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When: Friday 2nd October, 09:00 am - 12:00 pm

Where: Philip Street Communities & Families Precinct, 1 Pengelly Street, Gladstone

Price: Free



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Budget Direct Breast Cancer Awareness Fundraiser

Budget Car & Truck Rentals is hosting a Pink Donut Day in support of Australian Breast Cancer Awareness, with breast cancer pens, ribbons and wristbands for every donation received. Come down and donate to the cause, and help Aussies get the support they need through vital research, better treatments and ultimately, a cure.



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When: Tuesday 13th October, 07:00 am – 10:00 am

Where: Budget Airport Kiosk, 18 Neil St, Clinton

Price: Varied

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.



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Our event is growing!
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Central Queensland is not short of opportunity. Energy, manufacturing and infrastructure investment continues to flow into the region, and project pipelines keep growing. The harder question, the one Gladstone businesses ask every day, is how that pipeline turns into delivered projects, local jobs and work that actually lands with the region's own supply chain.

That question sits at the centre of the 2026 GEA Major Industry, Energy and Manufacturing Conference, running 21 and 22 October at the Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre. Organised by the Gladstone Engineering Alliance (GEA), the two-day event carries the theme "From Announcement to Execution: Turning Project Pipelines into Regional Outcomes", a deliberate shift in focus from what might be built to what it takes to actually build it, and who gets the work.

"The region isn't short of opportunity," GEA says of the conference's framing. "The harder task is turning investment ambition into delivered projects, local participation and lasting economic value." That's not conference marketing language, it's the operating question behind everything GEA does as the coordination point between major industry, project proponents and the region's suppliers.

TWO DAYS, TWO SIDES OF THE SAME PROBLEM

Day One, "Understand the Opportunity", looks outward, at the project pipeline, national industrial policy environment, the Future Made in Australia agenda, and the infrastructure conditions that will decide whether Central Queensland's project pipeline actually moves. Energy, water, ports, logistics, transport and industrial land all get examined for what's genuinely constrained versus what's simply talked about. Delegates leave the day with a realistic read on what's moving over the next three to five years, and where the openings are likely to show up first.



Day Two, "Building the Capability to Deliver", turns the lens back on the region itself. This is where it becomes a working session for local businesses: how to stay competitive as procurement expectations tighten, what capability and accreditation standards proponents are now asking for, and where the gaps sit in workforce, digital readiness, ESG reporting and supply chain visibility. The program also covers advanced manufacturing, critical minerals and industrial automation - the categories of work the region is competing to keep local. The two days close with a facilitated leadership panel putting industry, government and regional representatives on the same stage to agree what happens next.

Woven through Day 1 is the Industry Awards & Gala Dinner, a separate recognition night celebrating the businesses, projects and individuals already doing this work well. Leadership, innovation, safety, culture and contribution across the region's industrial supply chain. It's the one night on the calendar built entirely around Gladstone's own capability, not the visiting proponents.

WHO'S IN THE ROOM

The conference is built for the full chain of people who make major projects happen locally: major industry and project proponents, engineering, construction and maintenance contractors, manufacturers and industrial suppliers, energy, water, port, transport and logistics providers, all three tiers of government, economic development agencies, workforce and training providers, and the professional services and technology firms that support delivery. That breadth is deliberate, as GEA's premise is that regional outcomes depend on major industry, government and local suppliers being in direct conversation, not each working from separate assumptions about what the others need.

Sponsorship this year spans Principal, Government & Regional Delivery, Industry, Supply Chain and Supporting Partner tiers, alongside feature partnerships covering the lanyards, charging stations, coffee cart, event platform and an Industry Intelligence Briefing Paper - a sign of how many local and major-industry organisations already see value in being visibly associated with the conversation. GEA member pricing keeps a one-day ticket accessible at \$650 + gst, with two-day and non-member options also available.



WHY IT MATTERS BEYOND THE CONFERENCE ROOM

For Gladstone's small and medium suppliers, the value isn't the two days themselves, it's what those two days are meant to unlock. A clearer read on which projects are genuinely moving. A direct line to the proponents and contractors setting procurement terms. And a concrete sense of what "capable" now means to the organisations awarding the work, whether that's an accreditation, a safety record, a digital system or an ESG position.

For major industry and government, the value runs the other way: a regional supply chain that understands what's coming and is actively lifting its own readiness is less risk and more delivery certainty. Every project that finds local capability instead of importing it keeps more of its economic value inside Central Queensland, which is the outcome GEA measures itself against.

The 2026 Major Industry, Energy and Manufacturing Conference isn't a showcase of announcements. It's where Gladstone's industrial community, the people planning the work, the people funding it, and the people who will actually deliver it, sit down together and work out what comes next.

Tickets and the full program details are available at gea.apps.hutly.com/events/mic-2026, or through the Gladstone Engineering Alliance directly.



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New \$2 Million Skate Park

KICKFLIPS INTO AGNES WATER

After months of Beta testing by Agnes Water locals, the new \$2 million skate park was officially opened by Mayor Matt Burnett last week, as plenty of residents turned out to witness the occasion in Captain Cook Lions Park.

