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Congratulations Jamie Kitching on catching a Blue Salmon!

Please contact Gladstone News to arrange collection of your \$100 voucher.

DID YOU KNOW?

Blue Salmon are actually Blue Threadfins. Early settlers in Northern Australia gave them the 'salmon' name because of their colour and how hard they fought when caught.



Name: Jamie Kitching
Fish Species: Blue Salmon
Location: Turkey Beach



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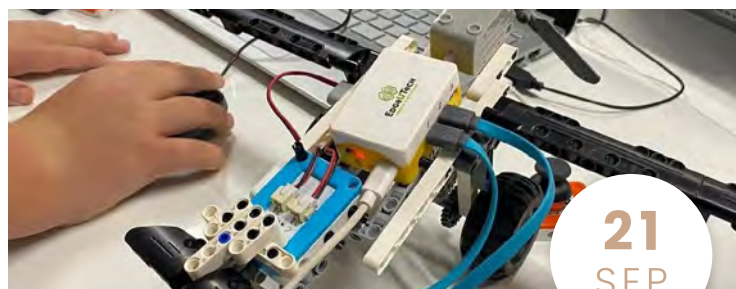
The Gladstone Port Curtis Rotary Kite Festival

Pack your kite, grab the family and enjoy a fantastic day outdoors with the Gladstone community at the Gladstone Port Curtis Rotary Kite Festival! See colourful kites soaring through the sky, listen to live entertainment, grab some food and refreshments and win some fantastic prizes while supporting local community projects. Kites available to purchase from just \$5

When: Sunday 20th September, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Where: Bottom oval, Gladstone State High School

Price: Gold coin donation



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Young Engineers Workshops Engineering and Robotics

Young Engineers Workshops are coming back to Gladstone these school holidays with three different sessions to choose from, using LEGO, motors and sensors to explore science and engineering in fun and imaginative ways.

Choose from the Bricks Challenge (Yr 1-2), Robo Bricks (Yr 3-5/6) and the Inventor's Kit (Yr 6-9). Spaces are limited, so book your child in asap! More information can be found on the Young Engineers Facebook page.

When: 21st – 22nd September, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Where: CQUniversity - Gladstone Marina, Leo Zussino Building (BLDG 3)

Price: \$167 for 2 days



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Kids Bonsai at Tondoon

Have some school holiday fun at the Tondoon Botanic Gardens and learn the ancient art of Bonsai over two sessions. Your tree and pot are supplied on the day. Ages 8+. Places are limited, so get in quick and don't miss out.

When: Wednesday 23rd September, 9:00 am – 11:30 pm, 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Where: The courtyard, Tondoon Botanic Gardens, 672 Glenlyon Road, Glen Eden

Price: \$16 per child



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ACF Gladstone Sand Sculpture Contest

Create sculptures of endangered sea species to raise awareness of our incredible native wildlife in a family-friendly sandcastle contest in Tannum Sands. While all sculptures are welcome, one prize category will go to the best endangered animal. Connect with others who care about protecting our oceans and wildlife, bring your family and your spades and let's make waves for our endangered wildlife!

When: Saturday 26th September, 8:30 am – 10:30 pm

Where: Canoe Point Beach, Canoe Point Road, Tannum Sands

Price: Free



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Geely Gladstone Opens Its Doors

Bringing a New Era of Intelligent Mobility to the Gladstone Region

THE GLADSTONE REGION COMMUNITY HAS WELCOMED AN EXCITING NEW AUTOMOTIVE BRAND, WITH GEELY GLADSTONE OFFICIALLY OPENING ITS DOORS AND INTRODUCING A NEW GENERATION OF INTELLIGENT, STYLISH, AND VALUE-DRIVEN VEHICLES TO THE REGION.

The opening of the dealership marks a significant expansion of local automotive choice for Gladstone Region motorists.

Owned and operated by the Robertson family, who have proudly served the Gladstone community through automotive retailing for over fifty years, Geely Gladstone represents a strategic investment in the region's future and reinforces the group's commitment to delivering innovative mobility solutions to local customers. Geely Gladstone is operating from its commencement site at 86 Hanson Road, Gladstone Central, in the same building as Crowies and Carpet One, next door to Bill Robertson Toyota.

Geely is one of the world's leading automotive manufacturers and is recognised globally for its focus on advanced technology, contemporary design, safety innovation, and exceptional value. The arrival of the Geely brand in Gladstone provides local drivers with access to a fresh alternative in the new vehicle market, supported by a dedicated local team and aftersales service offering.

James Robertson, Geely Gladstone Owner, said the launch represents an exciting milestone for both the business and the wider Gladstone community.

"We are thrilled to introduce Geely to the Gladstone region. This launch reflects our confidence in the future of our community and our commitment to providing customers with greater choice. Geely offers an exciting combination of intelligent technology, contemporary design and outstanding value, and we are looking forward to helping local drivers experience the brand firsthand."

The launch of Geely Gladstone will create new opportunities for employment, training, and career development while strengthening the local automotive sector. The dealership's arrival represents a significant investment in facilities, people, and customer service for the region.

To celebrate the opening, customers are invited to visit the dealership at 86 Hanson Road, explore the Geely range, and experience the latest innovations in automotive technology. Test drives will be available, giving local motorists the opportunity to discover why Geely has become one of the world's fastest-growing automotive brands.

The opening of Geely Gladstone further cements Gladstone's position as a thriving regional centre and reflects the growing demand for modern, technology-focused vehicle options that offer both quality and value.

Geely Mission

Creating a better mobility experience for 17 million users around the world. At Geely Auto, we are committed to providing every user with services that exceed expectations.

Geely Auto Australia August Results*
*Source: FCAI VFACTS, August 2026





About Geely – A journey of 40 years

1986 – Geely was founded

1997 – Geely enters the automotive industry

2010 – Zhejiang Geely Holding Group acquires 100% of the shares of VOLVO Car Corporation from the Ford Motor Company.

2016 – The LYNK & CO brand launches and the Geely New Energy Commercial Vehicle is introduced.

2017 – Geely Holding acquires a minority stake in PROTON and a majority stake in LOTUS.

2018 – Geely Holding acquires a 9.69% stake in DAIMLER.

2020 – Geely Holding establishes SMART global joint venture with MERCEDES-BENZ.

2021 – Geely Holding establishes ZEEKER Intelligent Technology.

2022 – Geely Future Mobility Constellation first nine satellites successfully launched.

