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FISH OF THE MONTH WINNER

Congratulations Koby Mackie on catching a Coral Trout!

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

DID YOU KNOW?

Coral trout are actually a type of Grouper that can change from female and to male as they grow. They are masters of disguise with changing skin colour depending on their environment.



Name: Koby Mackie
Fish Species: Coral Trout
Location: Heron Island

WHAT'S ON IN *Gladstone*

From 30th April 2026



Parcel Wrap for Mothers Day – Cancer Council QLD

2ND MAY 2026

From Saturday 2 May – Saturday 9 May (inclusive) except Monday 4 May

Saturdays 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Sunday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Tuesday 9 a.m. 5 p.m.

Wednesday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Thursday 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Friday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Where: Gladstone Centre Plaza



BAM - Beach Arts and Music

2ND MAY 2026

Explore over 100 market stalls and food vendors while being entertained by live music with a magnificent beachside backdrop

When: Saturday 2nd May from 2pm

Where: Millennium Esplanade, Tannum Sands



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10TH MAY 2026

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Gladstone Careers Expo 2026 is proudly supported by Gladstone Regional Council's Ignite Fund.

New School, New Opportunities

Changing schools can be daunting. Hear from the students who found their home at Chanel College.



Principal Dr Susan Bunkum

As Principal of Chanel College, I am incredibly proud to read about the positive experience of students new to this school. Collectively, these stories reflect the opportunity to embrace new experiences, form new friendships, learn new subjects, and engage in a wide range of sporting and co-curricular activities. Our dedicated teachers who are enthusiastic subject specialists, continuously strive to enhance student learning, ensuring access to a high-quality education in a supportive environment. With 2027 enrolment deadlines approaching, we know that choosing the right school for your child is a significant decision. At Chanel College, we are committed to making this transition as smooth as possible for your family. We look forward to welcoming you into our Chanel College community.

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Alistair

Moving from Emerald to Gladstone and starting at Chanel was a transition I expected to be daunting. Leaving friends mid-high school made me nervous, yet the support from the school and community has been overwhelming.

I have settled into school life quickly, feeling a strong sense of belonging fostered by Chanel's vibrant house spirit. While I initially felt anxious about navigating a new school, the guidance of a school buddy helped me feel at ease and confident from the very first day.

The welcoming nature of the Chanel community has turned a potentially challenging move into a positive and rewarding experience, helping me feel connected far beyond the classroom.



Lilly

Moving to Chanel College was a smooth transition. I already had some amazing friends here, which really made my first few days comfortable, and I found it quite easy to make new friends along the way.

The major reason I decided to join the Chanel community was for the incredible sporting opportunities it offers in girls' rugby league. I can already tell that moving here is a great step toward achieving my goals.

The staff have been incredibly helpful and supportive, guiding me whenever needed. Overall, my experience has been so positive, and I am incredibly grateful to be at Chanel.



Welcome to the Chanel Family

From first-day jitters to making lifelong friends, our newest students share their journey into high school.



Connor

My first impression of Chanel was daunting, coming from a state school. This drastically improved over the coming days as I met my classmates and found friends in older grades. My favourite new subjects are economics and religion, and I have enjoyed the welcoming Marcellin house group.



Toluwani

The Chanel College community is a very kind and thoughtful community to be in. All of the teachers and students are very helpful and nice to you. On the first day, I was unsure, but as soon as I got to know people around the school I felt welcomed. Chanel College offers a wide range of sporting activities that you can choose from.



Kaiden

Hi, I am Kaiden. I enjoy being at Chanel College for many reasons including the variety of activities for all students. The teachers are friendly and helpful and I am making friends while doing the activities I am involved with such as Concert Band, Big Band, Choir and Drumline. My favourite subject is maths.



Zoya

Starting Year 7 at Chanel was a really big change, but it has been amazing so far. I have enjoyed meeting new people, learning about the range of clubs Chanel offers and new subjects. The kind environment made it much easier to settle in, and being a part of Marcellin has helped me feel included. I am excited to continue learning at Chanel.



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Year 12 Student Leaders

at Chanel College Gladstone share their Vision for 2026

The 2026 Year 12 Student Leaders at Chanel College have embraced their roles as leaders of the College community. Together they have a unified vision that is centred on the Marist value of Family Spirit: One Body, One Spirit, One Family.

