Mr McCusker said.

"Catholic Education Week calls us to reach out to those in our parishes and wider communities to say thank you for their support and, inspired by Jesus' example, to look for opportunities to help others in need through our acts of kindness and social justice which are a key



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feature of our schools but especially, highlighted in Catholic Education Week," Mr McCusker said.

"The carrying out by our students and staff of these acts of kindness and care is an aspect of Catholic Education Week which is loved by all



# Catholic Education Week

our communities, the opportunity to do something for someone and the sense of joy and happiness that always follows," Mr McCusker said.

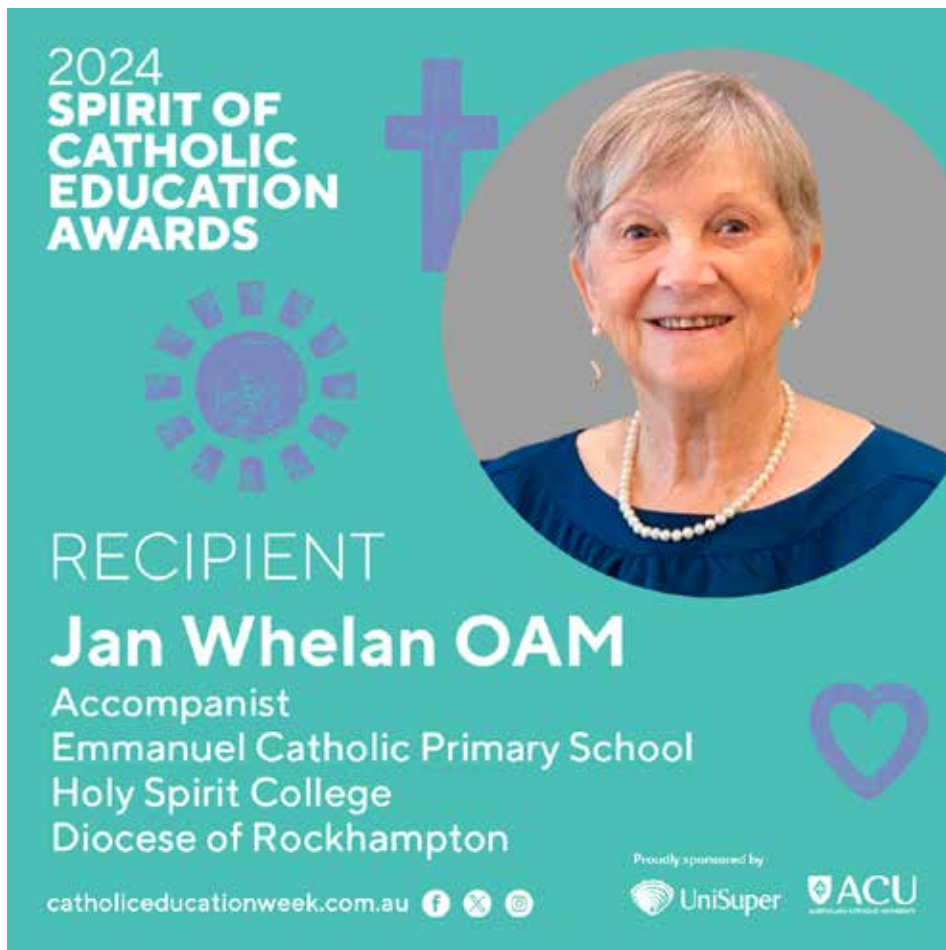
This year's Diocesan Catholic Education Week Mass, to be celebrated at St Joseph's Cathedral, Rockhampton, at midday on Wednesday 24 July, will be livestreamed to Catholic school communities across the Diocese.

Catholic Bishop of Rockhampton, Bishop Michael McCarthy, will preside at the Mass which will include a special presentation to this year's Diocesan Recipient of the Statewide Spirit of Catholic Education Award, Jan Whelan OAM, well known in the Mackay region for her gifts and talents in music that she generously shares with her local Catholic Parish, Catholic Primary Schools and Colleges and the wider community.

In congratulating Jan, Mr McCusker acknowledged all 32 award nominees from the Diocese for their outstanding contribution to Catholic Education and for making a real and lasting difference in the lives of students and their families.

"We are abundantly blessed to have such committed and dedicated people in our kindergartens, schools and colleges," Mr McCusker said.

Mr McCusker paid tribute to students, parents, families, teachers,



*Congratulations to this year's Diocesan Recipient of the Statewide Spirit of Catholic Education Award, Jan Whelan OAM.*

staff members, Board and Parents and Friends members, volunteers, priests and religious, and parish and community members for their great contribution to, and ongoing support of Catholic education.

Mr McCusker wished everyone in the Catholic Education and wider

community a joyous and meaningful Catholic Education Week 2024.