2024 – Geely and RENAULT Group sign a Framework Agreement to create a leading powertrain technology company.

2025 – Opens the world's largest independent automotive safety laboratory-Geely Global Safety Centre.

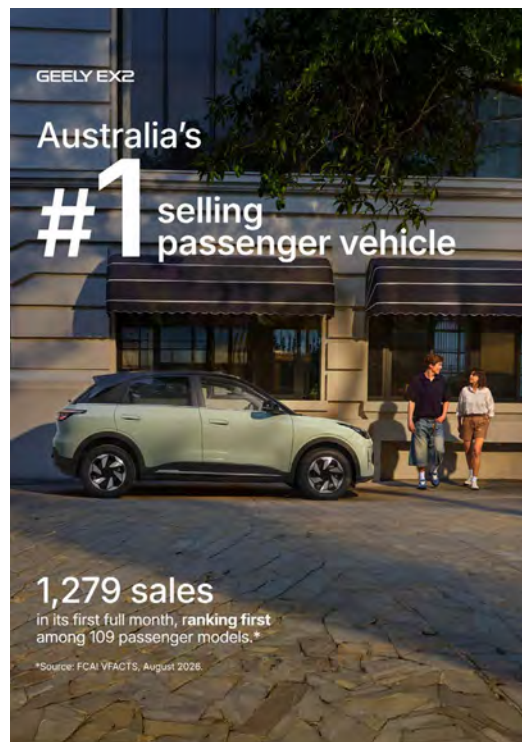


Pictured: Geely Gladstone Owners, Erin and James Robertson.

Pictured: Automotive Consultant, Rosario Mammone

What's Coming For Geely Gladstone

Geely Gladstone is an authorised Geely dealer serving the Gladstone Region. Located at 2/86 Hanson Road, the dealership offers new vehicle sales, vehicle servicing and customer support. The premises at 86 Hanson Road is a temporary one, with a permanent flagship dealership coming soon. Renovations will start soon on a Gladstone commercial property that will be a purpose-built dealership. It will include a state of the art showroom, Geely Parts and Accessory sales and workshop bays for vehicle servicing. The business is part of the Robertson family dealership group, which has a long-standing commitment to serving the Gladstone community.



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Powerlink Awards Second Major

CONTRACT TO CONSOLIDATED POWER PROJECTS

Consolidated Power Projects (CPP) will construct 20km of new transmission line between Powerlink's Calliope River Substation to a proposed new Gladstone West substation, south of Mt Larcom.

Approximately 150 workers are forecast to be employed to deliver this body of work, of which 30% are projected to come from Central Queensland communities. The contract announcement follows Powerlink's commitment to a Community and Social Investment Program for Central Queensland.

Powerlink's Chief Executive Dr Seán McGoldrick said CPP is well-credentialed in delivering major transmission projects.

"The Calvale to Calliope River Transmission Line Reinforcement Project is critical for preparing our network for the changing energy landscape in Central Queensland," Dr McGoldrick said.

"Along with the new transmission line, CPP will also deliver upgrades to our Calliope River Substation and oversee the installation of a 500MVA transformer. Our work in Central Queensland extends beyond transporting electricity; this infrastructure provides opportunities for local businesses, and CPP shares that vision."

CPP's General Manager Operations Queensland Andrew Timms said local relationships are key to the successful delivery of the project.

"We understand this project is as much about people as it is about infrastructure – maintaining strong relationships with local businesses, Traditional Owner groups and the broader public is central to how we deliver," Mr Timms said.

"We thank Powerlink for their trust in CPP to deliver this work."

Powerlink held three information sessions over the last week, encouraging Central Queensland businesses to meet with Powerlink and delivery partners and learn more about supply opportunities and tendering tips. The sessions, delivered in partnership with State Development, were held at The Club Hotel in Gladstone, the Biloela Bowls Club and the Frenchville Sports Club in Rockhampton.

Process Equipment Arrives For HPA

FIRST FACILITY CONSTRUCTION

Two of the largest pieces of process equipment for Alpha HPA's HPA First Facility have been successfully installed on site this week, with a 26-metre-tall reagent absorber and fume scrubber transported to site and erected as the conclusion of months of planning, engineering, logistics and construction coordination draws to a close.

With careful collaboration from Walz Group, the process equipment was supported by specialist lifting equipment, as partners, contractors and site teams carefully prepared to position the large-scale equipment. The installation marks another step forward for the project, ready to become operational in 2027.



Construction Manager Grant Wilson commented, "The final lifts are the most visible part of the job, but there's a huge amount of work that happens in the background to get to that point. Seeing both vessels safely installed is a credit to everyone involved, from planning and logistics through to the crews on the ground who made it happen."

With both vessels now in position, another important element of the facility has moved from design drawings to reality, already providing 420 jobs during the construction and commissioning phases to workers in the local community.



OPENING NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Santos GLNG has been part of the Gladstone Region since 2009 — working alongside the community to support local events, initiatives and organisations that deliver positive outcomes for our region.

In 2027, we're introducing the **Santos GLNG Small Grants Fund** as part of our Community Investment Program.

The fund will provide support to not-for-profit organisations operating within the Gladstone Regional Council Local Government Area to deliver initiatives, projects and events that create meaningful community benefit.

The Santos GLNG Small Grants Fund aligns with our Community Investment Framework, which focuses on building **Resilient Communities**, improving **Economic Pathways**, and the **Environment**.

Through a dedicated funding round, we hope to create greater opportunities for local organisations to access support for initiatives that make a positive impact across our region.

We're keen to hear from organisations looking to:

- Strengthen health and wellbeing.
- Support social inclusion and diversity.

- Increase community connection and participation.
- Improve skills and qualifications that support sustainable employment pathways.
- Protect and restore biodiversity.
- Deliver environmental research and education initiatives.

Expressions of Interest for the 2027 Santos GLNG Small Grants Fund open September 1 and close December 1, 2026.

Eligible organisations, whose proposed projects, initiatives, or events meet the criteria of the Santos GLNG Small Grants Fund, will be invited to submit a formal application in **January 2027**.

Applications between **\$500 and \$5,000** will be considered, and successful applicants will be notified March 2027, with funding to be utilised during the 2027 calendar year.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT
THE SANTOS GLNG COMMUNITY TEAM
AT GLNG.COMMUNITY@GLNG.COM.**

Submit your EOJ
online here until
December 1.