Following a collaborative process that began in late 2025, the leadership group has defined its legacy through the lens of service. The team is dedicated to uniting the College community by embodying spirit and pride - a philosophy known locally as 'The Chanel Way'.

The 2026 leadership group represents the diverse talents of the entire cohort. Prefect groups have taken on specific responsibilities across Mission, Culture, Academics, Sport, Environment, and First Nations cultures, while House Captains focus on developing family spirit within House and Pastoral Care Group programmes.

College Vice-Captain, Edwin, noted that student leadership roles are primarily about advocacy and connection,

"As student leaders we are given the honour to have a say and represent the student body of our College, trying to solidify a bridge between staff and students where concerns can be heard, ideas gathered and a warm environment can be maintained," Edwin said.

This sentiment was echoed by College Captain, Anna, who highlighted the importance of collaborative decision-making,

"The importance of this is that decisions are not made for students, but rather with students, helping to create a College shaped by the community," Anna added.

The leaders are guided by a challenge often posed by College Principal, Dr Susan Bunkum: to consider how the College is a better place because of their presence. This is reflected in the team's approach to pastoral care, social justice activities, and buddy programmes.

College Captain, Callum, explained that 'The Chanel Way' is more than just a slogan, "When we speak about the Chanel Way, it is not just a fun catchphrase, it is a reminder of the culture we are a part of - the culture we are proud of!" Callum said.

As they begin their final year, the leaders recognise the privilege of their positions, viewing them as an opportunity for servant leadership rather than a pursuit of power or prestige. Vice-Captain, Sophie, summarised the group's ultimate goal for their legacy,

"While students may not remember what we say or do, they will remember how we made them feel. That is the Chanel Way!"

A Win for Gladstone:

PIPELINE REACHES FIRST WATER FLOW MILESTONE

The Fitzroy to Gladstone Pipeline has reached an important milestone, with water now flowing through the Laurel Bank intake pumps for the first time. Water from the Fitzroy River has been carefully introduced into the system, allowing it to circulate under controlled conditions as the project team carries out final testing before connection to the main pipeline.

Gladstone Area Water Board (GAWB) CEO Darren Barlow said this marks a key step as the project moves from construction into commissioning. The testing confirms the pumps and systems are working correctly and safely before full operation begins.

The \$983 million Fitzroy to Gladstone Pipeline is a major investment in long-term water security for the region. Stretching 117 kilometres from the Lower Fitzroy River in Rockhampton to GAWB's network at Yarwun, it includes a water treatment plant, reservoirs, and pumping stations at Laurel Bank, Alton Downs, and Aldoga. Once complete, it will supply up to 30 gigalitres of water each year.

For the Gladstone community, the pipeline strengthens water reliability by reducing dependence on Awoonga Dam and providing an additional secure source from the Fitzroy River. This helps safeguard supply during dry periods, supports local industry and jobs, and enables future population and economic growth. Each litre drawn from the pipeline allows a litre to be conserved in the dam, protecting long-term reserves.

At peak construction, the project is expected to support more than 400 jobs, along with 25 apprenticeships and traineeships and around 10,000 hours of training. Delivered by the McConnell Dowell BMD Joint Venture and owned by GAWB upon completion, the pipeline is funded by the Queensland Government and is expected to be finished in 2026, subject to weather and final testing.