**Catholic Education**  
Diocese of Rockhampton



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21-27 JULY 2024

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## ST JOHN THE BAPTIST *Catholic Primary School*

*Welcome to learning  
community of St John the  
Baptist Catholic Primary  
School.*

**A**s a school, our aim is to create a sense of belonging that will nurture your child's growth and help create a healthy self-esteem and lifelong love of learning.



Every child at St John's has the right to LEARN, a right to feel SAFE, and the responsibility to RESPECT those around them. As educators, our prime responsibility is to ensure your child is safe in order to maximise their learning so that they can display their full potential.

We believe and acknowledge that every child is different and that every child is special, with special needs, special interests and special characteristics. Your child is important to you, and important to us as educators. We need to work together to help them grow, learn and develop, both as an individual and as a member of our school community.

Education is an important partnership between the home and the school.



For any partnership to be successful, communication needs to be open and effective. All parents are urged to work closely with their child's teacher by regularly communicating with them and working together to provide the best educational opportunities possible.

We look forward to welcoming you to our school community.

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**St John the Baptist**  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## *Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School* LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

*Catholic Education Week  
celebrates all that is great  
about Star of the Sea.*

It is a chance to celebrate the rich story of our school and the important role we play in shaping our future generations. Established in 1902, we seek to provide a holistic education, catering for the academic, spiritual, cultural, sporting, and social-emotional needs of our students. We offer quality teaching and learning in a caring, inclusive, and inquiry-based environment. Our school motto "LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE" permeates every aspect of our school life, encouraging us to gratefully acknowledge the gifts God has given us to help us reach our potential.

Our Catholic Education Week celebrations include a whole school mass with our Grandparents, followed by a chance to tour our classrooms to see the great work our students are doing. Our classes will be looking for extra special ways they can spread kindness to others this week, and we will be raising money for the Story Dog Organisation who train dogs such as our beloved Meeka who visits us each week to encourage us in our reading.

All who seek our values are welcome at Star of the Sea. Enrolment enquiries for 2024/2025 are welcome by visiting our website [www.staroftheseagladstone.qld.edu.au](http://www.staroftheseagladstone.qld.edu.au), contacting our School Office on 0749721305 or emailing [sosg@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sosg@rok.catholic.edu.au).



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## Communities of Faith HOPE AND LOVE

*Chanel College is a Catholic co-educational secondary school catering for students from Years 7-12.*

We prioritise learning, value people, and embrace diversity. At Chanel College, we are dedicated to nurturing the whole person and empowering students to enjoy learning while striving to achieve their personal best.

Our goal is to create an educational environment that both challenges and inspires students to excel in all endeavours. We focus too on fostering a sense of security and belonging, and creating a flexible learning environment that supports the intellectual growth of all students.

With a competent and committed staff, excellent facilities, beautiful open spaces, and expansive grounds, students at Chanel College have access to a wide range of learning opportunities. These include formal study programs, co-curricular activities in the arts, music, cultural pursuits, and sports, as well as opportunities to deepen their faith and live out the College motto, *"To Live Justly."*

The theme for Catholic Education Week 2024 is "Communities of Faith, Hope, and Love." This theme provides an opportunity for all 312 Catholic schools in Queensland to celebrate and promote their distinctive mission and ethos. Catholic education aims to make a difference in the lives of those in our schools and the wider community by encouraging young people to live out the message of Jesus and reach their full potential as compassionate, contributing, and life-giving members of society.

Chanel College is the only Catholic secondary school in the Gladstone region. Our students come from diverse cultural backgrounds, allowing us to celebrate diversity and work together to build a unified community. We continue to educate young people in the rich tradition of Catholic education in Australia.



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## Saint Francis Catholic PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Saint Francis Catholic Primary School caters for students from Prep to Year 6.*

Our school sits on 26 acres, bordering the Boyne River and Canoe Point beach in Tannum Sands. As with all schools in Catholic Education - Diocese of Rockhampton, we are first and foremost places of quality education and provide lifelong and life-wide learning experiences founded explicitly on the person and teachings of Jesus. We strive to make a difference and encourage every child to be the best version of themselves.

Many students ride to school each day along the safe Turtleway path. Our experienced team of educators has Christ at the centre of their teaching and learning and lead consistently predictable routines meaning our students are ready to learn. By teaching the Australian Curriculum and the CEDR's Religion Curriculum, our learners are encouraged to become lifelong learners, with inquiring minds. Specialist lessons in Performing Arts/Music, Physical Education and Visual Arts take place each week. Students in Years 3-6 participate in weekly Friday afternoon sport, and the whole school participate in the three whole-school carnivals: Cross Country, Athletics and Swimming.

Our school-created Positive Behaviours and Wellbeing Framework ensure the school expectations are followed. We value partnerships between school and home and promote the transparency and celebration of each child's progress.

A Before and After School Care team operate throughout the year, including vacation care.

Online enrolments are currently available for 2024 Prep to Year 4.