Gladstone Businesses Asked “R U OK?”

THIS SEPTEMBER 9TH

Gladstone Businesses turned up on Thursday the 9th of September to celebrate the annual R U OK? Day initiative, taking the time to check in with their colleagues and open hard conversations that often go unasked in the busyness of day-to-day life.

R U OK? is a national suicide prevention charity and registered public health promotion organisation that encourages people to stay connected and have conversations that can help others through difficult times.

Local community connection organisation, Gladstone Men's Shed, hosted their own celebration, taking the time to enjoy cupcakes, a cuppa, a chat, and share their laughter. Similarly, Gladstone Community Linking Agency, MindCare, CQU and Gladstone Regional Council hosted their own get-togethers, coming together over morning tea, making donations and leaving yellow conversation starters around the office to encourage discussion.

Industry members also got involved on Thursday to look out for each other and create

a workplace

where workers feel valued and seen. Powerlink teamed up with R U OK? and MATES in Energy for Fly the Flag Week for both mental health and wellbeing, as well as physical safety on site.

This year's theme was “Ask R U OK? Any Day”, encouraging businesses and individuals to create a safe space for people to open up and connect through a small event, whether that is a morning tea or something as simple as a walk down the street, any day of the year. Because even a single conversation may be all someone needs to start their healing journey and seek help.



Expressions of Interest Open

FOR SAIKI SISTER CITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2027

Gladstone Regional Council is seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) from community members to join the Saiki Sister City Advisory Committee in 2027, open to anyone interested in playing an important role in facilitating cultural, social, educational and community exchange activities that celebrate diversity and strengthen community connections between Gladstone and Saiki City, Japan.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said the Gladstone Saiki Sister City Advisory Committee provides the Council with strategic advice and support on initiatives that strengthen the Sister City relationship.

“This year marked a significant milestone with Gladstone and Saiki City celebrating 30 years of being Sister Cities,” Mayor Burnett said.

“It was fantastic to welcome Saiki Mayor Kuniko Tomitaka and an official delegation including seven students to the region earlier this year to celebrate this, and there's plenty to look forward to as the relationship continues to grow in the years to come.”

The Gladstone Region's Sister City relationship with Saiki City, Japan, began 30 years ago in 1996 and is centred around a lasting and meaningful relationship that encourages, promotes and enhances the connection with Saiki City.

EOI for the 2027 committee opened on Saturday 5 September and closes at midnight on Monday, 5 October 2026. EOI forms are available on the Gladstone Regional Council website and, once completed, must be emailed to info@gladstone.qld.gov.au. Paper copies can be handed in at the Gladstone Region Community and Neighbourhood Centre (Ngalill Building) at the Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct.



Engineering Gladstone's Future: Local People, National Capability

Gladstone is powered by industry, technology and the people who keep critical operations safe, reliable and productive. For Cell Engineering, being part of this community means more than maintaining a local office; it means building long-term engineering capability in Central Queensland.

Founded in Mackay in 2005, Cell Engineering expanded into Gladstone in 2021 to give local industry direct access to experienced engineering support, backed by the capability and resources of our wider national team.

Today, Cell Engineering's eight-person Gladstone team includes Branch Manager and Principal Engineer Stephen McGachie, Senior Engineers Ayush Kakkar, Kerry Retort and Jessie Wu, Senior Control Systems Engineer Arun Lingampelly, and Project Engineers Emilia Johannson, Ryan Kyriazis and Sourav Biswas.

Together, the team supports the complex industrial environments that define the Gladstone region, with capabilities spanning electrical and power systems engineering, PLC/SCADA control systems, project engineering, safety and compliance, and IT/OT and cybersecurity.

Across the region, Cell Engineering has supported organisations including Rio Tinto, Queensland Alumina Limited, Boyne Smelters Limited, Gladstone Regional Council, Gladstone Area Water Board, Gladstone Ports Corporation, Australia Pacific LNG, ConocoPhillips, Santos GLNG, Cement Australia and Orica Yarwun.

But for Cell Engineering, building local capability is also about developing local people.

Cell has a history of employing undergraduate and graduate engineers, including students and graduates

from CQUniversity. Our approach provides emerging engineers with opportunities to gain practical industry experience alongside experienced professionals, with undergraduate engineers joining Cell from as early as their first years of university.

Building on that experience, Cell Engineering is looking to strengthen its Gladstone-based undergraduate, vacation and graduate opportunities, particularly for students pursuing Electrical, Electronics, Mechatronics and related engineering disciplines.

The aim is to help talented young people in Central Queensland see that they can study, develop their skills and build rewarding engineering careers while remaining connected to their local community.

And that journey can begin well before university.

Cell Engineering is preparing a new local STEM support initiative, including donations of LEGO Education and other STEM resources to Gladstone schools. Through hands-on opportunities to design, build, program and solve problems, we want to help young people experience what engineering is really about and inspire both young men and women to consider technical careers that will remain essential to Central Queensland's future.

Community is one of Cell Engineering's core values. Alongside education, our local involvement includes support for junior sport, football and basketball, as well as participation in charity golf and other community initiatives.

For Cell Engineering, the Gladstone story is about local people supporting local industry, backed by national engineering expertise while investing in the next generation who will engineer our region's future.

From Gladstone Gymnastics Teacher

TO OAM RECIPIENT

From humble beginnings to receiving an Order of Australia Medal for her outstanding achievements in the world of gymnastics and administration, Gladstone local Mrs. Anna Turetschek has experienced the highs and lows of competing, retiring, and teaching over her incredible 65-year career.

Growing up in Czechoslovakia, gymnastics was part of the Central European school curriculum alongside many other sports, holding competitions that progressed from regional to state and national levels. Being naturally strong and flexible, Anna was gifted from the beginning, finding basic gymnastics skills easy to learn. As she began achieving great results in competitions, she decided to pursue the sport further, inspired by her country's strong gymnastics history and meeting future Olympic champion Věra Čáslavská. Anna lived and breathed the sport and couldn't wait to go to training.



Unfortunately, her drive to succeed ultimately led to tragedy.

"My enthusiasm, impatience, or whatever you might call it, became my trademark, but it also led to my early retirement," she recalled.

"A fall from the beam cracked my collarbone, and I tried to return too soon. Instead of improving, I was getting worse. The uneven bars were also set very close together at the time, and the many hip beats we had to perform made things harder. Eventually, I was told my gymnastics career was over."