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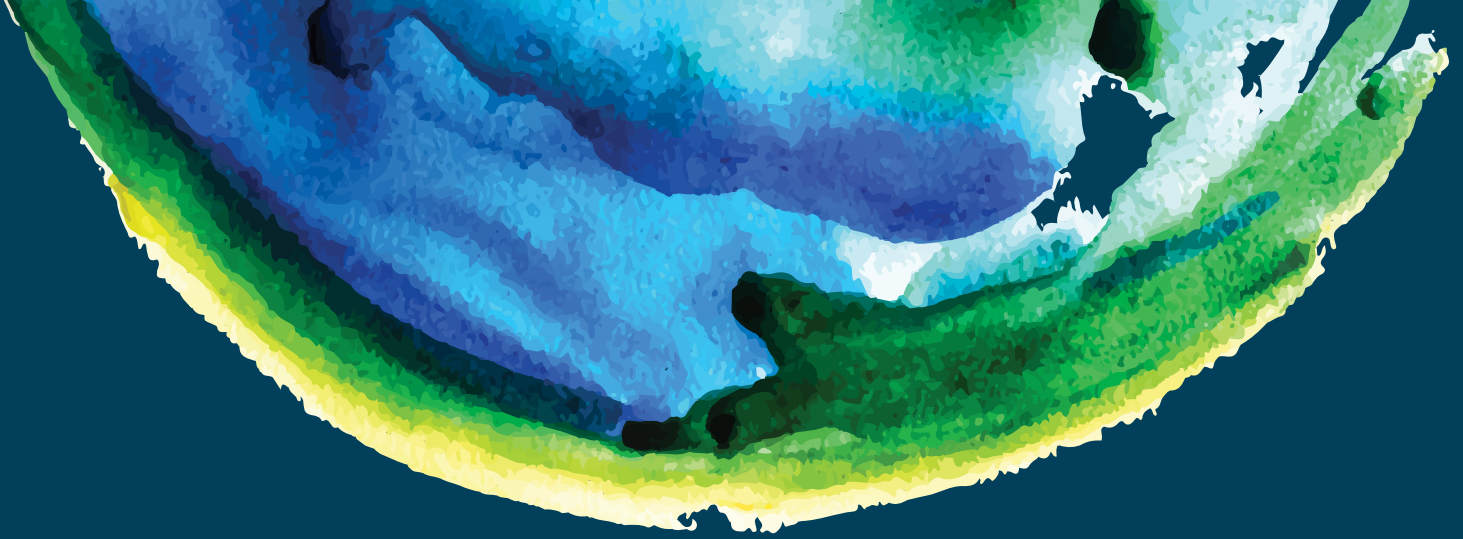


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headspace Gladstone celebrates

10TH ANNIVERSARY

On Wednesday, the 22nd of April, headspace Gladstone celebrated its 10th anniversary, hosting a positive event with help from the headspace youth. Heartfelt speeches from both the youth and staff members, with cake to celebrate, and a great variety of food for guests. It was a successful afternoon with the Gladstone community showing up to support headspace Gladstone.

Over the past decade, headspace Gladstone has grown from supporting 400 to over 3,500 young people annually, delivered thousands of additional service occasions each year, responded to increasing complexity in presentations, strengthened support across all core streams, improved access for priority groups, and became a trusted central part of the local service system.



There has been a continued focus on improving access and outcomes for priority groups in the last 10 years, including the First Nations young people, LGBTQIA, Multicultural and CALD young people, young men, young people experiencing social and economic disadvantage, including homelessness and rough sleeping, and young people disengaged from education and employment. headspace's key priority moving forward is ensuring the young people who need support can access it in a way that feels safe and appropriate.

Our shift towards more responsive, early intervention approaches has been grounded in working at the speed of trust, ensuring young people can access support when they need it, in ways that feel safe, relevant and collaborative.

– Kerry Myers, center manager, headspace Gladstone.

Over this time, headspace has recognised a significant increase in the number of young people reaching out for support, growing demand across all four core streams: Mental health, drugs and alcohol, physical and sexual health, work and study. The Gladstone community has been supportive in raising awareness for mental health and building stronger relationships with schools and services. It's a positive impact to see the Gladstone Community help and support those in need.



GEA Supply Chain Expo

SET TO SHOWCASE INDUSTRY CAPABILITY

Gladstone's biggest one-day marketplace for industrial capability is back!

The 2026 GEA Supply Chain Expo will be held at the Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre (GECC) on Wednesday 6th May, showcasing the innovation and expertise of businesses across the Central Queensland supply chain.

With free entry, it's an easy way to connect with suppliers, meet new contacts and explore products and services your organisation can use now and into the future.

Held annually, the expo brings together a broad cross-section of contractors, major industry, service providers and manufacturers, creating a practical, face-to-face environment that reflects the depth and diversity of the local supply chain.

From maintenance and fabrication to engineering, logistics and specialist services, the expo is designed for anyone who works in or buys from the regional supply chain. If you're looking to broaden your supplier base, support local capability or understand where industry is heading, this is the room to be in.

Whether you're actively chasing new opportunities or simply keeping an eye on what's next, you'll find plenty to gain: speak directly with exhibitors, compare solutions, see the latest technology, and start conversations that lead to new leads and partnerships. Just as importantly, you'll leave with a clearer picture of the capability already here in Central Queensland.

The expo is hosted by the Gladstone Engineering Alliance and proudly presented by Australia Pacific LNG—operated by ConocoPhillips.