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# GLADSTONE POLICE FORCE HONoured at Capricornia District Awards Ceremony

*Officers and administrative staff from the Gladstone Patrol Group were recognised for their dedicated service to the community at the Capricornia District Honours and Awards Ceremony, held in Gladstone on July 11th.*

The awards were presented by Acting Deputy Commissioner Mark Kelly and Acting Superintendent Mark Burgess.

The ceremony celebrated the outstanding contributions of the Queensland Police Service (QPS) members, highlighting their commitment and dedication through various accolades.

## **Queensland Police Service (QPS) Medal**

The QPS Medal is awarded in recognition of 10 years of diligent and ethical service by a member of

the QPS, with a clasp awarded for every subsequent five years of service. The recipients were:

- Inspector Darren Somerville: 40-year clasp to QPSM
- Sergeant Paul Chiles: 40-year clasp to QPSM
- Senior Sergeant Shaune English: 35-year clasp to QPSM
- Sergeant David Connolly: 35-year clasp to QPSM
- Sergeant David Kinsley: 25-year clasp to QPSM
- Senior Constable Vicki Schultz: 20-year clasp to QPSM
- Senior Constable Simon Burns: 20-year clasp to QPSM
- Sergeant Edward Rogers: 15-year clasp to QPSM
- Sergeant Candice Blake: 15-year clasp to QPSM
- Sergeant James Weimer: 15-year clasp to QPSM
- Senior Constable Jarryd Whitehead: 15-year clasp to QPSM
- Melissa Lindsay: 15-year clasp to QPSM
- Sergeant Ryan Packenham: QPSM
- Senior Constable Thomas Kowski: QPSM
- Senior Constable Dominic Martin: QPSM
- Senior Constable Christopher McKinley: QPSM



## **National Medal**

The National Medal is awarded for 15 years of efficient service as an Australian police officer serving since February 14, 1975. A clasp is awarded for every subsequent 10 years of service.

- Sergeant Kevin Pittendreigh: 2nd clasp to the National Medal + 40-year clasp to QPSM

## **District Officer's Certificate:**

- Constable Lainey McPhee
- Constable Adrianna Rogers

This ceremony was a significant event, highlighting the unwavering commitment and tireless efforts of the Gladstone Patrol Group in maintaining community safety and upholding the values of the Queensland Police Service. Congratulations to everyone involved.



# YOUR 2024/25

# Community Budget Snapshot



My fellow Councillors and I are proud to present Gladstone Regional Council's \$349M Budget and associated Operational Plan for 2024/25.

Built upon the solid foundation of Council's previous term, this Budget aims to be responsive to community needs, responsible in how we manage the community's finances, and one that places further emphasis on core service delivery.

We have increased funding on everyday maintenance in our parks and on our roads, while also investing in several civic pride initiatives and delivering on the fundamental things we rely on each day.

We know the Gladstone Region's future is bright and we look forward to proudly playing our part in driving our region forward with continued success for the year ahead.

Matt Burnett  
Mayor Gladstone Regional Council

## Scan me

for further information  
on the Operational  
Plan and Budget



### \$320

Pensioner Rebate  
increase by \$10



### 4.2%

Average increase in  
general residential rate



### 10%

Discount when paid  
in full on or before  
due date



### \$5.76

Average residential  
utility charges per day



## \$107.0M

### Capital Works

To maintain and upgrade key  
assets and community projects



## \$60.7M

### Grant Funding

From State and Commonwealth

## KEY SERVICES

### \$103.9M

Roads, Bridges, Footpaths  
and Drainage

### \$56.2M

Sewerage Services

### \$55.9M

Water Services

### \$27.0M

Waste Services

### \$24.6M

Parks and Environment

### \$9.2M

Arts, Culture and  
Entertainment

### \$6.0M

Community Development  
and Support

### \$4.1M

Library Services

### \$4.0M

Local Laws

### \$3.5M

Development Services

### \$2.9M

Pest and  
Environmental Health

### \$1.2M

Strategic Projects and  
Economic Development

### \$0.9M

Disaster Management



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# Empowering Lives:

## LOCAL NDIS COACHES TRANSFORMING THE GLADSTONE COMMUNITY

*In the heart of the local community, dedicated professionals like Patience, Louise, and Tara are working tirelessly as part of the NDIS support and recovery coach sector.*

Their efforts are making a tangible difference in the lives of individuals with disabilities, helping them achieve greater independence and well-being.

Tara, from Balancing Recovery, shares her passion for the work: "The opportunity to have a tangible positive impact on someone's life is so powerful and I have always known that this is what I wanted to do. Knowing that your work helps improve the quality of life, independence, and well-being of others is deeply rewarding."

Patience, representing Comfort Hearts, emphasises the importance of empathy and active listening in her role. "I understand the importance of creating a safe and supportive environment where individuals feel heard, valued, and empowered to take control of their lives."

Tara's journey into the NDIS sector has been driven by a consistent passion for supporting and empowering individuals and families. "I have a strong background in

child and youth counselling, having earned a Diploma in Child and Youth Work from Centennial College in Toronto, Canada. The transition to NDIS support coordination and psychosocial recovery coaching has allowed me to leverage my skills and experience to make a meaningful impact in the community and lives of those I serve."

