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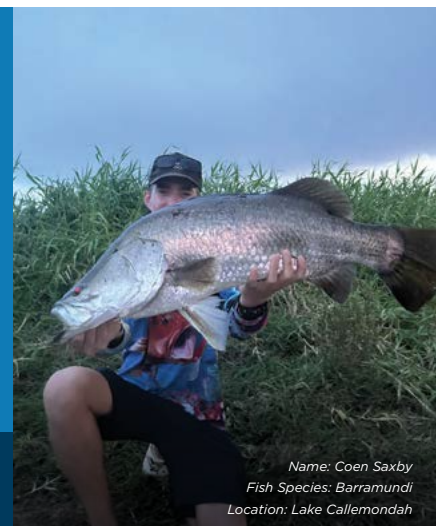
## FISH OF THE MONTH WINNER

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### DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that the name Barramundi is Aboriginal for "large-scaled silver fish".





## *LinkedIn Local Gladstone*

28TH MAY 2026

LinkedIn Local Gladstone returns on Thursday, 28 May, bringing local professionals together for a relaxed evening of genuine conversation and connection. It's a chance to step away from the screen, catch up with familiar faces, and meet new people across business, industry and the wider community.

When: Thursday 28th May from 5 pm – 7 pm

Where: Wards Brewery

Price: Free



## *Music in the Square with Sand*

31ST MAY 2026

A brand-new live music event is hitting the heart of Goon- doon Street! Join us at the Library Square Stage for MITS, Music in the Square, featuring local band SAND. Enjoy an afternoon filled with live music, good vibes, and great community spirit.

When: 2pm-5pm, Sunday 31 May

Where: Library Square Stage, 39 Goon- doon St, Gladstone Central

Price: Free

Age: All ages



## *BAM Markets*

6TH JUNE 2026

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

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# LIFESTYLE CHURCH CELEBRATES 20 YEARS

From a family patio to  
people helping people

*“God can do a more than  
you think with 12 people,  
a dog and lemon tree!”*

What began on a small patio in Gladstone in July 2006 has become a 20-year story of faith, sacrifice, community impact and the goodness of God.

Starting with just 12 people, a pet dog and a lemon on the way out, Lifestyle Church has grown into a thriving community across Gladstone, Calliope & Redcliffe.

Before launching, and with a few doubters, Pastor Aaron said “When God puts something in your heart and people say it can’t be done, it fuels your passion even more.

Twenty years later, that simple beginning has become one of the greatest adventures of their lives. We had nothing in our hands except faith, hope and the belief that God can use ordinary people to make an extraordinary and eternal difference.”

## **A SIMPLE HEART FROM THE START**

From the beginning, Lifestyle Church was built around a simple conviction: our faith was never meant to sit on the sidelines of life.

“Our heart has always been that faith becomes your lifestyle, not just something you attend, but something that shapes every part of your life.”

For Pastor Tizena, culture was foundational.

“If there’s one thing we can be, let’s be the friendliest people in town. No one should ever leave feeling unseen or unwelcome.”

That heart has shaped Lifestyle Church into a community known for warmth, authenticity and creating space for people from all walks of life to belong and discover purpose.

“We’re simply real people, helping people. That’s always been the heart of Lifestyle Church.”

## **BUILT THROUGH FAITH AND GENEROSITY**

Long before permanent buildings, the church met in a range of temporary venues, often not knowing where the next gathering would be. At one stage, seven venues were used in a single year.

“There were moments we genuinely didn’t know where we’d meet next, but it taught us faith, resilience and to stay focused on people, not just buildings.”

Those early years required a “whatever it takes” mindset, with volunteers faithfully setting up and packing down week after week.

“It wasn’t always easy.” Pastor Tizena said. “But those seasons built something special. A community willing to serve and give generously.”

That culture has remained central, and Lifestyle Church has been built entirely through the generosity and commitment of its people and the miraculous hand of God.

“It’s never been about building a brand, it’s about building people.” Pastor Aaron said.



## IMPACTING THE COMMUNITY

That heart has always extended beyond Sunday services.

One of the most memorable moments came during an early Easter community event. Around 500 people were expected and more than 3,000 attended.

"I remember thinking, this is going to be memorable. But what stood out wasn't the numbers, it was the joy."

Families filled Spinnaker Park, children ran across the grass collecting Easter Eggs and volunteers served tirelessly.

"Our message that day was simple: YOU ARE LOVED."

Moments like this have become a hallmark of Lifestyle Church, creating spaces where people feel valued, supported and connected.

Further initiatives like Christmas in the City (in partnership with The Salvation Army) and ongoing community outreach, thousands of lives have been impacted over the past two decades.

## A GENERATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

A significant part of that impact has been the investment into young people.

"We've always believed young people aren't just the future of the church, they are the church now."

Through camps, mentoring, weekly youth gatherings and Kids Programs, generations of volunteers have invested into young people discovering identity and purpose.

"There are now leaders and parents who first encountered faith in those early years, who are now such a valuable part of our Lifestyle Community."

"That's incredibly meaningful."

## PEOPLE OVER NUMBERS

Today, Lifestyle Church includes more than 600 people across its locations, supported by a large team of 175 volunteers and a team of 12 credentialed pastors.

But for the Bachmann's, the focus has never been on growth alone.

"People's stories will always matter more than statistics."

"It's about lives being restored, families rebuilt and people discovering purpose."

Behind every service, every event and every milestone are stories shaped by generosity, sacrifice and faithfulness.

"We're simply real people helping people."

That vision continues to shape the future through connect groups, discipleship, future church planting, Lifestyle College and community initiatives.

Lifestyle Church also maintains a strong global focus through Compassion International, sponsoring hundreds of children over the years. In July, a team will travel to Indonesia to support communities and visit sponsored families.

"Our heart has always been bigger than ourselves for people to find faith, belong in community and live with purpose."

"People are searching for faith, community and purpose now more than ever and we'd love to welcome you at one of our locations."

## THE STORY CONTINUES TO EXPAND

After launching a second location in Calliope in 2017 and welcoming the Redcliffe location in 2019, Lifestyle Church has continued to grow across multiple communities. To mark 20 years, Lifestyle Church will gather for a special United Weekend at the Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre from June 12-14.

The weekend will honour the past, celebrate the present and look to the future.

"If you've ever been part of the story, we'd love you to come and celebrate with us."

With people travelling from across locations, it will be a significant moment for the church family bringing together every chapter of the church's history.

"And together, we're celebrating a story that only God could write."