This year, the Expo continues to evolve with the addition of a new outdoor exhibition area – the ACL Outdoor Trade Zone. Hosted in collaboration with ACL Industrial Technology, the new space is a dynamic outdoor exhibition experience for outdoor displays and equipment demonstrations.

Set aside an hour or stay for the day! Drop by the GECC on Wednesday 6th May. Doors open at 8am. Free goody bags will be available for the first 250 people through the door.

To find out more about the 2026 GEA Supply Chain Expo, visit: www.gea.asn.au/expo-2026.

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OVERLOOKING GLADSTONE'S PAST AND FUTURE

At Easter this year, members of the Gladstone community gathered for a quiet but meaningful moment of reflection and recognition. Alongside the clubhouse at the Port Curtis Sailing Club, near Lady Nelson Park, a memorial bench and plaque were unveiled in honour of William John (Bill) Barker, a man whose contribution to Gladstone continues to ripple through generations.

For more than 60 years, Bill Barker was not simply part of the community, he helped shape it. Arriving in Gladstone in 1936 as a pharmacist, he quickly became known not only for his professional skill but for his generosity and care. In difficult times, he ensured people received the medicines they needed, often extending credit or asking nothing in return. It was this deep sense of responsibility to others that defined his life's work.

The location of the memorial seat is no coincidence. It overlooks the site of Gladstone's original saltwater swimming pool, a place closely tied to Bill's legacy. Concerned about health risks from unfiltered creek water, he became a passionate advocate for safer facilities.

His persistence ultimately led to the establishment of the Gladstone Aquatic Centre in 1975, a lasting asset that continues to serve the region today.

Beyond this, Bill served 21 years as an Alderman, contributing to major developments in public health, infrastructure and community wellbeing during a period of significant growth for Gladstone. His involvement extended to the hospital board, fire brigade, and the Port Curtis Sailing Club, where he remained a dedicated supporter for decades.

This new memorial offers more than a place to sit. It invites locals and visitors alike to pause, reflect and connect with the story of a man whose quiet determination helped build a stronger, safer Gladstone.



Library of Things Collection

AT GLADSTONE LIBRARY

A quiet but meaningful shift is happening inside Gladstone Regional Libraries, and it's one that speaks directly to the heart of community living.

The introduction of the new Library of Things collection is about more than just borrowing, it's about rethinking how we use, share and access everyday items. Alongside books, members can now borrow practical household equipment, from kitchen tools to craft supplies, designed for short term use. It's a simple idea with a powerful impact, why buy something you may only use once or twice when you can borrow it instead?

In a time where cost of living is front of mind for many households, initiatives like this offer a practical way to ease financial pressure. Being able to access useful items without the upfront expense can make a real difference, particularly for families, students and those trying something new for the first time. At the same time, it supports a more sustainable lifestyle by reducing unnecessary consumption, something that benefits not just individuals but the entire region.

What makes this initiative particularly community focused is its accessibility. Items can be reserved just like books and delivered to your preferred branch for collection, making it easy for residents across Gladstone and surrounding areas to take part. Returns are just as flexible, with items accepted at library service desks across most branches.

The collection is still growing, which means there's more to come. Whether it's trying out a new hobby, testing a kitchen gadget before committing to a purchase, supporting a school project, or simply making do with less, the Library of Things invites the community to share resources in a smarter, more connected way.

You can take a look at the initiative and some of the items currently available via their recent Facebook post, Gladstone Regional Libraries Library of Things Facebook Post

It's a small change with big potential, and a reminder that libraries continue to evolve alongside the communities they serve.



Gladstone's Rising Country Musician

MACKENZIE MAY

Mackenzie May, born and raised in Gladstone, is now an inspiring rising musician in country music. Mackenzie's biggest motive to start her music journey was the support of her family and the artists she grew up listening to. Mackenzie's parents helped her grow in confidence as well as believe in herself. One of Mackenzie's Grandparents was also a country musician in the 80s and 90s; his love for country music inspired Mackenzie as well as his own music.

Mackenzie's first milestone as a rising musician was winning a Queensland Music Award. This was a very defining moment for Mackenzie as the relief of all her hard work was finally being recognised on a larger scale. Her most recent milestone was performing on stage at the Country Music Channel Rocks (CMC), Australia's biggest Country Music Festival. This was such a surreal moment for Mackenzie, stepping onto the stage and singing her own songs to a crowd of thousands. Naturally, Kenzie was nervous that no one would show up, but instead she had a large line of fans wanting to meet Kenzie, buy her merch, and even have her sign their guitars and purses. This ended up being one of the most memorable moments for Kenzie.