Patience brings both academic knowledge and practical experience to her work, armed with a Bachelor of Arts in Human Services and a Cert IV in Mental Health. "I've worked in various capacities within the field, gaining hands-on experience in providing psychosocial support to individuals facing diverse challenges."

However, the role comes with its challenges. Patience often encounters issues such as insufficient budgets in clients' plans and service providers billing clients for services not provided. "I overcome them by endeavouring to communicate effectively to ensure the client's goals are being achieved and their needs are met. Effective communication is at the heart of everything I do," she states.

Tara also highlights the demanding nature of the job, particularly as a sole trader. "Handling emergencies or crises that participants may experience requires quick thinking and effective intervention, adding to the stress and complexity of the role. Support coordinators often work with individuals facing significant challenges, so maintaining professional boundaries and self-care is crucial." She also notes

the ongoing changes within the NDIS framework, which require constant updates and adjustments to their practices.

Despite these challenges, both Tara and Patience find immense satisfaction in their work. "Overall, the most rewarding part of being an NDIS support coordinator is the opportunity to make a meaningful impact on the lives of others," Tara emphasises. "Empowering people to take control of their lives, make informed choices, and improve their quality of life is indescribable. Making a difference not just at an individual level but also at a community level is very fulfilling." Patience echoes these sentiments, finding fulfillment in watching her clients achieve their goals, no matter how small.

For those considering NDIS services, both Tara and Patience offer valuable advice. "My advice would be to go for it as it is a great scheme which opens many doors of opportunities for individuals and families," Patience advises. Tara adds, "Choose service providers that best meet your needs. Consider their experience, services offered, and feedback from other participants. Don't be afraid to shop around and switch providers if you are not feeling satisfied. Lastly, connect with other NDIS participants and families through support groups or online communities. Sharing experiences and advice can be incredibly supportive and informative."

Through their dedication and passion, Tara, Patience and Louise exemplify the positive impact that NDIS support and recovery coaches can have on individuals and families within the community. Their work not only improves the lives of those they support but also strengthens the community as a whole.





KICKSTART  
YOUR CAREER  
IN WATER  
WITH A

# Gladstone Area Water Board Apprenticeship



*The Gladstone Area Water Board (GAWB) is seeking an Electrical and Instrumentation Technician Apprentice, offering a promising career opportunity in the Gladstone region.*

This apprenticeship paves the way for a successful future in the water industry.

GAWB Chief Executive Officer, Darren Barlow emphasised the value of this apprenticeship, stating, "This is a fantastic opportunity for a motivated individual to start a new career in a sector full of possibilities. The successful applicant will

gain the skills and qualifications needed to start a rewarding career while contributing to the region's continued growth and economic prosperity."

GAWB's current apprentice, Morgen McGrath, will complete his dual-trade apprenticeship in January 2025 after passing the challenging electrical capstone exams in June. Morgen began his journey through GAWB's school-based work experience program in year 10. "We're proud of him and his achievements," Mr Barlow said. "We look forward to providing the same opportunities to a new apprentice."

GAWB has partnered with Apprentices and Trainees Queensland to recruit the new apprentice, who will start in 2025. This five-year competency-based, nationally accredited program leads to

a Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician and a Certificate III in Instrumentation and Control.

Applications close on Wednesday, August 7th, and can be submitted via the Apprentices and Trainees Queensland website. Essential criteria include completing year 12, holding a 'C' class driver license (manual), high numerical ability, general power tools experience, physical fitness, swimming proficiency, clean handwriting, excellent teamwork and communication skills.

This apprenticeship offers unique opportunity to start a fulfilling career in the water industry with the support of experienced professionals at GAWB.



## Lake Awoonga SCAVENGER HUNT

**Gather your friends and family, adventurers  
- it's time to find Barry the Barramundi!**

Head to the lake, where excitement awaits as you search for Barry and a chance to win a share in \$5000 worth of prizes!

So round up your crew, pack a picnic, and let's make this adventure one for the books!



[www.gawb.qld.gov.au](http://www.gawb.qld.gov.au)





## CQ'S TRADE CHAMPIONS *Crowned at Local Celebration*

*The 63rd Queensland Training Awards regional finals showcased the remarkable achievements in vocational education and training (VET) across the state, recognising outstanding apprentices, trainees, community training projects, and employers.*

With nearly 750 nominations statewide this year, the regional finalists exemplify the excellence, hard work, and dedication inherent in Queensland's

high-performing training system.

Tyler Gscheidle, named Central Queensland's Harry Hauenschild Apprentice of the Year, completed his Certificate III in Carpentry through Blue Dog Training while working with Werry Building. His passion for building and construction led him to this apprenticeship, where he gained hands-on experience and enjoyed being part of a spirited and communicative team. Now a qualified carpenter, Tyler has taken on a lead role within Werry Building, guiding and mentoring other apprentices. In addition to his professional achievements, Tyler is active in his community, officiating rugby league matched and serving as a church youth leader.