Mayor Burnett was joined by State Member Stephen Bennett, Councillors Glenn Churchill, Cameron Wagner and Karen Davis, Deputy Mayor Natalia Muszkat, Council officers and project staff, representatives of the Gladstone Youth Council, and members of the local community. Former Councillor Rick Hanson was among those attending the opening as one of the initial approvers of the project, and representatives from Convic, the company that built the skate park, were giving away skate decks to lucky attendees.

Queensland Tourism Industry Council (QTIC) CEO Natassia Wheeler was also in attendance, having been instrumental in securing funding for the earlier Agnes Water skate park, as was Discovery Coast Tourism & Commerce (DCTC) President Amber Rodgers.

The new facility had effectively been in a period of public use and trial since July, giving local skaters and riders several months to try the new park before the formal opening on September 21st.

Mayor Burnett said he was delighted to finally officially open the facility and recalled bringing his own children to Agnes Water many years ago to compete at the former skate park, particularly stating how pleasing it was to now see the new facility being used by local children.

"In just a short space of time we've already seen just how popular this skate park is with plenty of community members and visitors, including families, children and adults enjoying it," he said.



“This isn’t just a park for skateboarders, as it can be enjoyed by BMX and scooter riders as well and has a range of features to suit a variety of skill levels.”

A morning tea was provided following the opening, giving locals, Council representatives, project staff and the various organisations involved an opportunity to catch up and celebrate the completion of what is now one of Agnes Water’s major community recreation facilities. Judging by the number of children already using the skate park, the facility certainly was getting the reception it was designed for, with avid skaters and groms sliding, kicking and flipping over the jumps.



After years of locals discussing potential improvements to make Agnes Water a more vibrant place to reside and play, the skate park is now a major new facility sitting in the middle of the community, encouraging families to get out, be active, and stay steezy at the session.



Brigadier Mark Smith, Leisa Dowling and Major Ed Dahlheimer at the 2026 Australian Defence Force Reserves Employer Support Awards. Image credit: Lance Corporal Andy Arreza.

Council recognised as a top employer by ADF

Gladstone Regional Council was recently named Queensland's Best Public Sector Employer at the 2026 Australian Defence Force (ADF) Reserves Employer Support Awards held in Brisbane.

The Best Public Sector Employer Award recognises Council's exceptional commitment to supporting employees who balance their civilian careers with service in the Army, Air Force or Navy Reserves.

The Award highlights Council's ADF Reserve Leave policy, which provides up to four weeks of full pay per financial year for training and deployments.

Gladstone CEO Leisa Dowling attended the Awards with Council's Asset Governance Manager Ed Dahlheimer, who is a Major in the Army Reserve and wrote the Award submission on behalf of Council.

Ms Dowling said the Award reflects Council's dedication to community duty and national service.

"We are incredibly proud to receive this recognition from the Australian Defence Force, and I'd like to thank Ed not only for his service to our country, but also his service to the people and communities of

the Gladstone Region," she said.

"Council provides flexibility for our Reservists so they can balance critical national defence duties and local responsibilities, with the submission highlighting this support and also our assistance in major military exercises including Exercise Talisman Sabre 2025 and Exercise Austral Shield 2026."

Major Dahlheimer, who has served in the Army Reserve since 1988 and toured Afghanistan in 2019, said his service with the Army Reserve has directly strengthened his effectiveness as a manager within local government.

"Defence service reinforces discipline, accountability and calm decision making," he said.

"The leadership expectations placed on me in the Army has shaped how I mentor employees, set standards and build a cohesive, high-performing team.

"The emphasis on resilience and adaptability in Defence has also enhanced my ability to manage organisational change and maintain performance under pressure."

Rock on with surplus GECC equipment

Council is inviting Expressions of Interest (EOI) from local community organisations and schools to receive audio visual equipment previously used by the Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre (GECC).

The equipment, currently in storage, is available in a mix of good, fair and poor conditions.

All items will be donated free of charge on a first-in, first-allocated basis until all items are cleared.

The EOI application window opens on Friday 2 October and closes at noon on Friday 16 October.

Interested organisations must complete and submit an online EOI form, found on Council's website, where you will also find a catalogue of items.

Visit www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/Things-To-Do/Events/Expressions-of-Interest-AV-Equipment for more information.

All equipment must be collected from Boyne Island.



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Kirkwood Road Set To Become

AUSTRALIA'S LARGEST LFR PRECINCT

Australian property developer CADRE has secured approval for what is set to become Australia's largest masterplanned large-format retail (LFR) precinct, unlocking a landmark \$250 million development that will transform retail, employment and community in Central Queensland.

Located on a 152,660sqm site at Kirkwood Road, Gladstone, the precinct will deliver approximately 44,000sqm of retail, commercial and community uses across a multi-stage masterplan, and will include a full-line supermarket, LFR tenancies, food and beverage operators, a childcare centre, service station, travel precinct and activity centre, creating a new retail and community destination for the region.