Mackenzie's latest album, *All The Little Things*, holds a special place in Mackenzie's heart. The album is centered around appreciating the small, often overlooked moments in life that end up meaning the most. Every song comes from a personal place, whether it's something she's experienced or something Kenzie feels needs to be said. The album reflects both her journey in music and her life, and how she's learned to find the meanings in the little things. This album is set to feel honest and real, as it's truly a piece of who Mackenzie is.

Looking ahead, one of Mackenzie's biggest goals is to win a Golden Guitar, as it's something Kenzie has dreamed about for a long time. Another one of her goals is to be a headlining artist for major festivals, more extensively, and continue connecting with wider audiences both across Australia and beyond. More than anything, Kenzie

would like to keep growing as an artist and create music that people can genuinely connect with. For Kenzie, it's about building a career that is authentic, meaningful, and has a real impact.

The Gladstone Region has played an important role in Mackenzie's journey so far.

The Gladstone community has supported Kenzie from her early start, providing so many opportunities to perform at local events like the Harbour Festival, Luminous, Ecofest, and more. Mackenzie found that being a musician in Gladstone comes with so many benefits, especially the strong sense of community. The support of local artists is incredible; there are always opportunities to perform and grow.

We've had a wonderful opportunity to ask Mackenzie May herself for advice for younger artists in Gladstone starting their music journey. "The best advice I can give to any up-and-coming artist is to stay true to who you are. Don't feel like you need to fit into a certain stereotype or be like anyone else. Authenticity is what people connect with most. Take the time to figure out what you want to say and who you want to be as an artist. The more honest you are, the more you will resonate."

Mackenzie May continues to rise with authenticity, community support, and heartfelt music inspiring audiences across Australia and beyond. Find Mackenzie at her next performance on the 3rd of May at the Boyne Tannum Hookup.





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Web <https://rebrand.ly/3vl3oce>

The home was completed in 2017 and upstairs consists of a large main bedroom with air-conditioning ceiling fan and built-in-robe, modern 2-pak kitchen, bathroom facilities, lounge and dining room, massive deck area with amazing views and external staircase. Downstairs has a massive open plan area that is used as a garage, laundry, second bedroom sleeping area or games room, toilet and storage area. The home has water storage, Solar power + Battery, generator and a septic system, fenced area for the pets and will come with a Toyota Hilux island vehicle and ride on mower plus much, much more..!

Web <https://rebrand.ly/6rpn6ed>

This low-set home built in 2014 is all on one level for ease of maintenance and functionality, the home is complete with four spacious bedrooms, two contemporary bathrooms - with the main ensuite having its own external deck area, dual separate living areas, stunning central kitchen with stone bench tops and gas cooking facilities and a walk-in-pantry, covered alfresco entertaining area overlooking the private inground pool, double lock up garage plus a drive-through driveway and second parking bay for the work vehicle/boat or caravan, 6.6kw Solar System, fully fenced rear yard with fire-pit area and all on a pet friendly 890m2 block.

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Council Rates approximately \$1600p.a.
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Price Offers Around \$278,000 Considered

Welcome to 3/78 Ann Street, South Gladstone - a charming 2-bedroom unit perfect for first-time buyers, downsizers, or investors looking for a great opportunity in a convenient location.

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With over 17 years of experience in the real estate industry and the launch of a fresh new brand in 2023, the Madloch Property team has quickly established itself as a trusted, go-to destination for buying, selling and leasing in the Gladstone community.

As they approach their third birthday, their growth reflects a strong commitment to results and client experience.

Leading this success is Emily Malberg, who has built a standout reputation locally for her hands-on approach, consistent results and ability to achieve strong sale prices within competitive timeframes.

Backed by a high-performing property management department, Madloch Property has become known locally for their strong results, hands on approach and consistency with delivering great sale prices. Emily's dedication to her clients is evident in her focus on delivering the best possible outcomes while making the process seamless for buyers, sellers and renters alike.

Madloch Property continues to set itself apart as an innovative and agile force within the real estate space.