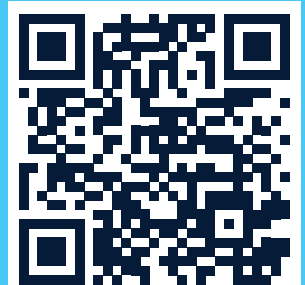
# UNITED WEEKEND 20 YEAR CELEBRATION

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# Gladstone Green Hydrogen Project

## POSITIONED FOR MAJOR FEDERAL SUPPORT IN CLEAN ENERGY PUSH

The Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) has announced Summit Hydro Pty Ltd as one of the shortlisted projects for Round 2 of the Federal Government's Hydrogen Headstart Program, marking a significant milestone for the Gladstone region and its clean energy future.

The Gladstone Green Hydrogen Project, developed through a partnership between Sumitomo Corporation and Rio Tinto, has been included among the nation's most advanced large-scale renewable hydrogen proposals. The project is expected to play a key role in supporting industrial decarbonisation, encouraging innovation in emerging technologies, and strengthening the long-term resilience of the regional economy. Sumitomo Corporation's long-standing involvement in the Gladstone region is already well recognised, with strong ties to local industry and investment. The inclusion of its hydrogen project in the latest federal shortlist has been welcomed as another positive step forward, with expectations that successful participation in the Hydrogen Headstart Program could further deepen its contribution to the region's economic and industrial landscape.

Announced on behalf of the Australian Government, ARENA confirmed that shortlisted projects represent some of the most developed renewable hydrogen proposals in the country, spanning multiple states and a variety of end uses including ammonia, methanol, fertilisers and sustainable aviation fuels. The Federal Government has also significantly expanded its commitment to the program, increasing funding to up to \$1 billion in the 2026 Federal Budget. This reflects growing national momentum behind renewable hydrogen as a key pillar in Australia's long-term clean energy transition.

ARENA Chief Executive Officer Darren Miller said the strong level of participation in Round 2 demonstrates continued industry confidence in Australia's hydrogen future. He said renewable hydrogen presents a significant opportunity for both economic growth and decarbonisation, particularly in sectors that are traditionally difficult to abate, such as heavy industry, aviation and shipping.

He also noted its potential role in strengthening long-term energy security through the development of low-emission fuels and industrial inputs such as fertilisers. According to ARENA, the shortlisted applicants now move into a detailed full application phase, which includes rigorous assessment and commercial due diligence. Only projects that meet strict program criteria and demonstrate strong long-term viability will progress to funding consideration.

The Gladstone Green Hydrogen Project has been identified as a 120 megawatt electrolysis facility located in Queensland, with proposed hydrogen end use supporting alumina production. Its inclusion reflects the region's ongoing importance in Australia's industrial and export landscape, particularly as global markets continue to shift towards lower-emissions supply chains.

Other shortlisted projects span Tasmania, Victoria and Western Australia, highlighting the national scale of the Hydrogen Headstart initiative. Projects include developments focused on methanol, ammonia, urea and sustainable aviation fuel, underscoring the diverse applications of renewable hydrogen and its derivatives. Originally announced in the 2023 to 24 Federal Budget, the Hydrogen Headstart Program is designed to accelerate Australia's renewable hydrogen industry by bridging the gap between production costs and market prices.

Since its introduction, ARENA has already committed more than \$1.2 billion to Round 1 projects and more than \$396 million across 68 renewable hydrogen initiatives since 2017, signalling sustained investment in the emerging sector. Shortlisted applicants for Round 2 now have until early September 2026 to submit full applications. Following a comprehensive assessment process, recommendations will be made to the Minister for Climate Change and Energy, the Hon Chris Bowen MP, for final approval.

For Gladstone, the inclusion of the Rio Tinto and Sumitomo-backed project reinforces the region's position in Australia's clean energy transition and highlights its growing role in future hydrogen production and export opportunities.



Participants 'GO' green at this year's Easter in Gladstone Street Parade to promote the upcoming rollout of the new Garden Organics (GO) bin service.

## New bin service is ready to GO!

More than 17,000 households will soon receive a new Garden Organics (GO) bin as Gladstone Regional Council introduces a three-bin waste system for eligible households from the end of June.

The new 240L lime green-lidded bins will be delivered to eligible households between Monday 8 June and Friday 26 June, ahead of the new fortnightly kerbside collection service commencing from 30 June.

Each bin will be delivered with an educational pack including a GO bin guide, bin collection reminder, waste services flyer and a letter from the Mayor to help residents prepare for the new service.

Residents in Gladstone, Boyne Island, Tannum Sands and parts of Calliope should receive a pre-rollout letter in May. If you have not received yours and believe you are eligible, please contact Council on 4970 0700.

The GO bin will be collected on the opposite week to residents' existing recycling bin collection.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said the new service is aimed at reducing the

amount of garden organics sent to landfill, where it takes up valuable space and increased State Waste Levy costs.

"As part of Council's transition to a more circular waste economy, instead of going straight to landfill, the green organic waste we receive will be processed into reusable mulch for residents, turning garden waste into a useful resource for the community - this is why the green bins cannot be contaminated with other waste," Mayor Burnett said.

"Diverting this waste contributes to extending the life of our landfill and to manage future landfill costs."

✓ Acceptable GO bin garden waste includes flowers, hedge pruning, grass clippings, leaves and loose bark, shrubs and garden weeds.

✗ Unacceptable include fruit or vegetables, food scraps, large logs or large branches, general waste, garden accessories, plastic bags, concrete, and compostable items like paper plates, wooden spoons, coffee cups and lids.

## Save the date for upcoming info session

Gladstone Regional Council (GRC) will host an information pop-in session on Monday 22 June for people interested in applying for the 2027 Apprenticeship and Traineeship program.

Council is offering a wide variety of roles as part of the 2027 intake, covering trade, corporate and operational roles across various business units.

These roles include on-the-job training and support to develop employability skills, knowledge and experience.

The 22 June pop-in session will take place from 4.30-6pm at Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre ahead of the application period opening from Monday 29 June until Friday 17 July.

The information session will also give potential candidates an opportunity to meet GRC leaders, in addition to current and previous apprentices and trainees.

Potential apprentices and trainees can arrive at any time during the pop-in session, and while not compulsory, attendance to the pop-in session is strongly encouraged.

For more information about Council's Apprenticeship and Traineeship Program, call 4970 0700 or visit [www.gladstone.qld.gov.au](http://www.gladstone.qld.gov.au) and search 'Apprenticeships and Traineeships'.



Chloe Hutchinson is one of many success stories from Council's Apprenticeship and Traineeship Program.



