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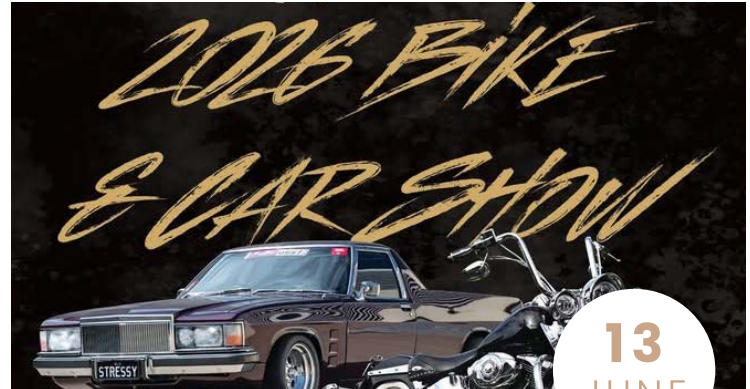
Brushes & Brews is teaming up with Ward's Brewery to bring you an afternoon of great company, delicious food, perfect brews, and the opportunity to get a bit creative too. \$70 ticket includes: Drink on arrival, Canapes all afternoon, All Art Materials, 2.5hr Fully Guided Watercolour Workshop with your Brushes & Brews Host, Chanise.

When: Saturday, 13th of June from 5 pm – 7:30 pm

Where: Wards Brewery

Price: \$70 ticket

Age: 18+



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Darkside Kings 4th Annual Bike and Car Show

Get ready to start your engines for a cause that matters! The 4th Annual Darkside Kings Bike and Car Show is returning to the beautiful Gladstone Marina Parklands on Saturday, 13th June 2026.

When: Saturday 13th June

Where: Gladstone Marina Parklands

Price: Free



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Where: Gladstone PCYC

Price: Free



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Winter Race Day

Get ready for an action-packed event filled with excitement and fun. Whether you're a seasoned race enthusiast or just looking for a good time, this event is perfect for everyone. Don't miss out on the opportunity to experience the thrill of live horse racing up close and personal.

When: Saturday, 27th of June from 11 am

Where: Gladstone Turf Club 9 Dawson Highway

Price: Ticketed event

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R U OK DAY

While RU OK day is officially celebrated in September, here at the Gladstone GP Superclinic we want to make sure we're all getting the message all year round. A lot can happen in a year, month, week or even a day. Life happens every day, so let's not wait another month or day to check on those around us. LET'S ASK "R U OK?" ANY DAY!



Breast Cancer Awareness

It is estimated that more than 21 thousand people will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year in Australia.

Breast cancer is one of the most common cancers worldwide, with over 2.3 million women diagnosed each year. It is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among women in Australia.

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Project Halogen Signals

ANOTHER STRONG STEP FORWARD FOR GLADSTONE

The approval of Project Halogen is another welcome sign that Gladstone remains one of Queensland's most important economic engines. With the recent approval of Grenof's Project Halogen by the Coordinator-General, marking another positive milestone for the region's economic future.

The proposed \$150 million development will include the construction of a new chlor-alkali facility within the Gladstone State Development Area. Once operational, the facility will produce chlorine and caustic soda, two essential industrial products used across a wide range of sectors including resources, manufacturing, water treatment and industrial processing.

While the long term benefits of increased domestic production are significant, the project also represents an exciting opportunity for the local construction and industrial supply chain. As Project Halogen progresses towards delivery, a range of opportunities are expected to emerge across engineering, civil construction, fabrication, mechanical and electrical services, equipment supply, logistics and specialist industrial support industries.

For Gladstone businesses, the approval is another indication that confidence in the region remains strong. Major investors continue to recognise the advantages that Gladstone offers, including established industrial infrastructure, direct access to a deep water port, available industrial land and a highly skilled workforce with experience delivering complex projects.

The region has built a reputation over many decades as a destination capable of supporting large scale industrial development. Projects such as Project Halogen reinforce that reputation while creating new opportunities for local companies and workers to participate in future growth.

Importantly, developments of this nature create benefits that extend well beyond the project boundary. During construction, demand for goods, services and skilled labour can provide a welcome boost to local businesses. From contractors and suppliers to accommodation providers, transport operators and

professional service firms, major projects often generate economic activity across multiple sectors of the local economy.

The approval also reflects the ongoing diversification of Gladstone's industrial base. As Australia continues to focus on strengthening domestic manufacturing capability and supply chain resilience, projects that support local production of essential industrial products become increasingly valuable. By producing chlorine and caustic soda domestically, Project Halogen has the potential to support a range of Australian industries while contributing to greater national self sufficiency.