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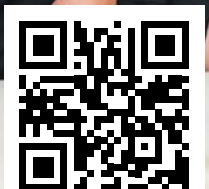
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Located in the highly sought-after Emmadale Park estate in Kirkwood, this stunning executive family home delivers space, style, and comfort in equal measure.

Featuring a spacious floorplan with dedicated theatre room, open plan living and dining with electric fireplace, and a designer kitchen complete with island bench, induction cooktop and sleek window splashback.

The oversized master suite is a true retreat with two walk-in robes and private ensuite, while the remaining bedrooms are generously sized with split system air-conditioning throughout.

Step outside to a large covered entertaining area overlooking the fully fenced yard with manicured gardens, side access and garden shed.



May Shines a Spotlight

ON DOMESTIC & FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION

May 1st marks the start of Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month, a powerful reminder that violence against women and families has no place in the Gladstone community.

This year's theme, "Together Queenslanders can prevent domestic and family violence," is a call to action. Real change starts with all of us in the everyday moments that shape our culture.

For Gladstone, preventing domestic and family violence starts with everyday actions:

- Modelling respectful behaviour
- Gently challenging harmful attitudes, behaviours, and jokes
- Checking in with friends, family, and colleagues
- Believing people when they share their experiences
- Knowing where to access local support services
- Staying connected within your community

The Gladstone community can support this year's theme by attending the Darkness to Daylight Walk. Let's take a step together toward hope with us at the Darkness to Daylight Walk.

As part of DFV Prevention Month, The Gladstone Women's Health Centre, alongside partners Gladstone Regional Council, Gladstone Neighbourhood Centre, 1770 LARC! Tours, Auckland House, and the Coordinated Community Response to Domestic and Family Violence (CCRDFV), invites the community to come together for the Darkness to Daylight Walk. This is a powerful event symbolising hope, unity, and a shared commitment to ending domestic and family violence.

Every step is a stand for a future free from violence. Walk, run or donate to support change. Stay after for coffee, connection and community. Everyone is welcome. Bring your friends, family and walking shoes.

Stand with us and step forward for change.



Every Step Counts

Darkness To Daylight Walk

#Together Queensland CAN Prevent Domestic and Family Violence

Thursday 28 May 2026 5:15am

From: Auckland House

To: Gladstone Ports Corporation Marina Stage

Back to: Auckland House

Join us for a coffee on completion of the walk (approx 6:30am)

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Photo of H & J Friend's Store erected in Goondoon Street in 1900.



Here in History

H. & J. FRIEND'S STORE

Henry Friend (Snr) became one of the most prominent men in the early settlement of Gladstone as he and his descendants built an administration from a small general store.

From a humble start of a general store in Toolooa Street, Henry (Snr) soon changed premises and built-up trade on the banks of Auckland Creek. Henry (Snr) operated his Victoria Store into an institution before two sons, Henry (Jnr) and James, started their firm of H. and J. Friend.

Later these two sons relocated into Gladstone's main shopping area, introducing the foundation of Friends Department Store. Many members of the Friend family worked in the store and management was passed down the generations. For 116 years the Friend families served not only the public of Gladstone and district but also the whole of Central Queensland. The store was destroyed by fire in 1938, but it was back to business as usual when a much larger store was again built on the same site. Friends finally closed in 1978.



BROWN BUTTER CHOCOLATE CHIP BANANA BREAD

INGREDIENTS

- Use 3 ripe bananas that are peeled and mashed
- 8 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
- 1 egg at room temperature
- One third cup of granulated sugar
- Half a cup of light brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon vanilla bean paste
- One third cup of sour cream or Greek yogurt
- One and a half cups all purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- A pinch of salt
- 1 cup semi sweet chocolate chips, plus extra for the top

METHOD

1. Start by browning the butter. Place it in a saucepan over medium heat. Let it melt fully, then keep stirring as it foams and bubbles. When it turns a deep golden colour and smells nutty, take it off the heat right away. Pour it into a bowl. Let it cool for about 5 to 10 minutes
2. Preheat your oven to 350 F and line a loaf pan with parchment paper.
3. In a large bowl, mix the mashed bananas with the browned butter. Add both sugars and whisk well until combined. Add the egg and mix, then stir in the sour cream and vanilla until smooth.
4. In another bowl, mix the flour, baking soda, and salt. Slowly add the dry ingredients to the wet mixture. Stir in the chocolate chips and mix just until combined.
5. Pour the batter into the pan and sprinkle extra chocolate chips on top if you like. Bake for 55 to 60 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean. Let it cool before slicing and serving.