Upon completion, the precinct will be the size of more than two Suncorp Stadiums and is expected to create approximately 700-1000 construction jobs and 550-730 ongoing operational jobs. Strong demand from national retailers is enabling construction to commence later this year, and the supermarket is currently targeted to open in 2028.



Nicholas Tyas, Co-Founder and Managing Director of CADRE, said tenant demand had reinforced confidence in the long-term vision for the project and the region.

"Retail offerings across Gladstone are currently fragmented. This precinct will bring together the brands, services and convenience the community has been asking for while creating significant economic opportunities for the region."

"We have seen exceptionally strong interest from national retailers, confirming what we already knew: Gladstone is ready for a project of this scale," Mr Tyas said.

Construction of Stage One is expected to commence in Q1 2027, subject to final tenant agreements and operational approvals.



It will comprise approximately 20,000 sqm GFA and include the supermarket anchor, LFR tenancies, travel precinct with food and beverages, and a childcare centre. Future stages will progressively deliver the balance of the approved 44,000sqm masterplan, phased to align with tenant demand and population growth across the region.



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Byrne Lawyers, based in Gladstone, Bundaberg and Biloela, have been named the 2026 Queensland Training Awards Small Employer of the Year, taking home the award as they went up against finalists Darrin Price Constructions and M Hair & Co.

The award recognises Queensland businesses demonstrating outstanding achievement in vocational education and training, including their commitment to developing staff, building skills and creating career pathways in a workplace with 99 or fewer full-time equivalent employees.

Byrne Lawyers has grown from a 13-person Gladstone practice to a regional firm of 65 staff across Gladstone, Bundaberg and Biloela, with a strong focus on developing people from within through traineeships, entry-level opportunities, structured training and further study.

With a legacy spanning almost a century, Byrne Lawyers has built a culture of continuous professional development through tailored training pathways for solicitors and support

staff. Comprehensive in-house learning resources, self-paced programs and dedicated trainers support career progression across multiple legal disciplines, and by combining innovative training systems with ongoing industry engagement, Byrne Lawyers is strengthening legal capability across regional Queensland.

The 65th Central Queensland Regional Finals saw finalists and winners across 10 categories compete for recognition as their achievements hit the spotlight at the Rockhampton Leagues Club for an afternoon of celebration, connection and inspiration. Other key Gladstone businesses that won on the day included QAL, Apprentices and Trainees Queensland, and Gladstone Mindcare, which was a finalist in the Community Training Initiative of the Year section.

The local region extends its congratulations to the businesses and individuals named as finalists and winners, and is a testament to the quality of employment and training that exists in Central Queensland.



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Gladstone Men's Shed

HOSTS COMMUNITY OPEN DAY

Local organisation Gladstone Men's Shed opened its doors to the community for its Open Day, giving residents a chance to see projects in progress, buy surplus equipment and items at its garage sale, and have lunch with members of the organisation.

The Gladstone Men's Shed has a deep connection with the local community, having been established for 15 years in Barney Point with metal and woodworking facilities, electrical, furniture restoration, lead lighting and technology activities for promoting connection and improving men's physical and emotional health. They also run an exercise group on Friday mornings from 8:00 am to 9:30 am, with equipment available to help the members keep in shape throughout the week when needed.

Each of the members contributes to community initiatives and events through their expert craftsmanship and skill, including making Santa sleighs, making toys and items for their Early

Childhood Services project to benefit childhood early learning programs, crafting a candy cart to hire out for events, display boards for the Gladstone Regional Council, a 9-hole mini-golf course for events such as Luminous, quilted oyster doonas to help marine conservation efforts, and most recently, their R U OK? Day morning tea to help strengthen connections and conversations between members and the community.

The organisation regularly has handcrafted items and furniture for sale through their social media and physical location at 18 Moura Crescent, Barney Point, open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8 am to 12 pm, for locals interested in beautiful, unique statement pieces. Men of any age and background interested in joining can fill out a form on gladstonemensshed.org or contact a member through mensshed4680@hotmail.com to be part of an organisation that values connection, friendship and service to the local community.

Queensland Chief Scientist to Join STEM Leaders in Gladstone

Join us at our next Queensland Community of Practice for STEM Engagement meeting on 14 October from 10 am to 12 pm. Chaired by CQUniversity Associate Professor Linda Pfeiffer, the event will focus on sharing best-practice approaches to engaging young people and strengthening collaboration between educators and industry. The theme for this meeting is: Best practices in engaging with industry and other educators, with a particular focus on young people. The Queensland Chief Scientist (attending Gladstone in-person) will also briefly share some information about the new Science and Innovation Strategy, Ideas into Impact: From discovery to delivery and you will have the opportunity to meet colleagues in STEM engagement. The Community of Practice is an inclusive engagement space, please come prepared to share your projects' learnings and contribute your insights to the network.