Chelsea Bostock earned the School-

based Apprentice or Trainee of the Year award. The St. Patrick's College Mackay student completed a Certificate II in Salon Assistant in Year 10 and excelled in her apprenticeship with Intuition – The Art of Hair, all while completing her final years of school.

Johnson's 4WD in Rockhampton received the Small Employer of the Year award, recognised for their commitment to developing the skills of their apprentices and staff to deliver high-quality four-wheel-drive services and repairs.

The regional winners were announced at the Queensland Training Awards event held at the Gladstone Entertainment and Convention Centre on Saturday, July 6, 2024. Member for Gladstone, Glenn Butcher, expressed pride in the local winners and the significance of hosting the event in Gladstone.

"Gladstone is Central Queensland's trade heartland, so it was great to see this year's awards hosted in our proud industrial city and supported by the new Miles Labor Government," Butcher said. "A huge congratulations to Gladstone local Tyler Gscheidle, who took out the Harry Hauenschild Apprentice of the Year award for his Certificate III in Carpentry. Well done also to Emerald Neighbourhood Centre and Central Highlands Regional Council, which took out Community Training Initiative of the Year and Large Employer of the Year - this shows training is strong in our regions."

To learn more about the Queensland Training Awards and see the full list of regional winners visit <https://desbt.qld.gov.au/training/qta/winners-and-finalists/regions>



# ALDOGA SOLAR FARM SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM

## ACCIONA ENERGÍA IS OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS. APPLY NOW.

### Would your community organisation or group benefit from a small grant?

As part of our commitment to supporting local communities, ACCIONA Energía is inviting community groups to apply for small grants funding for projects and events in 2024.

Funding will be available to assist local community groups who make a difference by enhancing the social wellbeing and/or improving environmental, educational, cultural or economic outcomes of the local community.

### ELIGIBILITY AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

Applicants must satisfy the following:

- Operate as a not for profit
- Have a direct link with the communities in which ACCIONA Energía is building the Aldoga Solar Farm.

Go to our website or scan the below QR code to apply: [community.acciona.com.au/aldoga/small-grants](https://community.acciona.com.au/aldoga/small-grants).

The small grants application period closes 5th of August.





# GP ULTRAHUB OPENS IN GLADSTONE: A New Era of Advanced Medical Care

*The GP UltraHub has proudly opened its doors in Gladstone, heralding a new era of advanced medical care for the community.*

Situated at Gladstone Square Shopping Centre, this state-of-the-art medical centre is staffed by a team of experienced doctors, nurses, and healthcare professionals who are committed to enhancing your well-being. The grand opening, celebrated on July 18, represents a pivotal milestone in local healthcare, significantly expanding both the accessibility and quality of medical services available to the community. At GP UltraHub, they are dedicated to deliver personalised healthcare solutions that address individuals' requirements comprehensively. Backed by cutting-edge infrastructure and caring team of experts, health and welfare is a priority at GP UltraHub. With a focus on expertise and innovation, GP UltraHub upholds values such as compassion, excellence, collaboration and integrity.

GP UltraHub is designed to meet a wide range of healthcare needs with its comprehensive array of services. Patients can access general practice services, specialised children's healthcare programs, and an aging well initiative, all tailored to support diverse health requirements. The centre

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GP UltraHub offers the MediBus Australia service, a mobile medical unit designed to bring healthcare directly to the community.

also provides work-related medical services and features specialised clinics, including a weight loss centre, the Mole View Skin Cancer Clinic, and a medical cosmetic hub. Furthermore, the facility is equipped to handle small procedures and skin tests, offering a well-rounded approach to healthcare.

As well as being conveniently located in Gladstone, it makes GP UltraHub easily

accessible for services such as:

- Gladstone Industry Pass
- Coal Board Medical
- Health Surveillance
- Rail Medical
- Driver Licence
- Company Specific Medicals
- Drug and Alcohol Testing
- Work Injury Management Fitness for Work Assessment
- Site Services

At the grand opening, Glenn Butcher MP praised the new facility, noting, "Fantastic to have you set up in Gladstone. I know you have one out in Calliope and it's operating very successfully." His endorsement highlights the significance of the GP UltraHub in enhancing local healthcare services.

Adding to its innovative approach, GP UltraHub offers the MediBus Australia service, a mobile medical unit designed to bring healthcare directly to the community. This initiative underscores the centre's dedication to making healthcare more accessible and convenient for everyone.

For additional information about the services offered and to schedule an appointment, please visit the GP UltraHub website at [gpultrahub.com.au](http://gpultrahub.com.au).



# NEW NURSE-LED CLINIC & Hospital Upgrades Announced

*Minister Shannon Fentiman MP announced a significant advancement in healthcare for the Gladstone region; a new nurse-led clinic is set to open in central Gladstone this September.*

This clinic will enhance local healthcare by offering a variety of essential services free of charge, making healthcare more accessible for all residents.