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# Federal Budget Focuses on Tax Reform,

## INVESTMENT AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

The Federal Treasurer Jim Chalmers delivered the 2026/27 Federal Budget, presenting a wide ranging set of proposals covering tax settings, housing policy and economic reform. The Budget outlines the Government's direction for the year ahead and signals how it intends to balance support for households with measures aimed at strengthening long term economic growth. While many of the announcements will take time to pass through Parliament and be refined through legislation, the overall message is focused on fairness, productivity and investment across the economy.

The Budget has been framed around three main priorities. The first is building what the Government describes as a fairer tax system that better supports working Australians and future generations. The second is encouraging business investment and innovation, with a focus on lifting productivity and supporting economic resilience. The third is simplifying parts of the tax system over time to reduce complexity and improve compliance. Together, these themes reflect an attempt to respond to ongoing cost pressures while also setting conditions intended to support more sustainable long term growth.

The Budget includes several measures likely to draw attention from investors, business owners and higher income earners. Proposed changes to negative gearing and capital gains tax arrangements form a key part of the tax discussion, with existing investments expected to be protected through transitional arrangements. The Government has also flagged adjustments to the use of discretionary trusts, alongside the introduction of a proposed working Australian tax offset designed to provide targeted relief for eligible earners. In addition, changes to Fringe Benefits Tax concessions for electric vehicles have been outlined, reflecting the gradual shift in policy settings as electric transport becomes more widely adopted. Taken together, these measures indicate a recalibration of tax planning settings while still aiming to maintain incentives for investment and economic participation.

Beyond the core tax measures, the Budget continues a series of recent policy adjustments announced outside Budget night. These include temporary fuel excise relief intended to ease transport costs for households, draft changes to work related expense deductions, and proposed reforms to the foreign capital gains tax regime. Consultation is also ongoing around strengthening the annual superannuation performance test to ensure retirement savings are delivering consistent value for Australians. While each measure targets different parts of the economy, they collectively point to a broader effort to refine and modernise the tax and superannuation system over time.



As with all Federal Budgets, many of these measures will not take immediate effect and will require passage through Parliament before becoming law. Further detail is expected to emerge in the coming months as consultation processes continue and legislation is drafted. This means individuals, investors and businesses will need to remain attentive as the final shape of these policies becomes clearer, particularly before making long term financial decisions that could be affected by the changes.

The impact of the Budget will also be felt differently across regions, including Central Queensland. For communities such as Gladstone, where industry, manufacturing and the resources sector play a central role in the local economy, shifts in investment settings and tax policy can influence business confidence and future development decisions. Measures aimed at encouraging productivity and supporting investment may help reinforce sectors that underpin local jobs and regional growth. At the same time, household focused relief and broader economic adjustments will shape how families and workers experience financial pressure on the ground. While the outcomes will vary, the Budget ultimately flows through regional economies like Gladstone, shaping opportunities for businesses, workers and investors across Central Queensland in both the short and longer term.

# ACCIONA AND BOLERO SURF LAUNCHED

## WORLD-FIRST COMMERCIAL SURF BOARD FIN MADE FROM RECYCLED WIND TURBINE BLADES

**ACCIONA has partnered with Australian surf brand Bolero Surf to launch the world's first retail-ready surfboard fins made from recycled wind turbine blades.**

Launching at the Aussie Boardriders Battle (ABB), Darcy Crump from Bungan Boardriders debuted the fins in competition earlier this year. They are the first commercially available product as a result of ACCIONA's Turbine Made initiative, which was launched in February 2025 to transform wind turbine blades into new, sustainable products.

Designed and manufactured in Australia by surf fin maker Bolero Surf, led by 26-year-old entrepreneur Banjo Hunt, the Turbine Made fins were born from the observation that many surfboards are still paired with fins made from unsustainable fin manufacturing practices.

"The fibreglass inside a wind turbine blade has so much inherent value, which for us means it can be turned into high-quality surfboard fins. By reusing this material, we avoid one of the most expensive and labour-intensive parts of traditional fin manufacturing. That advantage is helping us bring production back to Australia. Crucially, the material is super strong and stiff, which perfectly lends itself to high-performance surfboard fins."

Designed to meet the performance demands of modern surfing while highlighting the scalability of recycled wind turbine materials, the fins were put to the test in competition by professional surfer Darcy

Crump at the 2026 Aussie Boardriders Battle on the Gold Coast.

"As a surfer, performance comes first. The fins feel solid, and quick around turns, and knowing they're made from recycled turbine blades makes it even better."

The Turbine Made fins are designed to be available to Australian and international consumers and demonstrate that circular innovation can succeed at commercial scale.

The launch builds on awareness generated by ACCIONA's earlier Turbine Made surfboard prototype.

Gavin Reymond, Managing Director at ACCIONA Energía in Australia, said the fins represent a turning point for the initiative.

"Last year, we proved the Turbine Made concept by making the world's first surfboards from a retired wind turbine blade. This year, we're showing how we can scale the initiative by creating a retail product, helping surfers not just surf better, but also more sustainably."

By bringing a Turbine Made product to market, ACCIONA and Bolero Surf are demonstrating that the renewables circular economy is not a future ambition, but as something already happening in Australia today.

"This is a live case study for Australian designers, innovators, manufacturers and entrepreneurs of what is possible when we rethink end of life materials as the start of the next product."

The Turbine Made surfboard fins are now available for purchase at [bolerosurf.com/turbinemade](https://bolerosurf.com/turbinemade).

# Small Business Month

## SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESSES STRENGTHENS THE GLADSTONE REGION

Across the Gladstone Region, small businesses are part of everyday life. They are the familiar faces behind our morning coffee, local services, sporting clubs, community events and main streets. More than 4,100 small businesses contribute between \$1.2 billion and \$1.5 billion to our local economy each year, but their value reaches far beyond dollars alone.

Small businesses help shape the identity of our region. They employ thousands of locals, create opportunities for families and young people, and contribute to the strong sense of community that makes Gladstone unique. When locals choose to support local businesses, money stays within the region, helping other businesses grow and keeping jobs in our community, especially during challenging economic times.

Queensland Small Business Month is a chance to recognise the important role these businesses play and the power of local businesses supporting one another. A great example is Hughesey Que, a proudly Gladstone owned and operated business celebrating five years in operation by partnering with fellow local businesses Wards Brewery and Hidden Bean.

It is a reminder that when the Gladstone community comes together, everyone benefits.