Queensland Community of Practice for STEM Engagement

Wednesday 14 October 2026 | 10 am to 12 pm

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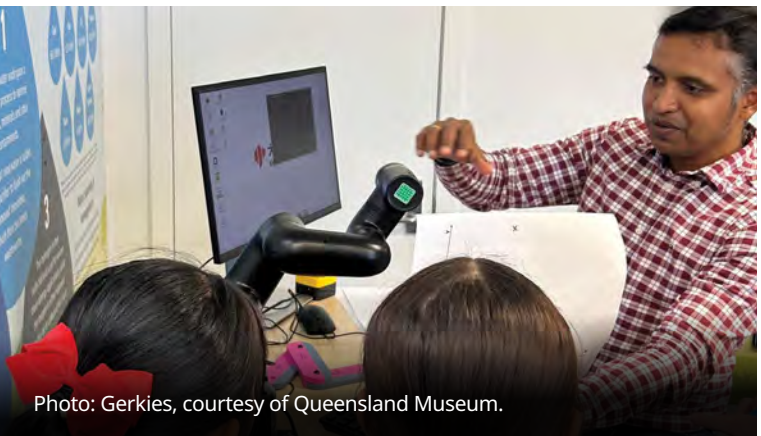


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Future Makers Inspires Gladstone's Next Generation

Students from across the Gladstone region are developing solutions for Queensland's wildlife and ecosystems through the Future Makers STEM Inventors Challenge.

17 teams from Toolooa State School, Calliope State High School, Chanel College and Faith Baptist Christian School took part in the 10-week program.

Students took part in hands-on workshops led by CQUniversity's STEM Central, including Associate Professor Linda Pfeiffer and Dr Diluka Moratuwage, and gained insights from Associate Professor Carolyn Lundquist from the Coastal Marine Ecosystems Research Centre (CMERC). Future Makers is a partnership between Queensland Museum and Shell QGC together with their joint venture partners, including CNOOC.

Petal Play Therapy

At Petal Play Therapy, children are supported to explore their emotions, experiences and challenges in the way that comes most naturally to them – through play. Giaan Eggmolesse is a Gladstone local and a qualified Child-Centred Play Therapist, who has facilitated over 600 hours of play therapy since opening Petal Play Therapy in September 2025. In September 2026, Petal Play Therapy celebrated it's first birthday, marking a year of supporting Gladstone children and families.

"Gladstone families are unique. Many families are balancing raising children with shift work, navigating a new town after relocating due to domestic violence, or waiting patiently on waitlists for much needed support. These factors mean that a greater number of children and families need support in our region, which is why it's important that Gladstone knows about play therapy."

What Is Play Therapy?

Child-Centred Play Therapy is a developmentally appropriate, theory-driven therapeutic approach that recognises play as a child's natural form of communication.

Children do not always have the words to explain how they are feeling, why something has upset them, or what they have experienced. Within the playroom, they are given the opportunity to express themselves using toys, imaginative play, creativity and movement.

In this therapeutic process, toys become the child's words, and play becomes their language. Rather than requiring children to sit and talk directly about difficult experiences or explain their emotions and behaviours, Child-Centred Play Therapy provides a safe and supportive environment where they can communicate, explore, process and make sense of their inner world at their own pace.



What Can Play Therapy Support?

Play Therapy can support children experiencing a wide range of emotional, behavioural, social and life challenges, including:

- Behavioural concerns such as meltdowns, defiance or withdrawal
- Bullying or harassment
- Difficulty expressing thoughts and feelings verbally
- Domestic and family violence
- Emotional and mental health concerns
- Exposure to traumatic events
- Grief and loss
- Physical, emotional or verbal abuse
- Sexual abuse or sexualised behaviours
- Significant life changes, including parental separation, relocation, welcoming a newsibling or starting a new school

Children do not need to have experienced a significant trauma or have a diagnosis to benefit from play therapy. It can also provide a supportive space for children who are finding everyday emotions, relationships or changes difficult to navigate.

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Gladstone Dog Obedience Club Celebrates

PAW-SITIVELY AMAZING 50 YEARS

The Gladstone Dog Obedience Club recently celebrated its 50th Anniversary at its September Tricks Trial, applauding its incredible milestone with a commemorative cake while being surrounded by a community of avid dog lovers and newcomers to the sport.

Established around the mid-1970s, the Gladstone Obedience Dog Club, an affiliate of Dogs Queensland, offers training and activities for local dog owners, including Obedience, Rally, Tricks, Agility, trials and competitions, aiming to provide a friendly, supportive and encouraging environment for people at all levels of experience. Members come for a variety of reasons, from teaching their family dogs basic skills and good manners, to strengthening their bond, learning fun tricks, or taking their training further and competing in dog sports.

President of the Club, Wendy Lucht, has been a volunteer for 23 years and has been active in many roles, from helping at the canteen to being a trainer, treasurer, Vice President, and now the current President and trial secretary. She has been involved in Harbour Festival Parades and demonstrations at various events, and loves watching the Club members grow and become confident.



"We all have different training backgrounds with a wealth of experience between us; however, we all share the same love of dogs, dog obedience and sports. It is so rewarding watching people and their dogs make so much progress from their first class to their graduation only weeks later," she said.