For the Gladstone region, it is another example of how industrial investment continues to drive economic opportunity. The city's strategic location, world class infrastructure and strong industrial heritage continue to attract projects that create jobs, encourage investment and support long term prosperity.

As with any major development, businesses interested in participating should begin positioning themselves early. Understanding project timelines, monitoring progress and preparing for future procurement opportunities can help local suppliers maximise the benefits that flow from investment of this scale.

Project Halogen remains in the development phase, but the Coordinator-General's approval is a significant step forward. It provides further evidence that Gladstone continues to be viewed as a key location for industrial growth and advanced manufacturing in Queensland and across Australia.

With a strong pipeline of investment and a proven ability to deliver major projects, Gladstone remains well placed to capitalise on emerging opportunities. Project Halogen is the latest addition to that story, bringing with it the promise of new economic activity, expanded industrial capability and future opportunities for businesses and workers throughout the region.

For a community that has long embraced innovation, industry and growth, the approval of Project Halogen is another positive sign that Gladstone's future remains bright.





Australian Native Bee Association - Gladstone branch members Wade Hughes, Ian Anderson, Ross Gane and Adele Hughes with Gladstone Regional Council's Luanne Cornhill (Rates Metering Officer) and Elize Landman (Manager Environment and Conservation) next to two hives containing Australian native stingless bees.

Working together to protect our Australian native stingless bees

Gladstone Regional Council's partnership with the Australian Native Bee Association (ANBA) Gladstone branch continues to blossom with dozens of hives safely relocated since we joined forces.

For the past four years, Council has assisted ANBA to relocate Australian stingless native bee hives when we encounter them, usually in not-so-ideal locations, such as water meter boxes.

Gladstone Mayor Matt Burnett said Australian stingless native bees are tiny black bees that are harmless to humans.

"When we discover these hives, we contact the Gladstone ANBA team who do a fantastic job in relocating and transferring the bees to safe locations," Mayor Burnett said.

"Hives have been placed at more than 20 locations across the region including primary and secondary schools, kindergartens, Men's Sheds, aged care facilities and within the backyards of several ANBA Gladstone members.

"The ANBA also educate students on the importance and benefits of native bees."

ANBA Gladstone branch president Ian Anderson said 31 hives have been successfully relocated since 2022, with eight relocated last year.

However, as Ian explains, the process isn't as simple as lifting the hive from one location to another, as the bees are placed into rescue hives.

"This process usually takes around 18 months from the time of rescue for the hive to be considered strong enough for placement," Mr Anderson said.

"We then have a regular monitoring program to prepare the hives for propagation. Once that is complete, the original mother hive can then be relocated to another location.

"The propagated hive then becomes the property of the respective schools, members or organisations."

Visit www.anba.org.au to learn more about the Australian Native Bee Association.

Breakfast to bring together agriculture and emerging industries

Gladstone Regional Council, with support from the Department of Primary Industries, is hosting the 'Beyond the Farm Gate' industry breakfast on Monday 29 June to showcase opportunities for agriculture in Gladstone's energy and industrial transition.

The breakfast, to be held at Nagoorin Community Hall, will bring together producers, agribusiness, government and innovators to explore practical opportunities for agriculture to co-exist with and benefit from renewable energy and bio-based industries.

The focus of this event is on real projects, real partnerships and real income pathways, showcasing how primary producers can diversify revenue, future proof their operations and play a central role in the region's economic transition.

It will also feature an expert panel featuring Professor Ian O'Hara (Queensland University of Technology), Michael Palmer (SuperChar), Will Wilson (Calliope Cattle Company) and Fleur Anderson (Department of Primary Industries).

The event begins at 7.30am with morning tea and networking opportunities following from 10.30am onwards.

RSVPs are essential and required by Monday 22 June. Visit www.gladstone.qld.gov.au and search for 'Industry Breakfast - Beyond the Farm Gate' to register.



Council is hosting a primary industry breakfast at Nagoorin on 29 June.

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New Oil Refinery Proposal

PUTS GLADSTONE IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Gladstone continues to stand out as one of Australia's most capable and strategically important industrial regions, and recent Federal Budget discussions have only reinforced that position. The announcement of a \$10.7 billion fuel security package signals a strong national commitment to strengthening Australia's energy resilience, and it places regions like Gladstone firmly in the spotlight.