Small businesses are often the first to step up for the community, whether it is sponsoring junior sport, donating to local fundraisers or supporting community events throughout the year. Their contribution helps create the connected and welcoming region so many people are proud to call home, which is why ongoing community support matters so much.

As Small Business Month continues, it is important to celebrate the people behind the shopfronts, service counters and start ups that help keep our region thriving. Whether it is choosing to shop local for meals, gifts and everyday essentials, using local suppliers for work and personal needs, recommending a favourite business to friends and family, or leaving a positive review online, every small action can make a meaningful difference. Even a repeat visit, positive feedback or simple conversation can go a long way in supporting the businesses that support Gladstone every day.

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# Local Business Spotlight

## NATURE'S HOUSE WELLNESS

Gladstone is experiencing steady growth, with new small businesses adding to the energy and character of the region. Among these is Nature's House Wellness, a locally owned whole food and wellness store that reflects both community spirit and a growing interest in accessible, sustainable health options. Founded by local naturopath Eliza, Nature's House Wellness brings together organic grocery shopping, refillable products and holistic health support under one roof. The idea behind the business is simple but powerful, to make healthy living more accessible for people in Gladstone without the need to travel to larger cities for quality products or professional guidance.

Eliza's journey began with her completing a Bachelor of Naturopathy at university before returning home to Gladstone to establish her own clinic, Nature's House Naturopathy. Over three years, she built a loyal local client base and gained valuable insight into the needs of the community. This experience ultimately inspired her to expand her vision. It has been many years in the making and Eliza describes the process as both challenging and rewarding, with her long held goals gradually becoming reality. A significant step forward came when she was accepted into the Rio Tinto Here for Business program, led by UHY Haines Norton. Over six months, she worked through the foundations of setting up Nature's House Wellness, gaining practical guidance and confidence to bring her concept to life.

The purpose of Nature's House Wellness is centred on education, accessibility and community wellbeing. The store offers organic wholefoods, natural products and refill options, allowing customers to bring their own containers and reduce packaging waste. Beyond the products themselves, the focus is on helping people understand that nutrition plays a key role in long term health and disease prevention.

Starting a small business in a regional area like Gladstone has presented its own set of challenges, particularly when it comes to sourcing high quality organic products. Despite this, Eliza views these challenges as



part of the journey, noting that persistence and adaptability have been key to bringing her vision to life.

The response from the Gladstone community has been overwhelmingly positive. Many customers have shared that they previously travelled to places such as the Sunshine Coast to access similar wholefood stores and are now relieved to have local options available. There has also been strong support from people who are new to the concept of wholefood shopping, with many embracing refill systems and discovering that healthy choices can be both practical and affordable.

For Eliza, one of the most rewarding aspects has been seeing customers return. Watching people walk through the doors for the first time and then come back again reinforces the value of what has been created. She also values the personal connections formed through conversations with customers, hearing their stories and understanding what brought them into the store. Looking ahead, Eliza hopes to see Nature's House Wellness grow into a trusted destination for both groceries and wellness services in Gladstone. Her long term vision includes expanding into aligned offerings such as an organic butcher, holistic dental services and a wholefood café, further strengthening the idea of a complete wellness hub for the community.

When asked what she hopes people feel when they walk into the store, Eliza describes a sense of home. The space has been carefully designed to feel warm and welcoming, offering a calm alternative to the often rushed and impersonal experience of traditional supermarkets. For others considering starting a business in Gladstone, her advice is to take time in the planning stage, seek feedback, build a strong foundation, and most importantly, back yourself.

# Volunteer Commitment Strengthening

## THE GLADSTONE COMMUNITY

Meet Shelly, a volunteer in Glenn Butcher's office over the past decade. Her dedication to helping others in this voluntary role has made a significant impact across the Gladstone community. She continues to support residents by providing guidance and assistance through complex processes during challenging times.

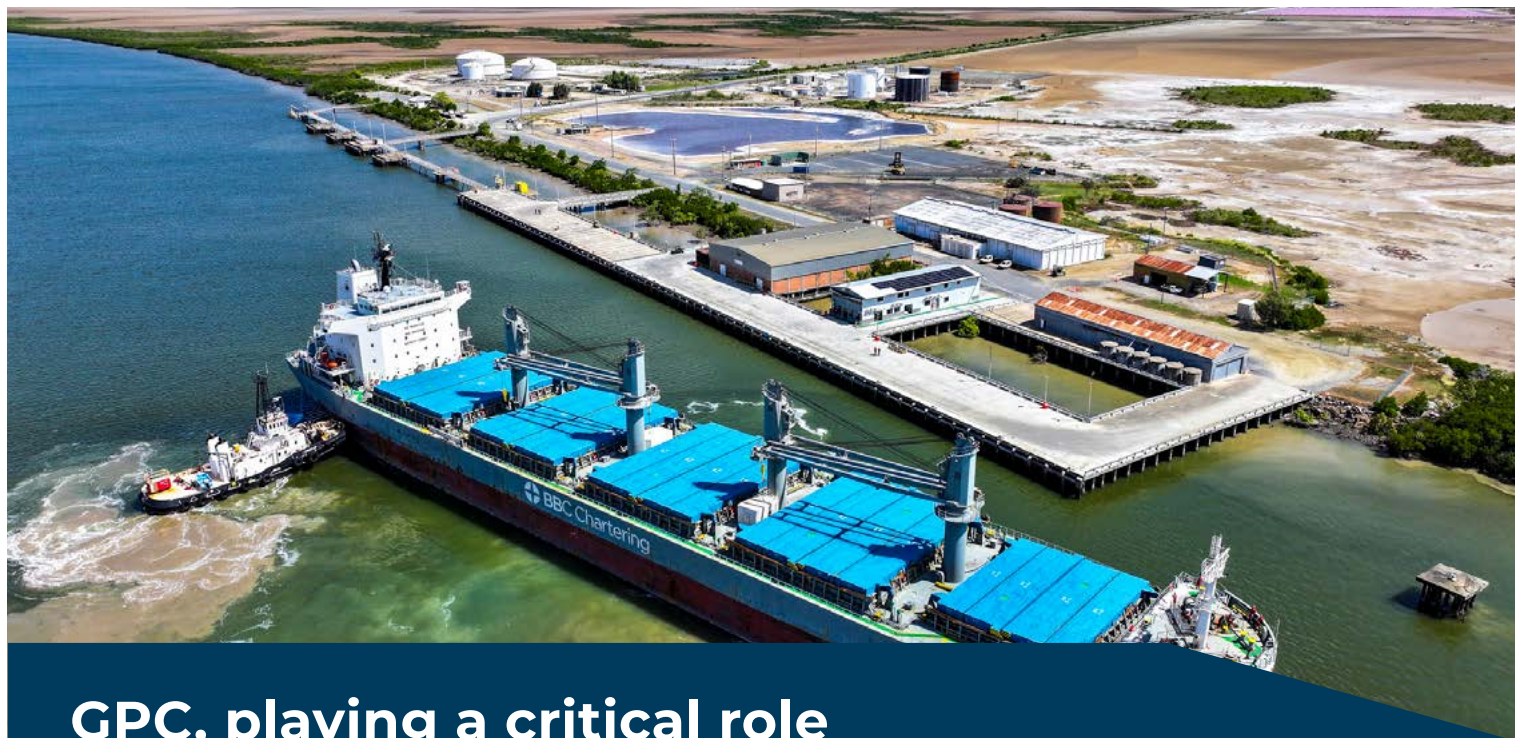
After recognising that many people struggled to navigate the Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme when seeking medical or surgical care outside their closest hospital, Shelly made herself available in a voluntary advocacy role in Glenn Butcher's office to help families through the process, many of whom had found themselves facing sudden, serious health issues.