The Club has enjoyed being involved in local community events over the years, including the Easter Parade, Million Paws Walk and PetPEP (School Education Program), allowing members to meet other dog owners, promote responsible dog ownership and highlight the positive relationship people can have with their dogs. Unfortunately, like most businesses six years ago, the COVID-19 pandemic had a significant impact on the Club, with restrictions in place that meant they had to put classes, training and trials on hold for a while. Since resuming activities, the Club has returned in full swing, with member-

ship continuing to grow and people getting involved in everything from basic training to dog sports.

The Gladstone Dog Obedience Club is entirely volunteer-run, with members giving their time to help with training, trials, events, administration, grounds maintenance and the general operation of the Club. They have been fortunate to receive funding through the Gambling Community Benefit Fund and ConocoPhillips, along with support from Gladstone Regional Council, from whom they lease the land where the Club operates.

This funding has helped the Club to purchase new agility equipment and undertake much-needed maintenance and improvements to the Club grounds, and support the continued development of dog sports and activities available to the local community.

The Club is always open to new members, and if you and your canine companion would like to go have some fun, head to the Gladstone Dog Obedience Club's Facebook page for information about upcoming classes, courses, trials and other activities that are truly un-fur-gettable.



Pink In The Paddock

RAISES OVER \$17,000 WITH TURF CLUB

The inaugural Pink in the Paddock Spring Race Day Charity Event, proudly presented by the Zonta Club of Gladstone in collaboration with the Gladstone Turf Club, raised over \$17,000 so far in support of local breast cancer care and the Gladstone Hospital Cancer Care Unit.

The event brought the community together in a sea of pink for an afternoon of racing, fashion and fundraising. Attendees received a drink on arrival, a special gift, automatic entry into the lucky door prize, a generous selection of shared grazing platters and sweet treats supplied by Craig's Bakery, entry into the exclusive Fashions on the Field Competition and an afternoon of sophistication alongside the races on the 19th of September.

The funds raised from the day are going to local breast cancer care and the Gladstone Hospital Cancer Care Unit, and with over \$17,000 raised so far, the organisers, sponsors and attendees have successfully raised enough for at least two new chemotherapy treatment chairs for the ward. The sponsors for the event were a range of local businesses and individuals, including Ray White Biloela, Farm and Garden Products, Stellar Conveyancing,

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Glenn Butcher and Colin Boyce MPs, Rachel's Lashes & Beauty, Gladstone Flowers, CQ Commercial Laundry, Unfiltered Beauty Photography and Endota. The volunteers at Zonta were also highly appreciated, as all their hard behind-the-scenes work and passion made sure the event was the huge success that it was.

The success of Pink in the Paddock shows that when an important charity event arises, locals will put on their best race day fashion and come together to show their support for a worthy cause.



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Congratulations to all of this year's competitors, and thank you to the teachers, families and volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make the Gladstone Eisteddfod possible.

We look forward to seeing our local talent take centre stage at the Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre again next year.



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Boyne Tannum Lions Club

READY FOR 3 YEARS OF ROARING SUCCESS

The Boyne Island Lions Club Senior Citizens and Community Morning Tea is set to celebrate their 3rd birthday on Tuesday 13th October as part of Queensland Seniors Month. Held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, the morning tea has become a monthly go-to calendar event for local seniors looking for fun, friendships and community connection. Setting the tone for a lively morning of Hoy games and delicious food, The Roulettes will be performing live music, having supported the organisation for the past 3 years. The generosity of the Junction Café and Coastline Fashions is unmatched, as both are providing fresh sandwiches and a fashion parade on the day, Little Bit of Sweetness will provide the birthday cake, Hoy will be hosted by Brooksie, chair exercises by local fitness instructor Susanne, and lucky door and raffle prizes will be enjoyed by all. Tannum Meats, Tannum Garden Centre and Woolworths will be making their regular donations to the festivities also, with a morning tea prepared and served by volunteers who rotate each month to share the workload.

Graham Lindner, Boyne Island Lions Club President, said the morning tea began quietly some years ago but has now grown well beyond their expectations.

"We saw the need for such an activity for seniors in our area and, with the support of the Boyne Island Lions Club, commenced the morning tea in 2023. We all recognise the importance of social interaction and well-being for our senior residents.

“ It is very satisfying to be able to provide low-cost entertainment that brings locals together. Local nursing homes also appreciate being able to attend with the broader community. ”

Graham said that the Boyne Island Lions Club is extremely pleased with the response of the Boyne Tannum business community, who have rallied and supported them with enormous generosity.



"This month's celebration is sponsored by the Gladstone Regional Council as part of Seniors Month. We also appreciate the support of the Gladstone News publication and its staff, for without their support, good news is hard to share. Thank you."

Attendance is anticipated to be high at the Seniors Month Community Morning Tea, and should you wish to come along, please phone Graham on 0484-072753 for catering purposes. It will be held at the Port Curtis Room, Boyne Island Community Centre, corner of Hayes and Wyndham on Tuesday 13th Gladstone, with doors open at 9:00 am for a 9:30 am start.

The Lions Club takes great pride in serving our local community. Why not join them by becoming a member or a Friend of Lions and make a difference for those in the Gladstone Region.