Devastated by the news that her career had ended, Anna cried for a long time, unsure what to do next. She studied marketing and economics for 2 years, and the dance teacher who ran her classes and choreographed her routines kindly took her under her wing; eventually, she became a dancer.

Anna arrived in Australia in 1975, speaking very little English and leaving behind everything she knew back home, having no friends and feeling so isolated that she wanted



nothing more than to return to Europe. But, thankfully, with a background in dance and gymnastics, she began running fitness classes for women to encourage them to stay active and find purpose. She met Dick Goon Chew and Raymond Young OAM, who encouraged her to found a small Gladstone gymnastics club in 1977, starting with only 12 girls. Dr Trevor Dowell AM provided enormous support and direction in the early years, when she had limited space, outdated equipment, and very few resources.

Today, the Gladstone Gymnastics Club has grown from humble beginnings to supporting more than 600 members, and sometimes up to 1000. Gymnastics has become a bit of a family tradition, with her daughter and all three of her granddaughters involved in the sport now. Mrs. T, as she's known to many, was surprised to be nominated for the OAM award, and has been inspired to nominate other people she knows deserve recognition for their work. Her experiences taught her the importance of resilience, generosity, and community - values that still guide her today and have contributed to the success of gymnastics in the local community.

And though she tried to retire a few years ago, Anna is still going strong at 82 - teaching, coaching, presenting, and volunteering with the Club.

"I work with children, Masters gymnasts, and adults over 50 in our Fitter for Life group, helping them build strength, balance, agility, and flexibility."



“To me, gymnastics at any level is all about developing confident body management, which is valuable at any age. I hope to remain involved for as long as I can.”

Office National

NEW PLACE, BIGGER SPACE

After a whopping 38 year run in Auckland St, independent supplier Office National has relocated. Now on 60 Hanson Rd, they're ready to develop their business even more!

Office National Gladstone is dedicated to giving back to the local economy in any means possible, whether that be anything from volunteering to donations. With over \$10,000 donated annually to local schools, clubs and charities, they can provide new equipment, uniforms and funding to help give back. Their most recent \$1000 donation went to the Young Veterans CQ and their participation and sponsorship of the Combined Services Touch Football Carnival. While they didn't come away with a win that day, their contribution assisted in the \$30000 raised that day!

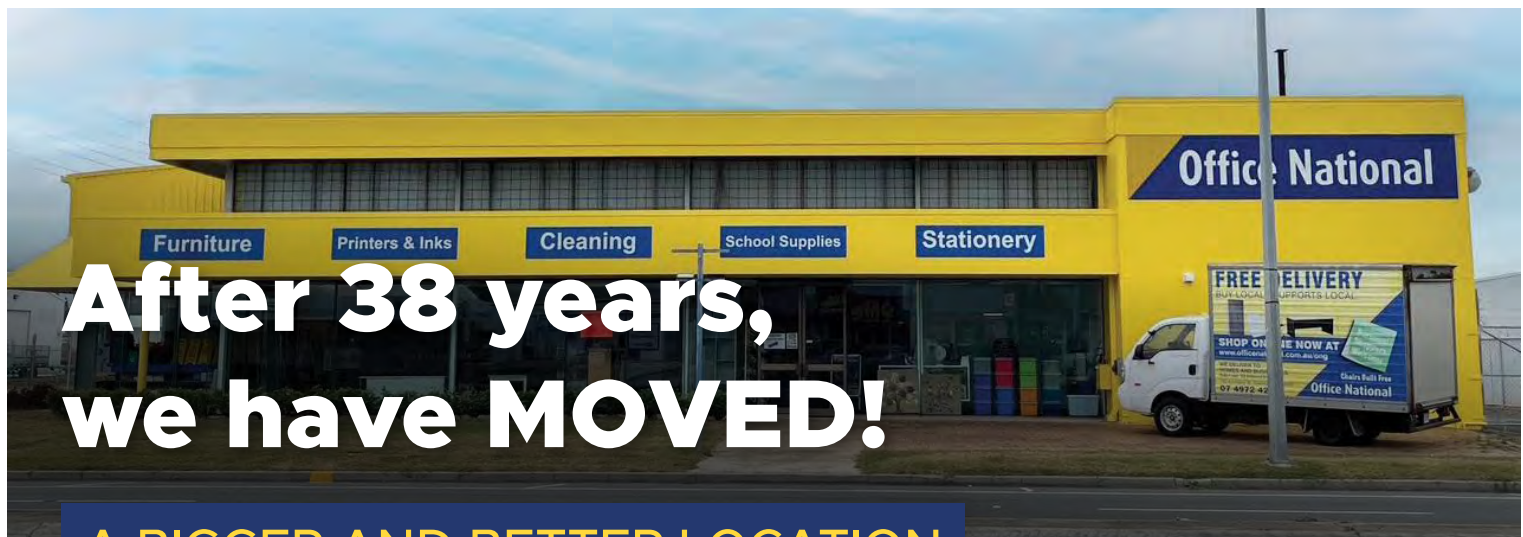
The owners are community-minded country people who have donated their time in volunteering in various local sporting clubs. They are also involved in a range of charitable organisations such as Walking 4 Warriors and Young Veterans. They're always out and about!

With 17 years of experience in the industry, Rachel certainly knows her stuff.

“One of our main competitors are internationally owned, so no profits stay in our community or country. If more people were aware of this and can buy the same item at the same price from us, we would love their business. The more support we have, the more we can pass on.”

When you make a purchase at our store, you aren't just buying product, you are buying the uniform on a football field, a new resource for a student to use at school, every purchase goes back into the community.

Office National Gladstone plans to continue their ongoing support within the community, and with your help, hopefully make even more of an impact in the years to come.



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“Change The Narrative”:

STARTING CONVERSATIONS ON WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY

This story mentions mental health and suicide. If you or someone you know needs urgent care, call 000. Don't be afraid to reach out to Lifeline on 13 11 14, Beyond Blue on 1300 22 4636, or seek help from other helplines or local organisations.

It's a topic that can be hard to talk about, but you aren't alone: it affects millions of people nationally - individuals, friends, families and communities. The 10th of September marked World Suicide Day, a time to recognise and act against one of the biggest silent killers in Australia: suicide. Organisations such as Roses in the Ocean and Blue Tree Project are taking to the community to break down stigmas surrounding mental health, while encouraging locals to “Change The Narrative” around what they wish people knew about suicide.