The package includes \$7.5 billion to establish a fuel and fertiliser security facility, \$3.2 billion for a government owned Australian fuel security reserve, and a further \$10 million for feasibility work into new or expanded refining capacity. While each element plays a role in improving national preparedness, together they reflect a clear shift towards safeguarding Australia's fuel supply into the future. For Gladstone, this conversation is particularly significant.

The region is already well established as one of Queensland's most important industrial centres, with a long history of supporting large scale energy and resource projects. It is within this context that the idea of a new oil refinery and fuel storage facility in Gladstone begins to gain relevance, both as an economic opportunity and a strategic national asset.

Such a development would represent a major investment in Australia's fuel security while also delivering substantial local benefits. It would create high quality jobs during construction and operation, attract significant private sector investment and generate flow on opportunities for local suppliers, contractors and service providers across Central Queensland.

At a time when global supply chains continue to face disruption and uncertainty, the importance of secure domestic fuel production and storage capacity has become increasingly clear. Strengthening Australia's ability to manage its own fuel needs is not only an economic issue but also a matter of national resilience.

Gladstone is uniquely positioned to contribute to this objective. The region already has a world class deep water port, established industrial precincts and a workforce with decades of experience in complex heavy industry.

These advantages are not theoretical. They are proven capabilities that have supported major projects in LNG, alumina refining, manufacturing and energy production over many years.

A proposal of this nature would not require building capability from the ground up. Instead, it would build on existing strengths and infrastructure that already position Gladstone as a key industrial hub. That foundation is one of the region's greatest advantages when considering new large scale energy projects.

Beyond direct employment and investment, the broader economic impact would also be significant. Increased activity would support small and medium sized businesses across the region, strengthen local supply chains and contribute to greater economic stability for families who rely on a strong and diversified regional economy.

There is also a wider strategic benefit in reducing Australia's reliance on imported fuel. Recent global events have demonstrated how quickly international supply chains can be disrupted. Expanding domestic refining and storage capacity provides a pathway to greater independence and improved national preparedness for future challenges.

While the proposal is still at a conceptual stage, the conversation itself is important. It highlights the ongoing need to consider how regional centres like Gladstone can continue to play a central role in Australia's energy future. Supporting this type of development is about more than infrastructure alone. It is about recognising opportunity, building on proven capability and ensuring regional communities share in the benefits of national investment.

Gladstone has the experience, the workforce and the industrial base to deliver projects of this scale. With the right policy settings and investment support, the region is well placed to help strengthen Australia's fuel security while continuing to drive local economic growth. As this discussion develops, Gladstone remains ready to contribute, building on its established strengths to help deliver a more secure and resilient energy future for the nation.

HELPING GLADSTONE HEAR BETTER

– A LOCAL COMMITMENT

Hearing is something many of us take for granted until we begin missing out on conversations with family, friends, workmates, and the community around us. That's why helping people reconnect with the sounds that matter most has been my passion for the past 25 years.

For the last 15 years, I have been fortunate to work and live in the Gladstone region, helping thousands of local people improve their hearing and quality of life. Nearly two years ago, I took the next step by establishing The Hearing Centre Gladstone, a proudly independent, locally owned and operated hearing clinic dedicated to serving our community.

Being independent means we are not tied to any hearing aid manufacturer. Instead, we can recommend from all major brands and technologies, allowing us to find the most suitable hearing solution for each individual's needs, lifestyle, and budget.

At The Hearing Centre Gladstone, we provide a full range of hearing services, including Hearing Services Program (HSP) hearing tests and fittings, private hearing assessments, workplace and medical hearing tests, GP referrals, free hearing screening checks, and hearing assessments for children aged six years and older, including school hearing screening programs.

One of the most rewarding parts of our work is helping people realize how much they have been missing. Whether it's hearing grandchildren clearly, participating confidently in meetings, enjoying conversations at social gatherings, or simply hearing birds singing in the backyard again, better hearing can have a profound impact on everyday life.

We are also excited to offer access to emerging technologies such as LACE AI (Listening and Communication Enhancement). LACE AI is designed



to complement hearing aids by training the brain to become a better listener. Through a series of listening exercises, users can improve their ability to understand speech in background noise, follow conversations more easily, and build confidence in challenging listening environments. Many hearing aid users find it helps them get even more benefit from their hearing devices.

As a local business, we strongly believe in giving back to the community that supports us. Whether through volunteering our time, supporting local organizations, sponsoring community events, or making donations where we can, community involvement remains at the heart of what we do.

Our goal has always been simple: to provide personalized, professional hearing care while supporting the people and organization's that make Gladstone such a great place to live.