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Independence matters

We are registered to provide Support Coordination, although we have made the deliberate decision not to deliver Support Coordination ourselves. Independence matters, and we don't want to be coordinating a participant's plan while also recommending our own services. By keeping Support Coordination separate from the services we deliver, there is someone independent of Lionheart involved in making sure recommendations are genuinely in the participant's best interests.

It may mean we miss out on some work, but we believe it's the right way to do things.

Nursing and clinical care

Our nursing service is another important part of what we offer. Led by our Clinical Director Michele, our nursing team provides clinical assessments, care planning, reports, staff training and hands-on clinical care. Nursing can be accessed as part of a broader Lionheart support arrangement or as a stand-alone service.



Whether someone needs a clinical assessment, a care plan, a report or staff training, they can access our nursing team regardless of whether Lionheart provides their other supports. We are registered for Community Nursing Care and Assist Personal Activities-High Intensity, and our nurses maintain current recency of practice.

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At Lionheart, local isn't just something we put in our advertising. We are locally owned and family-operated, and behind our friendly faces and professional teams are people with lived experience. Many of our staff have family members who receive support, and many are unpaid carers within their own homes. That experience gives us an understanding of what families need from a support provider, as we live that understanding every day.





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Gladstone Aluminium: Inside Operations

Celebrating people, progress and partnership
across Boyne, QAL and Yarwun

Welcome to *Inside Operations*, where we share what's happening across Boyne Smelters, Queensland Alumina Limited and Yarwun refinery.

From our Site General Managers



Trent: At QAL, innovation and collaboration continue to play an important role in how we improve safety, reliability and performance. This edition highlights the growing use of drone and remote inspection technology, which helps reduce the need for people to work at heights, enter confined spaces or access difficult environments. It is a practical example of how new tools can support safer, more efficient ways of working while strengthening asset integrity across our site.

It was also pleasing to see so many scientists, engineers and technical specialists come together for the Gladstone Technical Conference. There is great value in bringing together the depth of expertise from across this region into one space to share and grow our knowledge across Rio Tinto's Gladstone Aluminium operations as we work through the opportunities and challenges ahead.



Shona: At BSL, we're constantly looking for ways to build our team's capability and take our operations forward. Four of our apprentices showed we're doing just that at the WorldSkills trades competition

recently, with three finishing on the podium against regional competitors. I'm proud to see our people being recognised for their skills and passion for their trades – developed right here in Gladstone.

This edition also shows how we're developing the next generation – from welcoming young students in the STEM-tacular Girls Program to our smelter, to explaining the alumina-to-aluminium process and our role in the integrated Gladstone value chain.

It's moments like these that bring our operations to life and show young people how they can be part of this story by developing careers in science, engineering, trades and industry.



Shane: At Yarwun, we continue to focus on safe, reliable operations while progressing practical opportunities to support a lower-carbon future. The next stage of our bio pellet work with SuperChar

is an important milestone, moving from trials toward operational demonstrations and assessments of different blends at our Gladstone alumina refineries. It reflects the collaboration across our sites and the potential to build a local supply chain that connects agriculture, industry and new technology in Central Queensland.

Thank you to everyone contributing to these outcomes across our sites. We hope you enjoy this edition.

Stay safe,

Shona, Trent and Shane.

Inside community

Song, dance and gathering on Country

Every year, one shirt tells a bigger story. To mark NAIDOC Week – Australia’s national celebration of the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples – Rio Tinto commissions an Indigenous artist to create an original design for limited-edition polo shirts. In 2026, that story belongs to Uncle Joe Butler.

A proud Gooreng Gooreng, Gurang and Gangulu-Iman man, Uncle Joe has been creating artwork since he was a child.

This year’s artwork, Celebrating on Land and Sea Country, continues that work of sharing and guiding. The painting centres on two brolgas, Gourvan, moving together across land and sea Country.

When Uncle Joe heard this year’s NAIDOC theme, the vision came quickly.

“When I hear a title, I come up with a vision in my head. Once I see the vision, I know where I’m going, and that’s where the story comes through.”

From that vision came a story of movement, guidance and gathering.

U-shapes represent hunters, our people, sitting together. The lighter blue reflects the monsoon rains that fill the billabongs. When the water rises, fish gather, and the hunters follow the brolga’s footprints to water.

“We go out, we catch the fish, we bring it back. When we come back to the centrepiece, that’s where we all gather.”

At the centre, white dots represent people sitting together, sharing food, and ensuring no one misses out. Darker orange dots mark land Country. Lighter orange reflects sand. Blue circles show billabongs. The footprints of Gourvan move across the canvas, guiding the eye and carrying the story forward.

Each painting begins from the centre and grows outward – just as community does. Marbling creates depth in the

background, then circles, line work and layered dots bring the story to life.

“When you look at it, you see the dots float. I see that three-dimensional effect.”

For Uncle Joe, culture is something lived and shared. He hopes those who see the artwork feel proud and drawn back to Country.

“When I pass on culture with my artwork, this is where people can learn something. They can learn something about our Country and what our people used to follow and be guided by.”