Recipe from: <https://www.woolworths.com.au/shop/recipes/hot-cross-bun-cereal>

Ladies Long Table Luncheon

AN AFTERNOON OF ELEGANCE WITH PURPOSE: THE LADIES LONG TABLE LUNCHEON **CHARITY** RETURNS



The Rotary Club of Gladstone invites you to join one of the region's most anticipated annual events – the Ladies Long Table Luncheon, to be held on **Saturday, 6 June 2026**, at the Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre.

This elegant afternoon brings together women from all walks of life for a shared purpose: to make a meaningful impact in the local community. Guests are encouraged to dress in white and bring not just their style, but also their generosity.



The event promises more than just a beautiful setting and fine food. Guests will enjoy a welcome drink, a three-course meal, and professional photography upon arrival and throughout the event. The program also includes a fashion parade, live and silent auctions, and multiple opportunities to win exclusive prizes – all within an atmosphere of celebration and giving.

A HUGE \$39,000, WAS RAISED FROM LAST YEARS EVENT WITH 100 PERCENT OF THE PROCEEDS SUPPORTING VITAL LOCAL INITIATIVES, INCLUDING:

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Thanks to the support of sponsors and attendees, 100% of sponsorship contributions directly fund these community initiatives, with ticket sales covering all event expenses.



Book now!

Tickets are \$150 per person, with all details and bookings available via the Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre website.

Join us for a memorable afternoon where style meets substance, and every seat at the table makes a difference.



International Nurses Day

A THANK YOU TO OUR GLADSTONE NURSES

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International Nurses Day is hosted on the 12th of May, is a special time to recognise and celebrate the incredible nurses who care for the Gladstone community every single day. In Gladstone, this day carries extra meaning because local nurses are at the heart of our hospital, aged care facilities, clinics, schools, and Gladstone community health services. They are often the first smiling face patients see when they are unwell and the steady, reassuring presence that helps people feel safe during some of life's most difficult moments.

Nurses in Gladstone play a huge role in keeping our region healthy and supported. They don't just treat illness, they care for people as whole individuals, offering comfort, understanding, and dignity. In a close-knit regional community like Gladstone, this personal connection makes a real difference.

What makes nurses so important is not only their medical knowledge, but also their ability to care under pressure, adapt quickly, and support families through uncertainty. They are there during emergencies, long nights in hospital wards, routine check ups, and moments of recovery. Many Gladstone families have experienced firsthand how a nurse's kindness can turn a frightening situation into one filled with hope and reassurance.

Beyond hospitals, nurses also play a crucial role in community health across Gladstone. They support mental health services, aged care residents, maternal and child health, school health programs, and Indigenous health initiatives. Their work helps ensure that everyone in the region, no matter their background or circumstance, has access to safe, respectful, and high quality healthcare.

International Nurses Day is also a reminder of the dedication and sacrifice that come with the profession. Nurses often work long shifts, weekends, and holidays, missing time with their own families so that others can receive care when they need it most.

The Gladstone community would like to thank all the nurses in Gladstone. Your compassion, strength, and professionalism do not go unnoticed. You are the backbone of our healthcare system and a source of comfort and hope for so many people. Your work makes Gladstone a healthier, safer, and more caring place to live. Today and every day, our community celebrates you and the incredible difference you make.



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The advertisement features a white background with a blue and green geometric pattern. At the top left is the GP Ultra Hub logo with a kangaroo icon. To the right is the Medicare Bulk Billing Practice logo. Below these is a photograph of four female nurses in colorful, floral-patterned scrubs, smiling. The bottom half of the ad has a dark teal background with white text for 'INTERNATIONAL NURSES DAY' and a celebratory tagline. On the left is a QR code with a 'BOOK NOW' button. On the right, contact information for Gladstone and Calliope branches is provided, including addresses, phone number, and website.

New Indoor Sports Centre

SET TO STRENGTHEN GLADSTONE'S COMMUNITY AND SPORTING FUTURE

Gladstone's sporting future is taking a significant step forward, with plans for a new indoor sports centre gaining real momentum, and for many in the community, it could not come soon enough.

The Gladstone Amateur Basketball Association Incorporated, GABA, has officially awarded the contract for the Gladstone Regional Indoor Sports Centre to local contractor Paynters, marking a major milestone for a project that has been years in the making. Backed by federal funding through the Priority Community Infrastructure Program, the development represents not just an investment in sport, but in the social fabric of the region.