After 25 years in the hearing industry, I still enjoy seeing the smile on someone's face when they hear clearly again for the first time in years. It's moments like those that remind us why helping people hear better is about much more than hearing aids—it's about helping people stay connected to the people and experiences they love.

Aldoga Solar Farm Grants Deliver

LOCAL BOOST FOR GLADSTONE COMMUNITY

Renewable energy development in the Gladstone region is continuing to deliver direct benefits to local organisations, with more than \$30,000 in funding awarded through ACCIONA Energía's Aldoga Solar Farm Small Grants Program.

The annual program supports not-for-profit organisations across the region as part of ACCIONA Energía's broader \$120,000 community benefits commitment, ensuring communities hosting renewable energy projects share in the long-term value they help create. The initiative provides meaningful support to grassroots organisations that play an important role in strengthening local communities and delivering services that benefit residents across the region. In 2026, seven organisations from across the Gladstone region received funding to support a range of community-focused initiatives spanning education, health, culture, emergency services and sport.

Birralee Kindergarten and Community Preschool will use its grant to deliver a nature play and plumbing upgrade, improving facilities for young learners. CareFlight Limited will provide essential training for first responders, strengthening emergency response capability in the region and helping ensure local communities remain well prepared when emergencies occur. Community and cultural initiatives were also supported, including LTW Learn Train Work, which will assist with the 2026 NAIDOC Ball and Honouring Excellence Awards Night. The Country Women's Association Gladstone will use its funding to support its community garden, while the Gladstone Women's Health Centre will deliver the Women's Health and Well-being Expo 2026. Together, these projects foster community connection, celebrate local achievement and provide valuable opportunities for education and engagement.

Local sporting groups also benefited, with the Model Engineers and Live Steamers Association Gladstone receiving support for ground maintenance and the Calliope Hack and Pony Club upgrading facilities with a new tie-up rail and shade structure. Improvements such as these help ensure community organisations can continue providing safe, welcoming and accessible spaces for members and visitors.

ACCIONA Energía Queensland Community and Stakeholder Lead Renee Mooney said the program helps ensure local communities share in the benefits of renewable energy development.

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While each grant is modest, the combined impact is felt across education, health, culture and sport, helping strengthen connection and opportunity throughout the Gladstone region,

Ms Mooney said.

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“For many organisations, even relatively small amounts of funding can make a significant difference by supporting projects that may otherwise be delayed or difficult to deliver.”

The Small Grants Program reflects the growing role renewable energy projects can play in supporting regional communities beyond their contribution to clean energy generation. By investing directly in local organisations, the program helps build stronger community networks and provides resources for initiatives that address local needs and priorities.

Funding opportunities such as these can have a lasting impact, enabling community groups to improve facilities, expand services and deliver events that bring people together. In regional areas, where many organisations rely heavily on volunteers and limited funding sources, grants can provide valuable assistance in maintaining and enhancing the services they provide.

The diversity of projects supported through the 2026 funding round highlights the breadth of community activity across the Gladstone region and demonstrates how targeted investment can support education, wellbeing, cultural recognition, emergency preparedness and recreational opportunities.

For Gladstone, the program is another example of industry investment delivering tangible community outcomes alongside broader economic and energy development goals. As renewable energy projects continue to expand across the region, initiatives such as the Aldoga Solar Farm Small Grants Program help ensure local communities share in the long-term benefits of that growth while strengthening the social fabric of the region.





Walz Construction Celebrates 50 Years

This year marks a major milestone for the Gladstone region as Walz Construction celebrates 50 years since its founding by Colin and Desley Walz. What began in 1976 with a small subcontracting opportunity at Gladstone Power Station has grown into one of the region's most enduring construction businesses, built on hard work, strong relationships and a commitment to quality that has stood the test of time.

From its earliest days, Walz Construction established itself as a trusted local contractor, providing skilled labour and practical support to major engineering and construction projects across Central Queensland. Over time, that foundation has evolved into a diverse and highly capable organisation known today as Walz Group.

At the heart of the business is a simple belief that strong projects are built by strong people. Walz Group has developed a large permanent workforce of skilled and experienced employees who are trusted to deliver consistent results across a wide range of projects. The company places strong emphasis on integrity, respect and building long lasting relationships, values that continue to guide how the business operates both internally and with clients across the region.

A key part of Walz Group's ongoing success has been its commitment to developing local talent. The company is proud of its apprenticeship program, which provides young people in Gladstone with the opportunity to begin a career in the construction industry. Each year, apprentices are given the chance to learn practical skills on real projects, supported by experienced mentors within the business. Many of these apprentices have remained with Walz Group long term, progressing into senior roles and helping to shape the company's future.