A member from Roses in the Ocean, Jemma, launched an installation with the help of community members on the 7th of September at the Blue Tree in Lions Park, Gladstone. The installation provided a space for people to pause, reflect, and connect with others who shared experiences of suicide, no matter who was affected by it. Individuals were invited to place mirrors at the base of the Blue Tree, reflecting a lived experience with suicide, and sparking conversations about the effects of it in their own lives.

According to the Queensland Mental Health Commission, nearly 800 people a month across Queensland lose their lives to suicide, and while suicide doesn't discriminate, people in specific age categories, gender groups, and historically marginalised communities are affected disproportionately. Those statistics aren't just numbers; they're lives ripped apart, communities affected, and voices lost. Initiatives like the Blue Tree Project and Roses in the Ocean's Peer CARE Companion in Community are fighting to break down mental health stigma and provide compassionate support to affected members in the region. Together, we can change the narrative around suicide prevention and bring awareness to struggles we silently face.

It takes an enormous amount of courage to speak up if you or a loved one is struggling with mental health or suicide, but know that you are not alone. There are people available to talk to when you're ready to reach out, and they are on your side to help you fight against hardship.



Gladstone Support Services

- Gladstone Community Mental Health - (07) 4976 3200
- Headspace Gladstone - (07) 4836 4500
- Lives Lived Well – 1300 727 957

National 24/7 Support Services

- Lifeline – 13 11 14
- Suicide Call Back Service – 1300 659 467
- Beyond Blue – 1300 22 4636
- 13YARN – 13 92 76
- Emergency 000

If you'd like to find out more information about help and services, you can visit rosesintheocean.com.au or bluetree-project.com.au to get involved and help break down mental health stigma.

Firing Up The BBQ And Bikes

FOR SUICIDE AWARENESS

Rotary Club of Gladstone fired up their BBQs for breakfast and local organisation Ride4Lives members geared up ready for their annual Suicide Awareness ride in early September, encouraging the community to come out for a day of fun, conversation and awareness against suicide.

Participants arrived for registration at 7 am in the CQUniversity car park, ready to ride in the City Awareness Lap – taking them through Gladstone to promote social connection to their cause.



From there, riders could choose whether to head down the Road Bike Route on the highway or the longer Adventure Bike Route through bush trails, before

meeting up at the Gladstone BBQ Festival in Tannum Sands for the Rolling Show 'N' Shine.

Ride4Lives is a local, non-profit organisation established in 2017 to assist in creating awareness around suicide intervention, training, suicide awareness and bereavement support in our local community and the Central Queensland area. They bring riders, families and the wider community together to raise awareness of mental health and suicide prevention, while encouraging conversations and stronger connections to bring the community together around an important message: mental health matters, connection matters, and no one should have to struggle alone.

As part of the day out, members of the public had the chance to win prizes, including meat trays and a major prize of a wheelbarrow packed with goodies, while taking in the atmosphere of the BBQ Festival. Participating riders got the chance to go out and do what they loved while supporting the Gladstone community and raising awareness of the stigmas surrounding mental health and suicide.

Disabled Surfers Day



On Saturday, 10 October 2026, the Discovery Coast Disabled Surfers Association will be bringing a free, safe and nurturing open-water surfing experience to the community.

The day is open to members of the disabled community from Fraser Coast to Capricorn Coast, with activities happening at Agnes Water Main Beach, Tom Jeffery Memorial Park sign-on area.



Saturday 10 October, 2026

Agnes Water Main Surf Beach

Volunteers from 8am

Surfers from 9am

Our event is growing!

We require more volunteers please.

You do not have to be an experienced surfer to help, we also need help in the park with registrations and cooking the BBQ, as well as beach coordinators.

Come along, get involved and help make it a memorable day for everyone!

BBQ lunch provided for all attending.

Registrations are taken on the day, but feel free to register your interest with:

Daffy – 0414 876 874 daffyshorntnsport@gmail.com

Corralie – 0405 554 784 corowhare@bigpond.com

www.disabledsurfers.org/qld-discovery-coast

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Interact Club Raises \$20,000

FOR FAMILIES IN NEED



Students at Toolooa State High School opened their hearts and raised \$20,000 to support families with nowhere to live after disasters and conflict. The Interact Club members have been raising funds and awareness for ShelterBox Australia for more than 10 years and have raised \$4,000 this year alone to send to the global ShelterBox network that specialises in emergency shelter for families who have lost their homes to disaster or conflict.

Student and the Interact Club's Vice President Caitlin Wyatt recently presented David Taylor, President of Gladstone Port Curtis Rotary Club and ShelterBox Australia Ambassador, with a cheque to support the charity.

"Our Toolooa State High School Interact students are proud supporters of ShelterBox's cause and resonate with their mission of supporting people less fortunate whose lives have been destroyed by national conflict, natural disasters and war.

"We work collaboratively to fundraise and raise awareness for the harshness many people face after disaster. We are honoured, determined, and passionate to do our part to ensure no family goes without shelter," Caitlyn said.

Bruce Hunt, a long-standing member of Gladstone South Rotary club and Rotary Advisor to Toolooa State High School Interact Club says: "It's really fantastic to see these students committing their time and energy to community service.

"They are all busy students but find time for a structured meeting each week during a lunch break and it's rewarding to see their growth through their involvement."

ShelterBox has supported more than 3 million people in around 100 countries, responding to major earthquakes, conflicts, tropical storms, droughts, and floods. Funds and awareness raised by supporters like Toolooa State High School Interact Club give support to families left with nowhere to live after disasters with essential items such as tents, shelter kits, mosquito nets, blankets, solar lights, kitchen sets, and water filters.

South Gladstone Rotary Club has donated \$38,000 to ShelterBox since 2010, including a \$2,000 donation this month in support of its emergency response to the flash floods in Nepal. ShelterBox currently has a response team in Kathmandu working with Rotary and local partners to distribute tarpaulins, tents, solar lights, and other essential household items to affected families. As well as Nepal, ShelterBox is currently supporting families displaced by earthquakes in the Philippines and Venezuela with local partners and Rotary, responding to the world's most neglected displacement crises, and supporting people with shelter and other essential items in Cameroon, Ethiopia, Mozambique, and Burkina Faso.



"Toolooa State High School Interact Club became involved with ShelterBox by adopting it as their nominated "International" charity in 2015. They contributed \$2,000 that year and instituted a challenge to South Gladstone Rotary to match their donations – a challenge readily accepted," Bruce Hunt added.