As a trusted representative of Glenn Butcher's office, Shelly regularly attends retirement villages, disability events, Endeavour Foundation activities and Rosella

Park School when Glenn is at Parliament sittings. Her dedication is grounded in strong personal values and a genuine belief in helping others whenever possible. Over ten years later, Shelly has consistently been a strong advocate for people with disabilities, trade union members, and the Labor Party. She is dedicated to making a meaningful difference in people's lives by assisting them in navigating complex processes, including paperwork, phone calls, and appeals.

One memorable example of her commitment involved assisting a PTSS applicant facing an urgent appeals process. Feeling overwhelmed and unsure where to begin, the applicant turned to Shelly for help. She patiently guided them through every step, ensuring forms were completed correctly and submitted on time, while also providing reassurance and confidence during a stressful period.

Volunteers like Shelly strengthen local organisations, support vulnerable people, and help build a more connected and compassionate Gladstone community. Volunteers play a key role in building trust and connection within the community. They foster a sense of inclusion and reinforce the social fabric that underpins a healthy and resilient Gladstone region.



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# Milestone for Wards Brewery:

## WINNING A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL BEER AWARD

Gladstone is continuing to grow through a series of milestones, with Ward's Brewery's latest international award marking a major win for the region. Gladstone and Central Queensland's craft brewing scene has been recognised on the international stage, with Ward's Brewery taking out Best International-Style Pale Ale at the 2026 Australian International Beer Awards.

The award-winning Pale Ale from Ward's Brewery was named the best in its category at the internationally recognised competition run by Melbourne Royal, which attracts entries from breweries across Australia and around the world. For Ward's Brewery owner Michael Comley and Head Brewer Paul Bergamini, the win represents a significant milestone not only for the brewery, but for Gladstone's growing reputation as a destination for quality craft beer and hospitality.

"This recognition is not just about the beer, it's about what can be created here in Gladstone," Comley said.

Ward's Brewery was built around the idea of revitalising a historic local site into a venue that brings the Gladstone

community together, supports connection, and creates something the region can be proud of. From day one, Ward's Brewery has had a clear vision, and winning at the Australian International Beer Awards represents a major milestone in achieving that goal.

Head Brewer Paul Bergamini said the award reflects the work and passion that goes into every brew produced at the Gladstone brewery.

The brewery has become well known across Central Queensland for its small batch brewing approach, locally crafted beers, and regular community and live music events. The latest award further strengthens Gladstone and Central Queensland's profile within Australia's rapidly growing craft brewing industry, highlighting the region's ability to produce high quality beers that stand out on the national stage.



## Team Boyce will be hosting a mobile office at the Mount Larcom Show on 20–21 June.

Be sure to stop by, say g'day and pick up some free merchandise!



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# Gladstone Golf Club Marks 100 Years

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The Gladstone Golf Club is celebrating a remarkable milestone this year, marking 100 years since its foundation and reflecting on a century of sport, community spirit and shared history in the Gladstone region. The centenary has been recognised across the past month with a series of events that have brought members, visitors and the wider community together in celebration of the club's long standing role in local life.

Festivities have included a strong program of competitions and social events designed to honour both the club's history and its active present. These have included The Open Day, the Ladies Centenary Cup, the D and B Customs and White walling three person Ambrose, and the Emergency Services Competition. Each event has highlighted not only the competitive side of golf but also the strong sense of connection that continues to define the club. A key highlight will be the upcoming 100 Year Classic on 28 June, along with the Pro Am scheduled for 15 July, both expected to draw strong participation and interest.

Special moments during the celebrations have also recognised the people who have helped shape the club over time. At the Ladies Day luncheon, past members returned to share in the occasion, reflecting on their connection to the club and its history. Mrs McEachran marked the event by cutting the centenary cake, while later celebrations saw Mr Bridges take part in another cake cutting during Saturday night festivities. The club also presented Spirit of Golf Awards to Michael Prizeman and Anne Fenton in recognition of their long standing dedication and contribution to the club community.

Looking back over the past century, the club's proudest achievements

extend well beyond trophies and championships. While the course has produced successful golfers and hosted numerous competitions, the club's leadership emphasises that its greatest strength has always been its people.



Generations of members, volunteers, staff and sponsors have contributed time, effort and passion to build not only a sporting facility but a strong and welcoming community.

Like many long standing organisations, the club has also faced its share of challenges. Economic downturns, drought, flooding, changing membership trends and rising operating costs have all tested the resilience of the organisation. However, each challenge has been met with determination and community support. Members and volunteers have consistently stepped forward to ensure the club continues to grow and adapt, reinforcing a culture of resilience that has helped sustain it for 100 years.

Over time, the club has evolved significantly. Course improvements upgraded facilities and modern technology have shaped a more contemporary golfing experience, while new competitions and initiatives have helped attract and engage new generations of players. Despite these changes, the core values of sportsmanship, respect, friendship and volunteerism remain unchanged and continue to sit at the heart of the club's identity. Community support has been central to the club reaching this centenary milestone. Local members, businesses, sponsors and supporters have all played a role in sustaining and strengthening the club across decades. This ongoing support has ensured that the club remains a vibrant part of Gladstone's sporting and social landscape.

As the club reflects on its past, it also looks forward with optimism. Leadership at the club has expressed pride in its history while also focusing on future generations of golfers who will continue its story. As the centenary celebrations continue, the milestone stands as more than just an anniversary. It represents 100 years of community connection in Gladstone, where sport has brought people together and where the golf club has remained a lasting symbol of local pride, resilience and shared achievement.