Set to be located at Memorial Park in Gladstone Central, the facility will become a central hub for indoor sport, purpose built to support basketball while also catering to a wide range of other activities. For local families, athletes and volunteers, it promises something that has long been in short supply, reliable, high quality indoor court space.

Senator Anthony Chisholm highlighted the broader impact of the project, noting that investments like this go beyond infrastructure. They help build stronger communities by creating more opportunities for people of all ages to get involved, stay active and feel connected.

That sentiment is echoed at a grassroots level. GABA President Duane Jacobsen described the project as a turning point not just for basketball, but for indoor sport across the region. For years, local clubs have had to navigate limited access to courts, restricting growth and participation. This new centre changes that equation entirely.

At its core, the facility has been designed with inclusivity and accessibility in mind. Plans include two FIBA compliant indoor basketball courts with timber flooring, alongside male, female and unisex changerooms, accessible amenities, and dedicated spaces for officials, meetings and community use. It is the kind of thoughtful design that reflects how modern community spaces are expected to function, flexible, welcoming and built for everyone.

Beyond the courts themselves, the development includes key supporting infrastructure such as a foyer, kiosk, public amenities and upgraded site works, including lighting, landscaping and improved access. These details might not grab headlines, but they are what transform a building into a true community asset.



Importantly, this is not just about meeting current demand, it is about planning for the future. The new centre will help address the loss of access to other indoor courts in the region while laying the foundation for long term growth in participation, events and development pathways for young athletes.

There is also a strong sense of local pride in how the project is coming together. With Paynters leading construction and Tango Projects overseeing delivery, the collaboration between local organisations, contractors and stakeholders has been a defining feature so far. Paynters CEO Brett Johnston emphasised their commitment to delivering infrastructure that genuinely supports community connection and growth, a promise that resonates strongly in a region like Gladstone.

With the design phase now underway, construction is expected to begin in early to mid 2026, with completion targeted for early 2027. While that timeline may feel like a wait, the progress already achieved signals that this long anticipated project is firmly on track.

For Gladstone, this is not just about bricks and mortar. It is about creating a space where weekend games, school competitions, community events and everyday moments come together under one roof. It is about giving young players a place to develop, volunteers a place to gather, and the wider community a place to connect.

When the doors finally open, it will not just be a sports centre, it will be a cornerstone of community life for generations to come.



From Curious Beginnings to a Community Favourite:

PICKLEBALL TAKES HOLD AT TANNUM SANDS

What began as a handful of curious players has grown into one of Tannum Sands' most vibrant sporting communities.

Several years ago, a small group of locals at the Tannum Sands Tennis Club decided to give an unfamiliar game a try, pickleball. They had heard about it through family and friends overseas, but at the time it was virtually unknown in Australia, and there was no specialist equipment on hand. Undeterred, players improvised, using existing tennis courts and nets to get started.

The turning point came when a family member from Canada, where pickleball is hugely popular, sent over a proper net and paddles. With the right gear in place, interest quickly grew and word began to spread.

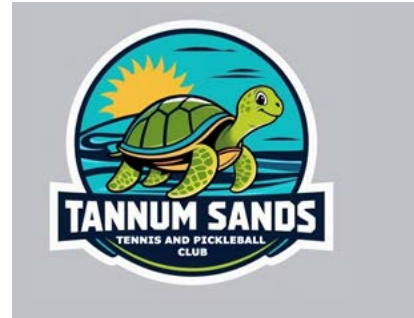
Four years on, what started as a casual hit has evolved into the Tannum Sands Tennis and Pickleball Club, officially bringing both sports together. Membership has surged, driven largely by pickleball, with social sessions now attracting up to 45 participants and regular

weekly play well established. Thursday night competitions have also been introduced as skill levels have developed.

The club's growth has been strongly supported by the community, with local businesses and representatives contributing through sponsorship, funding and encouragement. That backing has helped improve facilities and expand opportunities for players.

More members are now stepping into local and state competitions, proudly representing Tannum Sands, while tennis continues to thrive alongside pickleball through social sessions and coaching programs.

Despite its growth, the club remains known for its welcoming, inclusive atmosphere, catering for all ages and abilities. From borrowed nets to packed courts, it's a simple idea turned local success story.



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