Through the kindness of local students and members of the community, charities and organisations such as ShelterBox, Rotary International and The Interact Club can continue to donate to people in need, and help make the world a happier, better place for many.

United In Diversity:

THE 2026 GLADSTONE MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

No event proves that we are better when we stand united more than the annual Gladstone Multicultural Festival, held in the Marina Parkland earlier this month. Taking place on Father's Day this year, the festivities kicked off at 10 am in the warm Spring sunshine for a day of dancing, singing, music, activities and community connection.

People from every continent gathered in the parklands to celebrate the wonderful diversity and culture the local region shares, with representatives from our First Nations peoples, Indonesia, Myanmar, China, Japan, Scotland, France, India, Sri Lanka, Brazil and so many more countries joining in the festivities, each with their own distinct cultures and gifts to offer Gladstone.



The Gladstone Multicultural Association Inc. is a not-for-profit organisation that provides multicultural services and events to the Gladstone region. The association was initially established to produce an annual multicultural festival in Gladstone that would allow local ethnic groups to showcase the food, dance and songs of their countries of origin, creating awareness of the value and richness that people from other countries can add to a community's culture. The festival aims



to promote the benefits of a multicultural society and a sense of pride in our diverse community, with a focus on fostering harmony and reducing prejudice.

With the beautiful diversity that makes up our local region, Gladstone is excited for the next multicultural festival, planning to make it bigger and better with each passing year.



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Invest Smarter, Not Harder This Spring

Spring has traditionally been one of the more active periods in the Australian property market. More properties tend to come to market, buyers often become more active after the quieter winter months, and there can be a renewed sense of confidence across the housing and investment sectors.

Why does Spring attract more property activity? Traditionally, after the cold, dark months of winter, Spring is considered a prosperous season. There's more sunlight, gardens flourish and properties can be presented more appealingly. Buyers who may have been disengaged during winter are now emerging to make decisions ahead of Christmas, and more properties coming to market means greater choice, but greater competition.

How to make better investment choices this Spring:

Consider a different housing market

Previous spring markets may have been characterised by different combinations of interest rates, borrowing capacity, supply, population growth and investor demand. A property that once appeared affordable may now require considerably more capital, and rental income may have increased, but so may interest costs, insurance, maintenance and other ownership expenses. Keep this in mind when researching and creating your strategy.

Revisit your goals

Before looking for your next property, it can be worthwhile looking at the properties you already own. What are you trying to achieve? Are you primarily looking for long-term capital growth? Is rental income more important? Are you building a portfolio for retirement? Are you trying to diversify your investments? Perhaps you want to pay down debt or improve cash flow rather than acquire another property? Your strategy should reflect your objectives.

Take a closer look at your existing portfolio

Sometimes the biggest opportunity is improving what you already own. Review your current properties and consider how each one is performing while also reviewing your property management arrangements. Look at rental income, vacancy periods, property expenses, loan structures, and overall cash flow. Consider whether the property is meeting your expectations and whether the surrounding market continues to support your long-term strategy.

Don't confuse activity with opportunity

It's important to remember that a busy spring market doesn't automatically mean prices will rise or that every property represents a good investment. Two suburbs only a few kilometres apart can have very different levels of demand, rental performance, supply and future development, with the same applying to different property types. An investor should therefore look beyond headlines about the national property market and consider the fundamentals of the specific location and property; population trends, employment opportunities, infrastructure, supply, vacancy rates, rental demand, and affordability can all play a role.

Don't forget the tax and financial side

Spring can be a good time to speak with your accountant, financial adviser and finance professional to review the implications of your existing investments and any potential purchases. Consider your debt structure, cash flow, tax position and longer-term financial objectives. Professional advice can also help identify opportunities or risks that may not be obvious when you're looking at an individual property in isolation.

While this Spring might look a little different, it is still a useful opportunity to step back, review your portfolio, and consider whether your investment strategy is still heading in the right direction.



For Sale



**69 J Hickey Avenue,
Clinton**

View By Appointment

Price Offers Over
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Web <https://shorturl.at/b7SV1>

Steven James
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Solid 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom residence is perfect for families seeking comfort, space, and the benefits of having a Pool & Shed. Nestled on a 699 sqm block, this property offers a harmonious blend of indoor and outdoor living, making it an ideal sanctuary for both relaxation and entertainment.

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- Kitchen: functional and has ample counter space, making meal preparation a breeze.
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**37/19 Roseberry Street,
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Price Offers Over
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Stylish, Inner City Living - Get Here Fast..!

This modern and stylish 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom apartment in Gladstone's CBD is now available for sale and is one not to be missed..!

Located at 37/19-17 Roseberry Street, Gladstone Central this apartment offers a spacious living area with city and water views and features a modern kitchen with stone benchtops and modern appliances including dishwasher, built-in robes in the bedrooms, and a balcony with a harbour views for outdoor entertaining.

The apartment is fully air-conditioned, main bedroom with an ensuite bathroom, and secure parking in the automatic gated garage area. The building is constructed with eco-friendly double glazed windows for energy efficiency and noise reduction.

With a price guide of Offers Around \$450,000 Considered, this apartment is perfect for those looking for a convenient and contemporary living space in a prime location at an affordable price.



For Sale



**14/20 Flinders Street,
West Gladstone**

View By Appointment

Price Offers Over
\$339,000 Considered

Web <https://shorturl.at/2laQM>

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Affordable Apartment Close to Hospital... Act Now!

Welcome to 14/20 Flinders Street, West Gladstone - a modern and stylish apartment that offers the perfect blend of comfort and convenience. This well-appointed property is ideal for first-time buyers, downsizers, or investors looking for a prime location.

Featuring 2 spacious bedrooms, including a master suite with an ensuite, this apartment caters to your every need. The second bathroom is thoughtfully designed, ensuring that guests and family members have their own space. With a total of 2 toilets, morning routines are a breeze.

The open-plan living area is enhanced by reverse cycle and split system air conditioning, providing year-round comfort. The well-equipped kitchen boasts a dishwasher and ample storage, making meal preparation a delight. The internal laundry adds to the practicality of this property.



For Sale



**4 Pershouse Street,
Barney Point**

View By Appointment

Price Offers Around
\$479,000 Considered

Web <https://shorturl.at/nxug6>

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Opportunity Knocks... Act Now!