# Allied Health Hub

## Expands:

### Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy and Accredited Exercise Physiology services



Beach 2 Bush Healthcare (B2B) is proud to announce an exciting new chapter for allied health services in Gladstone, with the expansion of our team and the introduction of a complete suite of Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy and Accredited Exercise Physiology services now available for the local community.

As a locally focused healthcare provider, our goal is to deliver 'individualised, quality and consistent' care that supports people at every stage of life. With the ongoing need for accessible allied health services, B2B has expanded both its team and service offerings to ensure individuals and families can access comprehensive care in an accessible and efficient manner. We offer a wide range of different therapy environments to include in clinic, home visits, hydrotherapy, gym and park-based options.

We are thrilled to welcome several new staff members to the B2B team, bringing a wealth of experience, fresh perspectives and a shared passion for helping people achieve their goals. Our multidisciplinary approach allows our clinicians to work collaboratively, providing holistic and tailored care to meet everyone's needs. We have welcomed Chantal who is now greeting you on the front desk, Jessica in the Accredited Exercise Physiology and Brittany in the Occupational Therapy departments.

With the addition of new clinicians, we are now proudly able to offer expanded services to include having more availability for ongoing therapy support. This has further expanded to enable us to offer services across all fronts to include ongoing therapy support for individuals accessing the NDIS, Aged Care, Department of Veteran Affairs, various worker's compensation schemes, General Practitioner Care Plans and private clients.

In clinic we have an equipped rehabilitation gym, a reformer clinical Pilates space and private clinical rooms. We are also geared with state of the art facilities to include various additional treatment options to include therapeutic and diagnostic ultrasound, shockwave therapy, paraffin wax bath and various splinting tools. We also stock a wide range of therapy supplies ranging from treatment supplies and extending through to speciality items to complement our hand and upper limb and pelvic health services. You can see our online shop to see what we stock as we continually add to this.

Online booking is available via our website; along with us making regular posts to our Facebook and Instagram pages for service updates and therapy hacks. In the near future we will be offering free educational seminars on various conditions for the community. Initial spaces will be announced on our social media pages as well as to our current stakeholders. If you would like to gain early access to these bookings, please contact Chantal on the below contact details.

At B2B, we believe healthcare should be accessible, supportive and community-driven. We are passionate about helping our clients feel empowered in their health journey and are proud to continue growing services that meet the evolving needs of Gladstone and surrounding communities.

We look forward to continuing to be able to welcome both new and existing clients into the clinic and supporting the community with comprehensive allied health services for years to come. We are also excited to continue to grow our team, so if you or someone you know is a Physiotherapist, Accredited Exercise Physiologist or Occupational Therapist – we'd love to hear from you.



# Digital Storytelling Project Strengthens Bonds Between Generations

A creative new initiative through STEM Central at CQUniversity in partnership with Gladstone West State School is bringing families closer together by blending storytelling with digital technology, strengthening connections between grandparents, parents and children.

Inspired by the ABC television program *Old People's Home for 4-Year-Olds*, the project encourages families to share memories, traditions and experiences in meaningful and creative ways, while fostering stronger intergenerational relationships.

The program is led by Associate Professor Vinesh Chandra from Queensland University of Technology and Associate Professor Linda Pfeiffer from Central Queensland University. Now in its second year, the initiative continues to build on strong community support following its successful launch in 2025.

"We first ran the project last year and were buoyed by the responses from families and the school," Associate Professor Pfeiffer said. "Grandparents and parents created interesting digital books with their children and grandchildren."

Families collaborate and share knowledge on themes spanning science, technology, history, cultural traditions and personal experiences, using digital tools to produce multimedia stories that combine written narratives, images, audio and video.

This year's program, known as the Green Champions, has been expanded with funding support from the Queensland Government Engaging Science Grant. In addition to creating digital books, participants are developing physical models that connect their stories to science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

"This year's project adds a new dimension by linking storytelling with STEM," Associate Professor Pfeiffer said. "Participants are building models that bring their ideas and stories to life."

At the heart of the initiative is the exchange of knowledge between generations. Older family members share personal histories, cultural knowledge and life experiences, while younger participants use digital



technologies to transform these stories into engaging creative outputs.

Associate Professor Chandra highlighted the lasting value of preserving family stories.

"I've led similar projects in different settings, including within my own family," Associate Professor Chandra said. "We've created books and video documentaries. Documented family stories become treasured over time — they are truly priceless."

Educators say the project also strengthens connections between home and school, encouraging families to take an active role in children's learning.

In addition to strengthening family relationships, the project supports the development of literacy and STEM skills, encourages creativity and teamwork, and builds confidence in using technology.

By combining storytelling with digital innovation, the project demonstrates how education can unite generations and create lasting memories for families and communities.

Some of the digital books produced through the project are available via The SEE Library at: <https://seelibrary.org>



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# Here in History

## ERNIE LONE - A GLADSTONE WATERSIDE WORKER

By *Betty Laver*

Ernie's grandparents Richard & Lydia Lone were the light-house keepers at Gatcombe Heads for many years from 1873. Andrew Lone (son of Richard & Lydia) and three of his boys, Henry (McCallum-stepson), Ernest and Harold (Lone) came to Gladstone to live, taking out land on Facing Island in 1915. This was the same year that Ernest and Harold joined the army and were on active duty overseas but were honourably discharged in 1919.

After the war, Ernest became a waterside worker, and it was just three months later that a tragic accident happened, which took his life. Ernest was loading frozen beef into the

steamship Port Nicholson at the Gladstone Meatworks Jetty when he fell into the ship's hold. An inquest was held and persons giving evidence were, Jason Boles and Harry Walker, (both waterside workers who found the body), John Henry McCallum, stepbrother, the police officer in charge and the first mate of the Port Nicholson. Ernie's brother, Harold Lone, spent the rest of his life fishing in the waters off Gladstone. He married Gladys Carroll in Sydney in 1920 and they had ten children, all born in Gladstone. These were Vince, Jean (Ke-arney), Daisy (NM), Ernie, Harold, Francis (died as an infant), Peggy (Jackson), Gwen (NM), Dell (Harman) and John.