The new clinic will feature a walk-in model, ensuring that residents can receive care without needing an appointment. Staffed by professional

nurses, the clinic will operate during extended hours to better accommodate the community's needs. It will cater to non-life-threatening injuries and illnesses and place a strong emphasis on women's healthcare, providing services such as access to contraception, menopause care, and treatment for period pain.

In addition to the new clinic, Gladstone Hospital is slated for major upgrades. These improvements will include the relocation of the maternity and paediatrics units to create a new, modern hub. This hub will feature single rooms designed to offer more privacy and comfort to patients. The state-of-the-art facilities will support mothers and their newborns, providing the highest level of care during important moments in their lives

The establishment of the nurse-led clinic and the upgrades at Gladstone

Hospital are part of a broader commitment to improving healthcare infrastructure in the region. These initiatives aim to meet the growing needs of the community by providing comprehensive, accessible, and modern healthcare services.

As September approaches, the community eagerly anticipates the opening of the clinic and the commencement of the hospital upgrades. These developments promise to transform healthcare in Gladstone, offering significant benefits to mums, bubs, and families and ensuring that high-quality care is available close to home.



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# New Roseberry Qld Housing and Homelessness Hub OPENS TO SUPPORT GLADSTONE COMMUNITY

*Thursday 18th July marked a significant milestone for the Gladstone community as the new Roseberry Qld Housing and Homelessness Hub officially opened its doors.*

Designed to support local families in desperate need of basic necessities, the hub stands ready to provide essential services and a safe space for those facing housing and homelessness challenges.

The new hub offers a range of crucial amenities including laundry facilities, bathroom facilities, kitchenette, non-perishable food items, information and referral pathways and volunteer

programs. These services are fundamental to ensuring that every family and child in the community has access to the basic necessities they deserve.

The opening ceremony was a momentous occasion, with Glenn Butcher MP officially inaugurating the Roseberry Hub. The event highlighted the incredible community effort that has gone into making this facility a reality.

Local organisations and businesses, including Bendigo Bank, Gladstone Ports Corporation, Aurizon, Rotary Gladstone Sunrise, Rio Tinto, and Tannum Crab

Classic, played pivotal roles in bringing this project to fruition.

The Roseberry Qld Housing and Homelessness Hub stands as a testament to the power of community collaboration and support. It reflects the shared commitment to improving the lives of those in need and ensuring that all members of the Gladstone community have access to safe and reliable resources.

As the hub opens its doors, it is set to make a significant positive impact on the lives of many local families, providing them with the support and dignity they deserve.



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The decision to broaden their service offerings to include Property Management comes in response to the recent investor demand that is strengthening the Gladstone market.

In conjunction with this expansion, Madloch Property is pleased to welcome two new members to their team, each bringing valuable expertise to further enhance their service delivery:

Leanne McLay, appointed as Executive Assistant to Emily Malberg, brings over 13 years of



experience in the Real Estate and Property Management sector. Her extensive background ensures efficient support and operational excellence within the organization.

Jess Gripske, joining as a Property Manager, strengthens Madloch Property's capability to manage properties effectively.

"We are excited to announce the expansion of our services into

property management," stated Jess. "This strategic move allows us to better serve our clients' needs by offering a full spectrum of services under one roof."

With a dedicated team and a comprehensive approach to property management, Madloch Property ensures that both property owners and tenants experience the highest level of service and satisfaction.

# FLYING COLOURS *at Gladstone Airport!*

*Did you know that Gladstone Airport has a public art space that showcases art made by the Gladstone community?*

Introducing... Art-Port! This vibrant space celebrates the creativity of local artists, featuring the works of Katie Rogers and George Parkyn, Founder of FND Artworks.

Katie Rogers, a 25-year-old with cerebral palsy and epilepsy, relocated to Gladstone from the Gold Coast in early 2024. Her paintings, often of landscapes and animals, serve as therapy and self-expression. Since moving to Gladstone, Katie has expanded her techniques under her creative guide, Jen Hollstein, using alternative tools like cloths to paint on large canvases.

"I'm so excited to have some of my work included in this exhibition at Art-Port, and I'm looking forward to holding my own solo exhibition in the near future!"

George Parkyn founded FND Artworks in 2022 to raise awareness about Functional



Neurological Disorder (FND) and inspire others to explore their creativity. George's first exhibition, "Summer of 23 Collection," launched at the ARTmatters Gallery in late 2023 and received tremendous community support. In September 2024, he will be an Artist in Residence on Heron Island, thanks to the Gladstone Regional Council Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF).

Both Katie and George share their creative processes and artworks on social media. Their success is supported by Jen Hollstein, the current Curator of Art-Port, who guides them and other community members in exploring their creative expression.

Jen extends her gratitude to the Regional Arts Services Network (RASN) at

CQUniversity and the Gladstone Airport Corporation for making Art-Port possible. The current exhibition, which opened in early July, will run until late October. Don't miss this chance to experience the inspiring works of Katie Rogers and George Parkyn, and support local art in the Gladstone community!