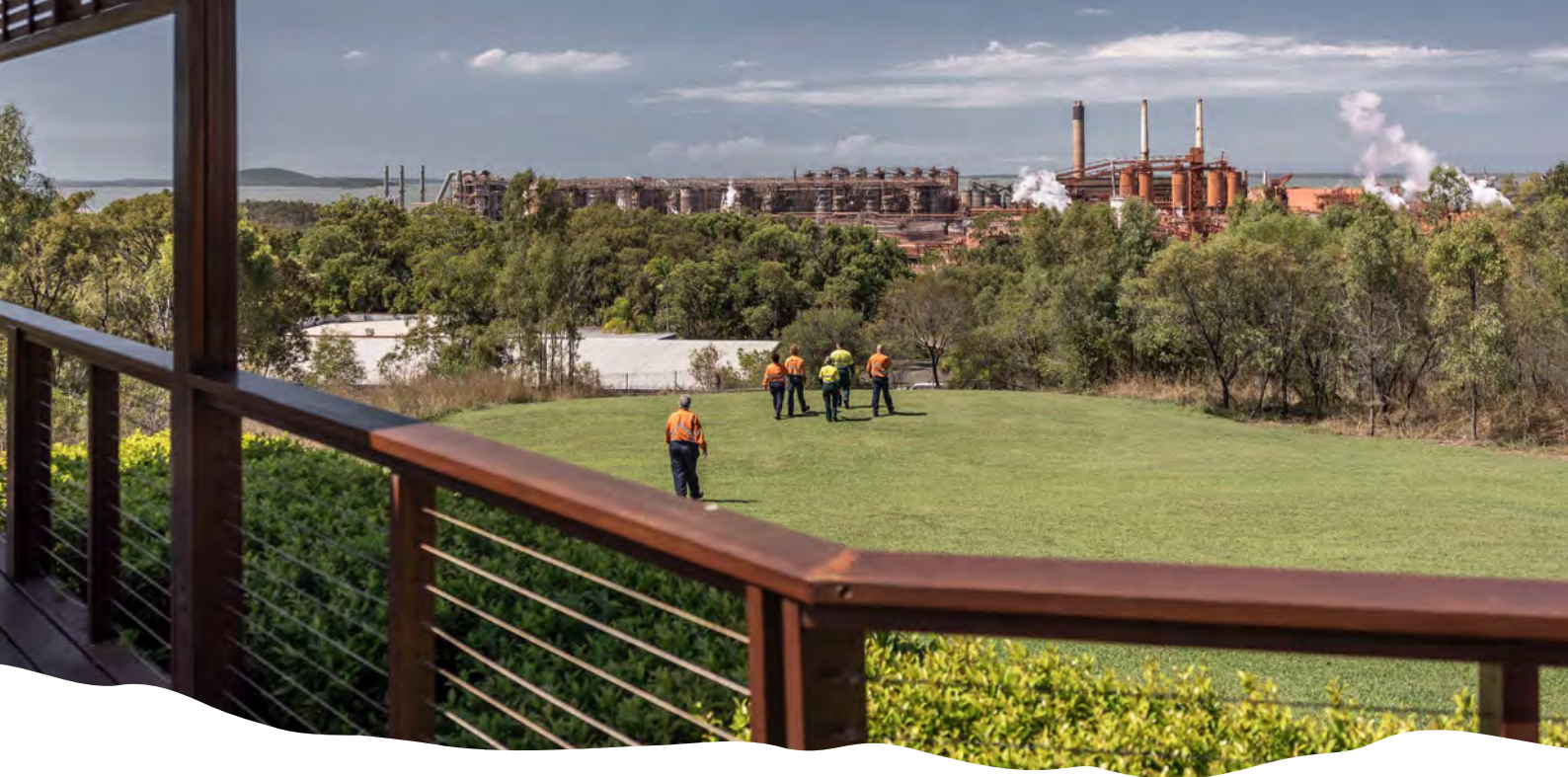
Still deadly. Always.



Across Gladstone and around Australia, wearing Uncle Joe’s artwork was a visible way for employees to take part in NAIDOC Week, sparking conversations about culture, learning and connection.

Locally, the week was marked through site-based gatherings and community events, bringing people together to listen, learn and celebrate connection to Country.





Inspiring the next generation of women in STEM

For 15 years, the STEM-tacular Girls Program at BIEEC has inspired young women across Central Queensland to become leaders in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

As a proud sponsor of the STEM-tacular Girls Program, QAL partnered with BSL and Yarwun to host 44 students for a major highlight of their tour – proving that careers in STEM are popular, powerful and driving a sustainable future. The action-packed, five-day experience connects student curiosity with real-world green careers, encouraging Year 10 students to choose these subjects for their senior school pathways.

Advancing mud farming at QAL

During their site visits, students got a front-row seat to see some innovative environmental engineering at QAL's Red Mud Dam and learned how mud farming plays a critical role in rehabilitation. By using specialised amphibious

machinery to repeatedly turn over bauxite residue from alumina refining, the process accelerates drying, improves consolidation and enables safer, more efficient long-term land restoration.