## Gladstone Region Invited to Bloom

### AT THE 2ND ANNUAL PORT CURTIS ORCHID AND FOLIAGE SOCIETY INC SHOW THIS AUGUST

Plant lovers, gardening enthusiasts, and families from across the Gladstone Region are being invited to experience a weekend of colour, creativity, and community spirit at the 2nd Annual Port Curtis Orchid and Foliage Society Show, set to take place on August 1 and 2, 2026 at the Philip Street Community & Families Precinct.

Following the success of the inaugural event in 2025, members of the Port Curtis Orchid and Foliage Society are preparing an even bigger and more vibrant showcase this year, celebrating the beauty and diversity of orchids, foliage plants, and bonsai.



The two-day event will feature spectacular displays of flowering orchids, rare and unusual foliage plants, and carefully crafted bonsai specimens, with exhibitors and growers sharing their passion and knowledge with visitors throughout the weekend.

Society members say the event is designed not only for experienced growers, but also for anyone with an interest in gardening, indoor plants, or simply enjoying a colourful and welcoming community event.

Alongside the major plant displays, visitors can browse a small community market and explore a range of plant and orchid vendors offering orchids, foliage plants, pots, gardening accessories, and specialty items for sale. The show is expected to attract growers and collectors from throughout the region, creating an opportunity for visitors to discover new varieties and gain advice directly from experienced enthusiasts.

Organisers said last year's inaugural show exceeded expectations, drawing strong attendance from both seasoned collectors and members of the public who were simply curious to see the displays. The positive response from the community inspired members to expand the event for 2026.

Organisers are encouraging residents from across the Gladstone Region to come along, support a local community organisation. The show promises to deliver a colourful and inspiring experience, while continuing to strengthen the growing interest in orchids, indoor plants, and bonsai across Central Queensland.

# Lime & ginger cheesecake pots

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- 2 tbs toasted and salted coconut flakes

## METHOD

1. Place biscuits and cinnamon in a blender. Pulse until a coarse crumb forms. Transfer to a bowl.
2. Zest lime, then cut 4 thin slices from the lime and reserve. Juice remaining lime. Place cream cheese, sugar, yoghurt and lime juice in a clean blender. Process until smooth.
3. Reserve 1 tbs crumbs. Layer crumb and cream cheese mixtures, alternating, in 4 x 200ml capacity glasses. Top with lime zest, coconut, reserved crumbs and lime slices. Serve and enjoy!



## We're 'All in' at GPC

GPC is committed to continually improving relationships, understanding and ensuring opportunities for First Nations peoples and communities in which we operate.

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# PNAU Brings High Energy

## REGIONAL TOUR TO CENTRAL QUEENSLAND

A lot of energy is coming to Central Queensland as electronic and dance music group PNAU tours the region. Known for their high energy, vibrant and uplifting club tracks, PNAU brings people together to do what humans are meant to do, dance the night away. From past performances outside the major cities, the group has always received an enthusiastic response, with younger audiences especially thriving in the atmosphere and energy of their music. This will be the first time PNAU tours Central Queensland, making it an exciting moment for local music fans.

Nicholas Littlemore, lead singer of PNAU, said he is excited to tour the region and return to the more intimate style of live performance that reminds the group of their early days in music. Smaller venues create a more engaging experience, allowing the band to connect closely with the audience and bring a different level of energy compared to performing in front of crowds of 10,000 people. While every PNAU show is unique, it has been some time since they last performed in regional areas, making this tour even more special.

PNAU is well known for hypnotic and repetitive music that

encourages audiences to switch off, live in the moment and simply have fun. Their concerts are designed to lift spirits and bring people together through music and dance. The group hopes fans leave the concert feeling better than when they arrived.

With a new album set for release on 31 July, PNAU describes the record as fierce and highly energetic, blending punk electronic sounds with

feverish dance beats and uplifting positivity. Speaking with Gladstone News, Littlemore also encouraged young musicians to collaborate and connect with others, saying, "music is a conversation you can't have on your own."

PNAU's tour is not only exciting for fans but also a positive moment for Central Queensland. Bringing major Australian artists to regional communities helps strengthen the local entertainment scene, supports live music venues and gives people across the region the chance to experience world class performances close to home.



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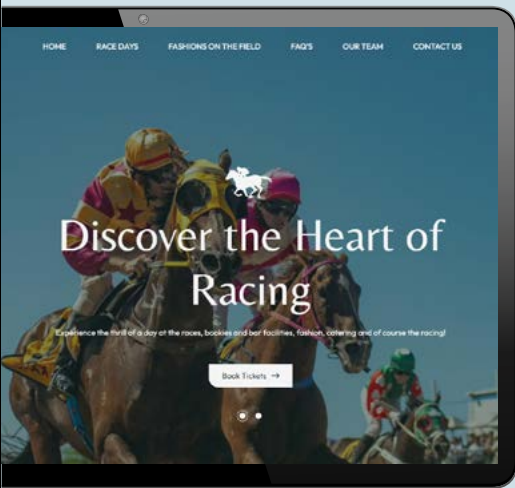
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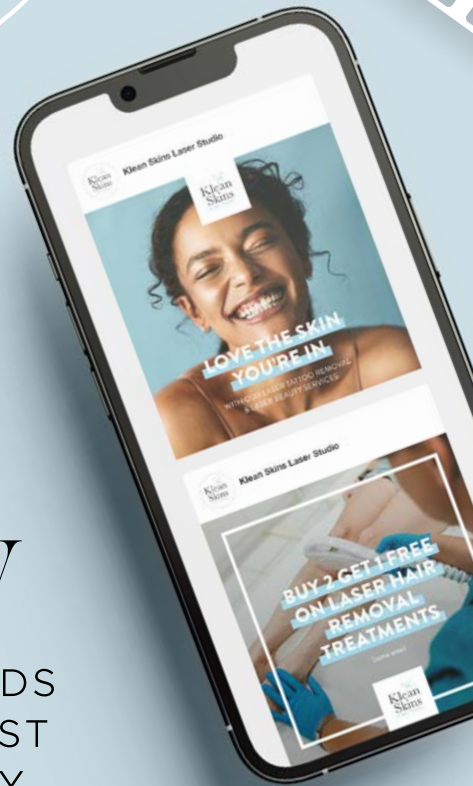
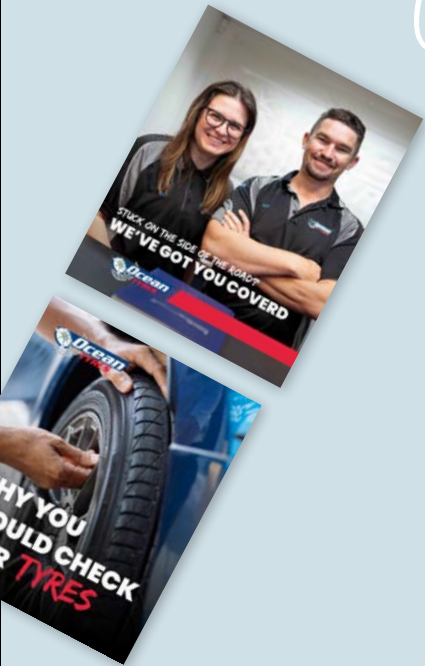
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## Levi Harris Makes National

### SPLASH FOR GLADSTONE

Levi Harris is quickly becoming one of Gladstone's brightest sporting talents, with the dedicated multi class swimmer delivering an outstanding performance at the Australian National Championships and putting himself firmly on the path toward future international success.