The company's growth over the past five decades has also been driven by its willingness to adapt and expand its

capabilities in response to industry needs. Founder Colin Walz played a central role in guiding this evolution, ensuring the business remained responsive to changing market demands. From its beginnings as a labour hire operation, Walz Group has developed into a fully integrated construction partner offering a wide range of specialist services.

These include in house fabrication, blasting and painting facilities, piping and engineering services, and a strong marine capability supported by a comprehensive

fleet of plant and equipment. This expansion

has allowed the business to take on more

complex and diverse projects while

continuing to operate from its Gladstone base. It has also strengthened

the company's role in supporting

major industrial development across

the region. Despite its growth, Walz

Group remains deeply connected to

its local roots. The business continues

to employ local people, support local

families and contribute to the broader

Gladstone economy.

As Walz Group celebrates its 50th anniversary, the milestone is also an opportunity to reflect on the people who have contributed to its success. Employees past and present, along with clients, suppliers and families, have all played a role in building the company into what it is today. Their support and commitment have been central to the business's journey over the past five decades.

Looking ahead, Walz Group enters its next chapter with confidence and a continued focus on growth, innovation and people. With strong foundations in place and a proud history behind it, the company remains committed to delivering quality outcomes for clients while maintaining the values that have defined it since 1976.

For Gladstone, the story of Walz Construction is more than a business milestone. It is a reflection of the region's industrial growth, its skilled workforce and the importance of long term local enterprise in shaping community success.





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Magenta Community Services was born out of our founder Jonny Iuso's passion, desire and dedication to provide personalised and accessible services to those who need it most. Jonny's goal was to build an organisation with people at its heart.

Jonny's connection to the Disability and Community sectors stems from over 30 years of professional experience, it embodies her life work and the memory of her daughter Emily. Born in 1992 with major health complications and diagnosed with a disability, Emily tragically passed away in 1996, leaving a legacy that inspired the creation of Magenta Community Services.



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Magenta started in Gladstone in 2017, with our Gladstone Regional Leader Tiffany Smith leading the way. Tiffany started doing payroll and support shifts to help the business get off the ground. She also started the Gladstone NDIS Readiness Group to help prepare Gladstone residents for the NDIS rollout. Tiffany has completed an Advanced Diploma of Community Sector Management, she absolutely loves her job and can't imagine doing anything else.

Our Magenta Gladstone Team are located at 65 Goondoon Street, with the office entrance via Central Lane.

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Gladstone Women's Health Rebrands

AS SAFE AND WELL CQ

Gladstone Women's Health is entering a new chapter, with the organisation announcing it will now be known as Safe and Well CQ, reflecting its expanded services and broader reach across Central Queensland. As services have grown beyond their original scope, it has become increasingly important for the name and branding to reflect the wider community now being reached.

Safe and Well CQ will continue to provide the same trusted services that have supported women and families in Gladstone for many years. However, the organisation now reflects a broader commitment to supporting everyone in Central Queensland to feel safe and healthy.

While the name has changed, the core mission remains the same. The organisation continues to focus on providing accessible support, advocacy and services that respond to the needs of people experiencing challenges related to safety, health and wellbeing. The rebrand is also intended to better represent the inclusive nature of the service.

Rather than focusing on one group alone, the new identity recognises that wellbeing support is needed across all parts of the community, and that services must evolve as those needs change over time.

Importantly, the change is not about starting over, but about building on a strong foundation already established in the region. Community feedback highlighted the importance of clarity, inclusivity and a name that better represents the full scope of services now being delivered. Safe and Well CQ was chosen to reflect that direction and to ensure people across the region can easily understand what the organisation stands for.

The organisation said the guiding principle moving forward is simple, that everyone has the right to feel safe and well, and that this belief will continue to underpin all programs and services delivered across Central Queensland. It will continue to provide support, information and services designed to help people live safer and healthier lives.



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Rainbow on the Reef

CELEBRATES COMMUNITY, INCLUSION AND PRIDE

Bringing together people from across the region, the Rainbow on the Reef Pride festival delivered a colourful and welcoming atmosphere filled with entertainment, connection and celebration. From live performances and community activities to information stalls, food vendors and local organisations, the event showcased the strength of a community that values respect, acceptance and belonging. The festival also highlighted the importance of visibility and representation, creating a space where people felt seen, supported and included in a positive and uplifting environment.