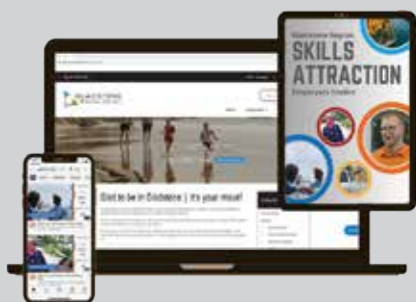
*The Regional Arts Services Network is an initiative of the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland. Central Queensland University is serving as the Catchment Three RASN Provider from 2022 to 2025.*



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# Get ready to RACE!!

## The 2024 Port to Park Fun Run is just around the corner!

### SUNDAY 18TH AUGUST

There is still time to register for Gladstone's favourite fun run! Every step you take will help raise funds for Gladstone schools and this year's community beneficiary, CQShines Hospital Foundation.

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QR code to register now!**

Registrations close Saturday  
17 August 2024 at 8am.



## REGISTER NOW SUNDAY 18TH AUGUST

# NAIDOC BALL and Awards Ceremony

*The NAIDOC Ball, held on July 7th, had an incredible turnout.*

A heartfelt thank you to the sponsors and supporters—Orica, APLNG ConocoPhillips, the National Indigenous Australians Agency, and Shell QGC—for making the night possible. Congratulations to all the nominees and award winners listed below.

*Photos by Wezzy Cruze*



## AWARD WINNERS:

**Elder:** Juliri Ingra

**Aboriginal or Torres Strait**

**Islander Person:** Makeeta Sullivan

**Senior Sport Person (Male):**

Ronald Donald

**Senior Sport Person (Female):**

Davina Chapman

**Junior Sport Person (Female):**

Rikarra Benjamin

**Junior Sport Person (Male):**

Bailey Silvester

**Education Award – Person:**

Amanda Power

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# Here in History

## THE GLADSTONE CITY THEATRE

*With Betty Laver*

*For about 50 years the only civic meeting place for the Gladstone community was the Town Hall, completed in 1932.*

In December 1977, the Gladstone City Council gave the official go ahead for the Gladstone City Theatre to be constructed. The site chosen was in Oaka Lane behind the Californian Grill Bar. This land was still part of quite a steep hill, and it had to be levelled. In June 1978 an initial application report was submitted to the Gladstone City Council for an auditorium, shops and offices.

The shops were completed in April 1981 and in October the theatre was ready for occupation. On 19th October 1981, the school children of Gladstone were the theatre's first performers. The Gladstone City Theatre was officially opened by His Excellency, Sir James Ramsay, and Governor of Queensland, on 21st November 1981 and then it played host to a week of cultural activities. It had a seating capacity for 700 persons and boasted the best acoustics in the State. As well as many special artists and shows, the theatre has hosted all the city's dance schools and amateur entertainment groups, primary school concerts and the Gladstone Eisteddfod.

Gladstone's annual Eisteddfod made its debut in 1970 and the competition runs over two weeks in September. Bill McCormack aided by Bill Golding, the then mayor, were the prominent instigators in its inauguration. The venues were the Town Hall, on the corner of Goondoon and Bramston Streets and the Presbyterian Church Hall, situated across the road. In 1982, with a growing number of participants and the City Theatre being constructed, the Eisteddfod moved to the Gladstone City Theatre and the Basement Playhouse.

*Photo from Gladstone City Council.*

## Vietnam Veterans Day

### SERVICE IN GLADSTONE

*Gladstone is set to honour its Vietnam veterans at this year's Vietnam Veterans Day Service, commemorating the 58th anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan.*

The service, organised by the Gladstone RSL Sub Branch, will be held at Anzac Park, Gladstone, on August 18th, commencing at 10:30 am.

The Battle of Long Tan, fought on August 18, 1966, in the tropical jungles and rubber plantations of South Vietnam, resulted in the loss of 18 Australian soldiers. The Vietnam War, spanning from 1962 to 1973, claimed 520 Australian lives and stands as Australia's longest and largest conflict since World War II.

Upon their return, Vietnam veterans faced significant challenges, including public shunning, governmental rejection, and derision from unsympathetic moratorium protests. Much of the protest was based on misinformation, leading to some individuals unfairly targeting Vietnam veterans. "It was a national shame perpetrated by these misguided individuals. This must never happen again to Australian Veterans!"

The Gladstone region is home to numerous Vietnam veterans, including those who have passed away due to the effects of their service. The Gladstone RSL supports veterans through four dedicated advocates who assist with claims to the Department of Veterans Affairs. Many of these veterans have reached retirement age and greatly appreciate public support, especially on this commemorative day.

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The primary objective is to provide the support & sense of belonging that all veterans deserve.

It is important that all veterans, ex-service men and women, citizens, and their families know that they will be made most welcome at any Vietnam Veterans Day service. The primary objective is to provide the support and sense of belonging that all veterans deserve, which can be achieved through a large turnout at the service.