Welcome to 4 Pershouse Street, Barney Point - a charming three-bedroom home that perfectly blends comfort and convenience. Nestled on a generous 708 sqm plot, this property offers ample space for outdoor activities and gardening enthusiasts.

Step inside to discover a well-designed interior featuring an inviting living area that flows seamlessly into the kitchen. The home boasts polished timber floors throughout most of the living areas and is the perfect home for first home buyers looking for affordability and functionality.

The outdoor space is a true highlight, with a spacious backyard ideal for entertaining or simply enjoying the tranquility of nature. Whether you're hosting summer barbecues or relaxing in the garden, this property offers the perfect backdrop.

Parking is a breeze with a single garage and an additional carport, providing ample space for your vehicles.



Toolooa Students Collaborate

WITH WHEELCHAIR PHILANTHROPY PROJECT

Making a difference for children in underprivileged communities internationally, Toolooa State High School Students and members of the Gladstone Sunrise Rotary group came together as part of the Bikes to Wheelchairs Project to decorate and assemble bright, colourful wheelchairs for children with disability abroad.

The Year 12 students, who were part of the Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement (QCIA) learning program, had the opportunity and challenge of creating wheelchair designs that would bring both practical support and joy to the children receiving them. After being invited by Rotary member Graeme Bartlett, the TSHS students were able to learn hands-on skills while creating meaningful support for disadvantaged communities.

The experience went far beyond designing wheelchairs with this opportunity of a lifetime. The students worked alongside Graeme Bartlett, Greg Klease, Robin Jones, John Todd and Wal Roobottom, assembling the steel bases, wheels and seats to prepare the pre-decorated and designed wheelchairs for shipment to their designated countries.

A spokesperson for TSHS said that the program gave the Year 12 students practical skills and knowledge.



“For our students, this was an invaluable hands-on learning experience. This provided our students with invaluable practical experience, allowing them to use a range of tools, develop new skills and gain an understanding of how their efforts can positively impact the lives of others and learnt about the importance of teamwork, communication and giving back to others.”



The workshop was filled with conversation, laughter, learning and teamwork, with both parties thoroughly enjoying the experience. The students had the opportunity to ask questions, share ideas and learn from the Rotary member's expertise, developing key skills and building positive community connections that will follow them throughout their future employment and lifelong education.

The Year 12 QCIA students certainly made the most of this opportunity, and, judging by their smiles and enthusiasm, were proud of the contribution they made to such a meaningful and collaborative project. The consensus of the Rotary members, High School students and their teachers is a resounding one: “Let's do it again!”



BIEEC Staff Sharing

“CONNECTED PURPOSE – COLLECTIVE IMPACT” IN CURRUMBIN

Boyne Island Environmental Education Centre staff travelled down to Currumbin on the Gold Coast to take part in a two-day support staff conference. Business Manager Lauren, Teacher Aide Nicole, and Cleaner Emily joined around 80 support staff from 25 Outdoor & Environmental Education Centres across Queensland, who came together for the inaugural 2026 OEEC Support Staff Conference.

The special gathering shone a spotlight on the strategic & practical work that keeps Outdoor and Environmental Education Centres operating safely, effectively and sustainably; from statewide systems and processes to health and safety, managing unique sites, facilities and operations, wellbeing, First Nations connections and caring for Australia's natural environments.



Participants shared knowledge, resources and best practice across administration, catering, cleaning, grounds, program and unit support roles, recognising the important contribution each person & role makes to the success of our centres and programs. The itinerary also included drumming, nature reflection, night bush walk, campfire yarns, the history of the OEEC sector, a conference dinner, great food and field visits to the Tallebudgera Beach Campus, Numinbah Valley Environment Education Centre and Nudgee Beach Environmental Education Centre.

The Tallebudgera Outdoor and Environmental Education Centre is located between Tallebudgera Creek and North Palm Beach on the Gold Coast. Established in 1967, the centre was the first government-owned outdoor and environmental education centre in Queensland, delivering programs that inspire curiosity, resilience and respect for the natural world.

The Boyne Island Environmental Education Centre (BIEEC) is a residential and day visit education facility operated by The Department of Education, Queensland, providing programs for students in Prep to Year 12.

The OEEC Support Staff Conference was a great opportunity to connect with other support staff, share ideas, learn new things and celebrate the important role the support team plays at BIEEC.



CQU's Rod Ainsworth, Associate Vice-President Gladstone and Wide Bay Regions, and Associate Professor Linda Pfeiffer with guest speakers Dr Sam Horseman (JCU) and Jen McGuire (AusIndustry) at the Regional Enablers Program (REP) networking and pitch event.

Powering Regional Innovation

CQUniversity's Regional Enablers Program (REP), which supports renewable energy innovation across Central Queensland with funding from the Queensland Government, hosted Impact 10x, an innovation incubator delivered by JCU Idea Lab from 1 to 3 September.

Six teams participated in the three-day program, developing and refining innovative business ideas. Participants included regional business representatives, students from James Cook University's Brisbane campus, and students from Trinity College.

On Thursday 3 September, the REP team hosted a networking and pitch event featuring guest speakers including Dr Sam Horseman (JCU), Jen McGuire (AusIndustry), Mrs Donna Kirkland MP, and the Trinity College Carbon Cut team, participants in the BOP Industries Schools Challenge.

Project Lead and Deputy Dean of Research for the School of Education and the Arts, A/Prof. Linda Pfeiffer, said the REP program is strengthening innovation across regional communities. "This project increases collaboration, particularly in the renewable energy sector, helping to drive innovation in the regions," she said.

Here in History

CWA MOVEMENT IN GLADSTONE

Branches of CWA were established in Central Queensland during the latter part of the 1920's, liberating many housebound women in the rural area.

The CWA became a social club, charitable organisation, and a place where arts and craft could be taught. An initial accomplishment of the Gladstone branch was the CWA holiday home built at Barney Point for country women and children. It was named "Havarest" and was in use by 1928. When mothers were seriously ill and had to be hospitalised, a voluntary housekeeper moved in to care for the children.

A family was allowed two weeks rent free and by 1933 twenty-eight adults and thirty-six children had stayed there.

Within a decade, this home was fully occupied throughout the year. In 1934 the association had a membership of seventy-seven full members, sixty-eight younger set and twenty-six junior set. The 6th March 1936 was a red-letter day as the CWA opened its own meeting and rest room on land off Oaka Lane just south of the railway line. Rest rooms were a feature of the CWA at that time and it provided an oasis for out-of-town women and a private venue for mums with young babies. The CWA played an important role in the war years, some members opening their homes to war workers.