Events such as Rainbow on the Reef play an important role in creating opportunities for people to come together, learn from one another and celebrate the diversity that helps make Gladstone a vibrant and inclusive place to live. The festival provided a space where people of all backgrounds could connect, share experiences and enjoy a positive community event. It also encouraged conversations around inclusion and wellbeing, helping to strengthen understanding and connection across different groups within the region. The success of the festival would not have been possible without the support of the many individuals and organisations who contributed their time, energy and resources. Volunteers once again played a vital role behind the scenes, helping ensure the event ran smoothly and creating a welcoming experience for attendees throughout the day.



Local sponsors also deserve recognition for their commitment to supporting community events that foster inclusion and connection. Their contributions helped bring the festival to life and ensured the event could continue to grow and reach a broad audience. The festival's stallholders added another important dimension to the celebration, offering everything from community information and support services to creative products, food and interactive experiences. Their presence helped create a lively and engaging atmosphere that reflected the spirit of the event. Many stallholders also reported strong engagement with attendees, further highlighting the value of bringing community services and information into accessible public spaces.



As another Rainbow on the Reef Festival ends, organisers, volunteers, sponsors and attendees can take pride in what was achieved. The event was a reminder of the value of community, the importance of inclusion and the positive impact that comes from people coming together to celebrate one another. The smiles, connections and memories created throughout the festival will undoubtedly remain long after the final celebrations ended. The continued growth of the festival also suggests a strong future, with ongoing community support helping ensure it remains a meaningful and anticipated event on the regional calendar.



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OX2 Proposes Renewable Energy

PROJECT NEAR GLADSTONE REGION

A major renewable energy developer is progressing plans for a large scale solar and battery energy storage project near the Gladstone region, as part of a wider push to expand clean energy infrastructure across Australia. OX2, an international renewable energy company owned by EQT, is developing a pipeline of solar, wind and storage projects designed to support Australia's transition to renewable energy and improve long term energy security.

In Central Queensland, the company is advancing plans for a proposed solar farm and battery energy storage system approximately 4km west of Baffle Creek, 12km north of Rosedale, 60km northwest of Bundaberg, and approximately 90km southeast of Gladstone, on private land. The project is designed to connect into Queensland's existing electricity network and store energy for use during peak demand or periods of supply shortfall. The development is expected to create a peak construction workforce of around 300 people, along with a small number of ongoing operational roles once completed. It is also expected to deliver economic activity during construction and contribute to the region's long term energy supply.

OX2 says the project will provide affordable, clean and reliable electricity for Queensland while also delivering community and regional benefits. The company is also exploring opportunities for local training, employment pathways, scholarships and partnerships with education providers, alongside discussions around local procurement and industry involvement. Community consultation is currently underway, with engagement activities including direct communication with nearby residents, public information sessions and community surveys. Early feedback has raised concerns around land use, environmental impacts, fire risk, waterway protection and transmission infrastructure.

OX2 says it is committed to considering this feedback as the project develops and incorporating it into planning where possible. If approved, the project would contribute to regional investment, local employment opportunities and long term energy infrastructure that supports both Queensland's growing demand and the broader Gladstone region's role in Australia's energy future.



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Local Artist Captures the Spirit OF GLADSTONE IN NEW ARTWORK

Proud Gooreng Gooreng and Gurang man Brandon Butler, who creates under the name Gaba Art, draws inspiration directly from the Gladstone region and surrounding landscapes when designing his artwork. His pieces are shaped by the places he knows and the connections between people, land, and sea that define Central Queensland. His latest work, 'We are Santos GLNG', reflects the journey of natural gas through the region. Rather than presenting this as a purely industrial process, Brandon's design places it within a broader local and environmental context. At the centre of the piece is a birds eye view of Santos GLNG on Curtis Island. This focal point represents the coming together of the many people involved in the project, including traditional owner groups whose connection to the region remains central throughout local industry development.



Brandon also incorporates turtles into the artwork, recognising Curtis Island as an important nesting site. This element connects the work to the local environment and the ongoing long term turtle management plan, reflecting the balance between development and care for marine life. Through his art, Brandon captures more than infrastructure or geography. He reflects on how the Gladstone region is experienced and understood by those who live and work here. His work shows how contemporary industry and local identity can be viewed through the same landscape, each shaping the story of place in different but connected ways. The artwork also highlights the importance of storytelling as a way of preserving and sharing knowledge about place. Using symbols, patterns and natural elements, Brandon brings together different aspects of the Gladstone region, creating a visual narrative that reflects both its history and

its future. His work encourages viewers to consider the relationships between people, industry and the environment, and how these connections continue to evolve. By drawing on his cultural heritage and personal experiences of the region, Brandon offers a uniquely local perspective. The result is an artwork that not only celebrates the significance of Curtis Island and the surrounding landscape but also creates a meaningful connection for those who view it, whether they are long-time residents, visitors or workers in the region.