As the community gathers to remember and honour the sacrifices of its Vietnam veterans, the Gladstone RSL Sub Branch hopes for a strong attendance to show appreciation and support for those who served.

# Clinton Senior & Junior PREMIER RESULTS

*This week's round of fixtures saw plenty of goals scored both for and against the Club.*

With the Premier Men's points table so close and the final top spot potentially being decided on goal difference, our boys understand that every goal counts in these last few rounds.

In celebration of NAIDOC week, the Premier Junior and Senior sides wore special jerseys featuring the beautiful artwork of local artist Patricia Coleman. The event was further enriched by Clinton players Byron Henney and Alana Sailor, who presented a heartfelt Welcome to Country.

We extend our gratitude to Patricia Coleman for her generous donation of a stunning original artwork to our Club.

## RESULTS

**Men:** Clinton 19 – Bluebirds 0

**U23 Men:** Clinton 15 – Bluebirds 0

**Women:** Clinton 1 – Central 2

**Local Men's Div. 1:** Clinton #1 10 – Central 0

**Local Men's Div. 1:** Clinton #2 1 – BITS 9

**Local Ladies:** Clinton 4 – BITS 0

**U17:** Clinton 6 – Bluebirds 0

**U15:** Clinton 0 – Central 11

**U13:** Clinton 5 – Berserker 0



## GLADSTONE SHS YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS ARE OPEN FOR 2025



**We are excited to announce that enrolments packs are available from the Gladstone SHS office.**

Our three largest feeder schools, Gladstone Central State School, Clinton State School and Gladstone West State School also have enrolment packs at their admin office. You can collect from there however; all enrolment packs must be returned to the Gladstone SHS office.

The due date for packs is Friday the 13th of September however we encourage everyone to hand them in as soon as they are complete.

We will also have two 2025 Year 7 Information Sessions this term. We encourage everyone enrolling at Gladstone SHS for year 7 in 2025 to attend one of the evening sessions.

### Year 7 2025 Information Evenings

7th August 2024



29th August 2024



Scan the QR code below to read our 2025 Year 7 Information letter for all future parents / carers.







## AFL JUNIOR GIRLS *Win Central Qld Final*

*The Chanel Junior girls team clinched victory in the Central Queensland Regional Final of the 2024 StreetSmarts AFLQ Schools Cup, defeating Emmaus College 23-3 in a remarkable display of skill and teamwork.*

The match, held at Clinton Park, showcased brilliant performances across the field, propelling the team to the North Queensland Championships in Townsville later this month.

From the start, the Chanel team demonstrated their prowess and unity. Key contributors to the victory included Gabby, London, and Imogen, each scoring a goal, solidifying the team's offensive strength. Brooke, Ziggi, and Gabby were recognised as Chanel's best players in the final, highlighting their exceptional play and contributions to the team's success. Gabby's outstanding performance earned her the Player of the Match title, an accolade presented by AFL Capricornia Development Officer Scott Smithwick, who awarded her a medal in recognition of her efforts.

The College expressed immense pride in their talented young players, commending them for their skill, dedication, and exemplary conduct throughout the game. The victory not only reflects the girls' athletic capabilities but also their teamwork and sportsmanship.

As the team prepares for the North Queensland Championships in Townsville, the Chanel community extends their best wishes to the Junior AFL girls. Their journey is a testament to hard work and determination, and they carry with them the hopes and support of their school as they continue their pursuit of excellence in the competition.

Best of luck to the Chanel Junior AFL girls team in their upcoming matches in Townsville!

## SOFTBALL QLD ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER:

### *Celebrating Dedication and Excellence*

*On July 13th, Softball Queensland hosted its Annual Awards Dinner, an event dedicated to honouring the exceptional contributions of its members to the sport.*

The night was a celebration of the dedication and community spirit that drive Softball Queensland forward.

This year's Diamond Award, recognising 25 years of service, was presented to Christine Heisner and Kellie Pengelly. Their remarkable dedication and tireless efforts over the decades have profoundly impacted the sport and inspired many players and volunteers. Wendy Scott was honoured with the Gold Award for 15 years of service, celebrating her long-standing commitment and crucial role in advancing softball in Queensland. Chyanne Pengelly received the Silver Award for 10 years of service, acknowledging her valuable contributions and continued involvement in strengthening the sport.

The evening also highlighted individual achievements on the field. Michael Ludkin, a former Gladstone member, was awarded the Players' Player accolade for the Queensland Patriots. This award, chosen by their peers, recognises Michael's exceptional skills, sportsmanship, and the respect earned from fellow players.

The Annual Awards Dinner was more than a ceremony; it was a testament to the collective effort and passion that fuel the success of softball in Queensland. The event underscored the hard work and commitment of those who support and advance the sport.

Congratulations to all the awardees for their outstanding service and contributions. Their dedication ensures the continued growth and success of softball in the region.



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