By *Betty Laver*

Prep: 20 min
Serves 4

CHOCOLATE MOUSSE

INGREDIENTS

- 3 eggs (~55g each)
- 125g / 4.5 oz 70% cocoa chocolate or bitter-sweet chocolate, broken or cut into small 1 cm pieces
- 10g unsalted butter
- 1/2 cup cream, full fat
- 3 tbsp caster sugar (superfine white sugar)

Decorations:

- More whipped cream
- Chocolate shavings

METHOD

1. Separate eggs and yolks while eggs are cold. Place whites in a large bowl and yolks in a small bowl. Leave the whites while you prepare other ingredients.
2. Whisk yolks until uniform.
3. Melt chocolate and butter – Place chocolate in a microwave-proof bowl with the butter. Melt in the microwave in 20-second bursts, stirring in between, until smooth. Set aside to cool slightly while you proceed with other steps – we want it at room temperature but still pourable.
4. Whip cream – Beat cream until stiff peaks form, being careful not to over-whip.
5. Whip whites – Clean the whisks. Add sugar into the egg whites bowl. Beat until firm peaks form.
6. Fold together all ingredients – then divide the mixture between 4 small glasses or pots. Refrigerate for at least 6 hours, preferably overnight.
7. To serve, garnish with cream and chocolate shavings. Raspberries and a tiny sprig of mint for colour would also be lovely!

<https://www.recipetineats.com/chocolate-mousse/>

Touch Football Opens Doors

FOR GLADSTONE'S MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY

The Gladstone Touch Association is kicking off a new initiative aimed at bringing people from diverse cultural backgrounds together through touch football. The multicultural "Learn to Play" program has been designed as a non-contact and inclusive introduction to the sport, giving participants the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of touch football in a welcoming environment.

Running over seven to eight weeks, the program will cover essential skills including passing, rucking and general fitness, with sessions led by representative-level players. Training will take place on Thursday nights from 6 pm to 7.30 pm under lights, providing participants with a regular opportunity to develop their skills, meet new people and become involved in the local sporting community.

The program will culminate in a short competition at the end of the year, giving participants the chance to put their newly developed skills into practice in a competitive but supportive setting. The initiative forms part of the association's broader plans to grow touch football among Gladstone's multicultural community.

Gladstone Touch Association is planning a major multicultural touch football event in March 2027, with the long-term goal of building the "Learn to Play" sessions into larger, permanent competitions, with organisers hoping the program can eventually develop into competitions like the Association's established Monday and Wednesday night leagues.

With a focus on inclusion, participation and community connection, the program aims to provide a pathway for people from a range of cultural backgrounds to discover touch football and become part of Gladstone's sporting community.

Registration costs \$65 and includes 12 months of insurance, a playing jersey and team allocation for the end-of-year competition.

People interested in taking part are encouraged to scan the provided QR code or contact Gladstone Touch Association directly to register their interest.



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Sue Davis Wins Gold

AT WORLD SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP

Gladstone Tennis & Squash member Sue Davis took home gold in the Ladies 55+ Division at the World Masters Squash Championship in Perth recently, held from the 30th of August to the 6th of September, bringing together more than 900 players from 55 nations who competed across 21 age categories in over 1,639 matches.

Sue had an action-packed draw, where she started with Karen Spence (Aust) and Karen Young (NZ), winning both these matches in three games. Her quarterfinal match was against Sarah Nelson (Vic), a player whom she has competed against in the past. Sue was down 2-1 but found focus to win 9-11, 11-9, 9-11, 11-5 and 11-2. Sue lined up to play the semifinal against the top player for this age grouping, Lauren Wagner (Canada), and after losing the first game, Sue went on to win 7-11, 13-11 and 11-5. In the final, Sue faced another Australian, Amanda Hart (Perth's local champion), and won 9-11, 2-11, 11-7, 11-9 and 11-8. This was a tremendous achievement for the Glad-

stone squash player, and she was thrilled to receive a gold medallion and take out the title of Ladies 55+ World Masters Champion.

21 World Masters Champions were crowned overall, rounding off an incredible tournament in Perth on the 6th of September. The Gladstone tennis and squash community is excited to welcome Sue back after her incredible victory and will congratulate the new World Champion upon her arrival.



GIVE YOUR WEEKLY ROUTINE SOME RHYTHM

With Fiesta Loca's Line up for this October!



Wednesday:

Give your work boots a break, and put on your dancing boots to join us for our **Line Dancing Classes** at 5pm.

Thursday:

Take what you learnt on Wednesday, and take it to the dance floor with **Line Dancing** at the Queens from 6:30pm.

Friday:

Dive in and experience the best of the 1920s with the **Charleston** from 6:45pm!

Gladstone's Next Generation

OF SOFTBALL STARS MAKE THEIR MARK

Local teens Max Ferguson and Logan Peachey have been selected to attend the U18 Australian Squad Training Camp in Canberra, where they will spend four days training amongst some of the best young softballers in the country, as they chase final selection in the U18 Australian team that will compete at the 2027 World Championships in Havlíčkův Brod and Ledenice, Czechia.

Max and Logan have spent the past few years representing Queensland and, in January 2026, were members of the Queensland U16 team that won Gold at the Australian National Championships. More recently, they represented Queensland at the U19 School Sport Australia Championships in Sydney, where Queensland again claimed Gold. In the final against NSW, Max took the mound as pitcher with Logan behind the plate as catcher, with the pair forming a dominant battery as Queensland secured the Gold Medal.

Both Max and Logan have had major success this year, and their performances were also recognised individually, with Max

named All Australian Pitcher and Logan named All Australian Catcher. Other talented juniors in the Gladstone softball circle have included Bailey and Cody Peachey, Abel Peachey, Connor Peters, and Cormac O'Flaherty, with all boys going on to compete at National levels.

For a regional association like Softball Gladstone, having so many juniors progressing through Queensland and Australian pathways is something that the club is incredibly proud of, and it's fantastic for younger players to see what Max, Logan and the other juniors are achieving and realise that the pathway from the diamonds of Gladstone to Queensland, Australian and international representation is just one grand slam away.



September School Holidays are here!

Whether you're driving locally or travelling on a family road trip, stay safe on our roads these holidays.



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