Having a local artist like Brandon Butler creating work based on the Gladstone region adds an important cultural voice to the area. His art not only reflects the region and community but also helps shape a stronger sense of identity for Gladstone. It shows the value of supporting local creativity and ensuring the region's stories are told by those who know it best. The 'We are Santos GLNG' will be displayed at the Central Control and Administration Building on Curtis Island, sharing Brandon's interpretation of the region with those who work within it.



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Local Volunteer Steps into State Leadership Role

PETER DOUGHERTY

Gladstone resident Peter Dougherty has been appointed the new State President of the St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland, marking a significant milestone for both the local community and one of the state's leading charitable organisations. Mr Dougherty officially commenced the four year role on 1 June, where he will help guide the Society's work supporting Queenslanders experiencing hardship, while continuing a commitment to service that has spanned almost three decades.

A long standing member of the Gladstone Conference, Mr Dougherty has dedicated nearly 30 years to assisting people facing challenges including homelessness, financial stress, family breakdown and social isolation. His appointment reflects both his extensive experience and the strong tradition of volunteering within the Gladstone community. Before stepping into the state leadership role, Mr Dougherty served as Diocesan President for the greater



Rockhampton region, supporting communities from Mackay to Bundaberg and west to Longreach and beyond. That experience has given him a deep understanding of the pressures facing both regional and remote Queensland communities.

As State President, Mr Dougherty said his focus will remain on supporting the Society's mission of helping people in need and ensuring volunteers and staff have the resources required to continue delivering vital services. The appointment comes at a time when many Queensland families are facing cost of living pressures and housing challenges. Despite this, Mr Dougherty sees an opportunity for continued growth in support services and housing programs aimed at helping vulnerable people find stability.

For Gladstone, Mr Dougherty's appointment is a point of local pride, and a reminder of the important role regional communities play in shaping leadership across Queensland. His journey from local volunteer to state leader highlights the strength of Gladstone's community spirit and the lasting impact of volunteer service.

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Here in History

A PASSENGER TRAIN COMING UP HOSPITAL HILL

This train would have left the Gladstone Railway Station, crossing Auckland Street and then the underpass of Goondoon Street.

The West Gladstone Railway Station had been situated at the western end of this passageway and the line continued along to the Black Bridge built over Glenlyon Street. Next was the Scenery Street Crossing where there was a stop for Railmotor users. The climb going up Hospital Hill was taxing for steam engines as this was quite steep. Once the train was over this hill, the run down the other side took it through Rocky Glen.

By *Betty Laver*

Photo from the Calliope River Historical Village.



TERIYAKI PORK MEATBALLS WITH SESAME & GINGER VEG

INGREDIENTS

- 2 tbs vegetable oil
- 1 1/2 cups of jasmine rice
- 400g Woolworths pork & veal meatballs
- 200g sachet teriyaki chicken stir-fry sauce
- 2cm ginger, finely grated
- 300g carrot, shredded
- 250g snow peas, trimmed, halved diagonally
- 2 tsp sesame seeds
- 3 spring onions, thinly sliced

Serves: 4

METHOD

1. Heat 2 tsp oil in a medium saucepan over high heat. Add rice and cook for 30 seconds, stirring, or until coated. Add 2 cups of water and bring to the boil. Reduce the heat to medium-low and simmer, covered, for 12 minutes, or until the water has evaporated and the rice is tender.
2. Meanwhile, heat 2 tsp oil in a large frying pan over medium-high heat. Cook meatballs for 8 minutes, turning or until cooked through. Add stir-fry sauce, stir to coat, then bring to the boil. Remove pan from heat. Transfer mixture to a plate and cover to keep warm.
3. Heat remaining oil in same cleaned pan over medium-high heat. Cook ginger for 30 seconds, stirring, or until fragrant. Add carrot, snow peas, half each of the sesame seeds and onion, then cook for 2 minutes, stirring, or until snow peas are just tender.
4. Divide rice, carrot mixture, meatballs and sauce among bowls. Serve scattered with remaining sesame seeds and onion.