Competing against some of the country's best swimmers at the Open Nationals, Levi qualified for seven events and produced an exceptional week of racing filled with personal bests, finals appearances and impressive national rankings. His performances showcased not only his talent in the pool, but also the hard work, determination and resilience that continue to drive his rapid rise through the sport.

Levi opened his nationals campaign in the 400 metre freestyle and immediately made a statement. Swimming with confidence and composure, he took an incredible 6.15 seconds off his previous personal best to finish 13th overall in Australia. It was a remarkable start to the competition and set the tone for what would become a breakthrough week. He backed up with the 50 metre butterfly, placing 29th nationally before producing one of the standout swims of the championships in the 200 metre freestyle. Levi stormed through the heats, smashing another personal best by more than four seconds to secure a place in the B Final. Returning later that evening, he lifted again under pressure, recording yet another personal best and finishing 15th overall in the country.

The momentum continued in the 100 metre freestyle where Levi once again lowered his personal best time and earned another B Final appearance. Racing against elite national competition, he finished 17th overall in Australia, a significant achievement for the young Gladstone swimmer. Levi's consistency across the championships was particularly impressive. In the 50 metre breaststroke, he continued his personal best streak, dropping almost half a second from his previous time to finish 14th overall.

One of his strongest performances came in the demanding 200 metre individual medley. Combining all four strokes, Levi delivered a brilliant swim to take more than four seconds off his personal best and secure another finals berth. He finished 16th overall in Australia, further highlighting his versatility and endurance across multiple disciplines.

To close out an exhausting week of competition, Levi entered the pool for the 50 metre freestyle and once again produced a superb result. Dropping an incredible 1.12 seconds from his personal best, he secured yet another finals appearance and finished 18th overall nationally. Across seven

events, Levi consistently improved, delivering personal best after personal best against the highest level of competition in Australian swimming. His performances are a reflection of countless hours of training, commitment and sacrifice, along with the support of his coaches, teammates, family and the wider Gladstone sporting community.

For a regional athlete to compete at this level is an achievement in itself, but Levi's ability to perform under pressure and continue improving throughout the championships speaks volumes about his potential for the future. As Australian sport begins building toward upcoming international competitions, including the Commonwealth Games, athletes like Levi are proving that regional Queensland can produce world class talent. His determination and professionalism at such a young age have already positioned him as an athlete to watch in the years ahead.

Now, after an unforgettable Nationals campaign, Levi's focus shifts to the upcoming Commonwealth Games Trials, where he will once again test himself against Australia's very best. No matter what comes next, one thing is certain. Gladstone will be proudly cheering him on every step of the way.





# Mother's Day Classic Run Wrap Up

## TANNUM SANDS DELIVERS STRONG COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR CANCER RESEARCH

At the Mother's Day Classic Tannum Sands on Sunday, 10 May, the local community came together in an inspiring display of support, energy, and compassion, walking and running in solidarity for breast and ovarian cancer research.

More than 600 passionate walkers and runners took part, filling the foreshore with colour and purpose. From families with prams to experienced runners, participants of all ages contributed to a welcoming and uplifting atmosphere that reflected the heart of the Gladstone region community spirit.

The event has already raised an incredible estimated \$28,000 for breast and ovarian cancer research, with final fundraising figures to be confirmed after June 30. This contribution will go directly towards life-saving research and continued progress in early detection, treatment, and care.



The success of the day was made possible through the generosity of sponsors ACROW, AC AIRE, SE Plumbing, Loud Loans, BITS Medical Centre, Elders Real Estate Gladstone and Tannum Sands, Webster Mining Services, and Physio shop. The event also received proud support from the Gladstone Regional Council Community Event Fund. A dedicated team of 25 volunteers worked behind the scenes and along the course to ensure everything ran smoothly and safely.

The Mother's Day Classic Tannum Sands continues to be a highlight on the community calendar, bringing people together for a cause that touches many lives. Organisers expressed sincere gratitude to every participant, volunteer, sponsor, and supporter who contributed to the event's success. The strong turnout demonstrated the deep commitment of the Tannum Sands and Gladstone communities

to making a difference. Each step taken on the day helped honour those affected by cancer and strengthened hope for a future without it.

The event also showcased an impressive level of competition across both the 4 kilometre and 8 kilometre events, with runners delivering strong performances throughout the morning. Spectators lined sections of the foreshore course to cheer on participants as they crossed the finish line, creating an encouraging atmosphere that carried through the entire event.

In the 8 kilometre female category, Caitlyn Seng claimed first place in a time of 35 minutes and 48 seconds. Carly Meyer and Gemma Berry crossed together to secure second place in 36 minutes and 16 seconds, while Emma Lennon rounded out the top three with a time of 37 minutes.

The 8 kilometre male division saw Joshua De Jonckheere take out first place in an impressive 30 minutes and 38 seconds. Harry Roberts followed closely behind in 30 minutes and 55 seconds, with Adam Thetford finishing third in 32 minutes and 2 seconds.

Competition was equally strong in the 4 kilometre events. Theresa Pershouse secured first place in the female category with a time of 16 minutes and 7 seconds. Rebecca Graham finished second in 16 minutes and 47 seconds, alongside Tracey Richardson who recorded the same finishing time to claim third place.

In the 4 kilometre male category, Jamie Wall crossed the line first in 15 minutes and 35 seconds. Arlo Thetford followed in second place with a time of 16 minutes and 15 seconds, while Luke Powell completed the podium in 16 minutes and 20 seconds.

While the event celebrated impressive athletic achievements, the true focus of the day remained community connection and support for a cause that impacts countless Australian families. Many participants walked or ran in honour of loved ones affected by breast or ovarian cancer, adding a deeply personal meaning to the occasion and reinforcing the importance of continued awareness and fundraising efforts across the region.

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