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Nationals Success Sets Stage

FOR LAYLAH PIMM'S COMMONWEALTH GAMES TRIAL

Swimmer Laylah Pimm has once again demonstrated her talent, determination and commitment on the national stage, delivering an outstanding performance at the 2026 Australian Swimming Championships and continuing her rise among the country's most promising young athletes. Competing at her third National Championships, Laylah achieved a significant milestone by qualifying for Open Nationals for the first time in her career. The achievement placed her alongside Australia's elite swimmers, including members of the Australian Dolphins team, and provided an opportunity to test herself against some of the best competitors in the nation. Her Open Nationals campaign began in the 50 metre Butterfly, where she produced a strong swim to finish 44th overall in Australia. She followed that performance with another impressive effort in the 50 metre Backstroke, swimming right on her personal best time to place 57th overall.



For a swimmer making her Open Nationals debut, the results reflected both her preparation and her ability to perform under pressure. Competing at this level requires not only physical ability but also confidence and composure, qualities Laylah displayed throughout the competition. Her campaign began with the 100 metre Backstroke, where she delivered a remarkable swim and recorded a personal best improvement of 1.43 seconds. The performance saw her finish 24th in Australia and provided an early indication that she was in excellent form.

One of the standout moments of her championships came in the 50 metre Butterfly. Laylah produced a brilliant heat swim, taking 0.58 seconds off her personal best and securing a place in the B Final. Returning to the pool later that evening, she backed up her performance with another determined swim to finish 18th overall in Australia.



The result was a reward for the hard work and dedication she has shown throughout the season and highlighted her ability to perform when it matters most. Laylah continued her consistent form in the 50 metre Backstroke, finishing 36th overall while swimming close to her personal best time. Her final event of the championships was the 100 metre Butterfly, where she narrowly missed another personal best and secured an impressive 23rd place finish nationally.

To maintain such a high standard across multiple events and two weeks of intense competition is no small achievement. National championships demand both physical endurance and mental resilience, particularly for athletes competing across a range of disciplines. Laylah's performances demonstrated her ability to rise to that challenge and continue delivering strong results throughout the meet.

Beyond the times and placings, her success reflects years of commitment to training, countless hours spent in the pool and a determination to continually improve. Each race throughout the championships showcased the progress she has made and reinforced her standing as one of Gladstone's emerging swimming talents. Her achievements have also brought pride to the local swimming community, which has supported and encouraged her development along the way. Representing both herself and her club with professionalism and determination, Laylah has proven she belongs among the country's best young swimmers.

With another successful National Championships now behind her, Laylah's focus turns to an exciting new challenge. She will travel to Sydney to compete at the 2026 Commonwealth Games Swimming Trials, where she will have the opportunity to test herself against Australia's top swimmers once again. For Gladstone, Laylah's selection is a proud moment and a testament to the talent emerging from the region. As she prepares for the next stage of her swimming journey, the community will be cheering her on and celebrating an athlete whose dedication and perseverance continue to deliver remarkable results.

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea Fundraiser

SHOWING SUPPORT FOR CANCER COUNCIL QUEENSLAND

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea event was once again a resounding success, bringing together the local community in a warm and generous show of support for Cancer Council Queensland. The event proved to be both a financial and social highlight, with more than 160 attendees gathering to raise vital funds for cancer support services and research. Organisers expressed their deep gratitude to all sponsors, donors and patrons who contributed to the success of the morning, including many long term supporters who have attended the event for years. Their ongoing commitment continues to play an important role in helping the event grow and achieve meaningful outcomes for the community. A strong sense of community spirit was on display throughout the morning, with guests enjoying a lively atmosphere filled with conversation, music and a delicious morning tea. The event also featured a series of interesting guest speakers who shared insights and helped highlight the importance of continued support for cancer research and patient services. One of the major highlights of the event was the incredible generosity shown through prize donations. More than 100

prizes were contributed for the multi-draw raffles, ensuring plenty of excitement throughout the morning. Attendees were also able to take part in money boards, general raffles and lucky door prizes, with many people going home with a special win alongside their morning tea experience. Beyond the prizes and activities, the true success of the event lay in the collective effort of the community coming together for an important cause. Funds raised will go directly towards supporting Cancer Council Queensland's essential services, including research, prevention programs and support for individuals and families affected by cancer.

Organisers said they were extremely pleased with the outcome and extended their thanks to everyone who attended and contributed. The strong turnout and enthusiastic participation demonstrated the ongoing commitment of the community to supporting cancer awareness and fundraising efforts. Australia's Biggest Morning Tea continues to be a valued annual tradition, and this year's event once again highlighted the power of community connection in making a meaningful difference.



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