Transforming alumina at BSL

The STEM magic didn't stop at QAL. Celebrating the strength of Gladstone's integrated aluminium value chain, the students crossed over to BSL where they toured Reduction Line 3 to learn about how alumina is transformed into molten, infinitely recyclable aluminium through electrolytic reduction.

With more than 60 years in the region, Gladstone Aluminium operations continue to play a role in supporting education and creating opportunities for young people to explore future pathways. By opening site gates and sharing real-world expertise through programs like STEM-tacular Girls, QAL, BSL and Yarwun are helping students connect their curiosity with practical learning, while showing how science, engineering and energy come together in the aluminium value chain.



Did you know?

Students even got to name QAL's newest amphibious excavator. Inspired by the movie *Wicked*, student Millee cleverly dubbed the machine "**Alpheba**", a brilliant fusion of chemistry (Al for aluminium), and Elphaba, our favourite trailblazer.

Inside industry

Australian aluminium takes centre stage at Parliament House

What does one of the world's largest alumina refineries look like from above? Visitors to the Australian Aluminium Council showcase in Canberra had the chance to find out, with QAL bringing the scale, complexity and unique setting of its Gladstone operation directly into Parliament House through a 360-degree aerial virtual reality site tour.

More than 200 Ministers, Members of Parliament, Senators, government officials and industry leaders attended the event, which highlighted the strength of Australia's integrated aluminium value chain, from mine to market, and the industry's contribution to regional communities, jobs, manufacturing and economic growth.

Rio Tinto was represented by Armando Torres, Managing Director Pacific Operations Aluminium, along with other representatives from across the business, including QAL General Manager Trent Scherer and Owen Sun, Acting Technical Specialist, who shared the refinery's role in the integrated aluminium value chain. Yarwun's world-first hydrogen calcination project was also profiled as an example of a potential future low-carbon technology for alumina refining.

Nearby, mini aluminium ingots from BSL helped show how local alumina continues through the value chain to become aluminium used in everyday products and future-focused manufacturing.

Armando Torres said the showcase was an opportunity to bring every stage of Australia's aluminium industry together in one place and highlight the important role Australian aluminium plays now and into the future.

Australia's aluminium industry contributes \$18 billion annually to the national economy and supports more than 75,000 jobs, including thousands of families in regional communities like Gladstone. For Rio Tinto, the event was a chance to show how QAL, Yarwun and BSL are part of an industry vital to Australia's future.



Did you know?

Australia is one of the world's largest producers of bauxite, more than

100 million tonnes

a year, around a quarter of global supply.



Pictures: Australian Aluminium Council members and Owen Sun



Australia is the world's largest exporter of alumina. Alumina refining generates around

A\$15 billion

in annual export earnings and supports the incomes of more than 75,000 Australian families.

Australia is the world's sixth largest producer of aluminium and has

4 operating smelters.

Inside QAL

Taking flight: Drone technology delivers multiple benefits

Senior Project Coordinator Barry Purcell is the Chief Pilot for QAL's Remote Operated Vehicle (ROV) Program and has been instrumental in expanding the use of drone and remote inspection technology across the operation. Barry has identified where drones and remote-operated technologies can help reduce the need for people to work at heights, enter confined spaces or access difficult environments.

The program continues to build capability through advanced scanning and imaging technologies, improving the safety and quality of inspections that have traditionally required people to work in higher-risk environments. It also strengthens QAL's ability to inspect and monitor assets more efficiently, including internal inspections of settler and washer tanks.

During the recent Unit 3 shutdown, an ROV was used to complete internal visual inspections of tanks, providing valuable information without requiring personnel to enter. The next step is the introduction of the Voliro NDT

drone, a technology that will allow ultrasonic thickness inspections to be completed remotely on tanks, vessels, stacks and other difficult-to-access assets, reducing the need for scaffolding, rope access and working at height while providing high-quality inspection data to support asset integrity.



Barry is sharing learnings with team members from BSL through a Remote Pilot Licence course. The session included flying exercises designed to build capability in safely manoeuvring ROVs in confined and complex industrial environments. Only accredited ROV pilots are permitted to operate in industrial airspace, and the training reflects the ongoing collaboration between the Gladstone sites as Chief Pilots share knowledge, align practices and support the safe expansion of this technology across the region.

Do you know what's in your phone?

Anatomy of a Smartphone

Al **Aluminium alloys'** lightweight properties and electromagnetic shielding make them perfect for phone casings

B **Boron** is used in semiconductor doping for microprocessors and camera chips, and in some specialty glasses

Li **Lithium-ion** batteries are used because they last longer and charge faster

Cu **Copper** is in wires and circuit boards for its heat dissipation capacity, as well as thermal and electric conductivity



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Li **Lithium** enables ultra-durable, scratch-resistant screens and high-performance camera lens

Al **Aluminium** is used for its electrical conductivity, strength, lightweight properties and ability to provide a beautiful finish

Li **Lithium** compounds are used in advanced semiconductor precursor materials

Inside Yarwun

Bio pellets take next step

A new agreement is helping move bio pellet work from trials to the next stage, supporting practical ways to reduce emissions from alumina refining in Gladstone.

Rio Tinto has signed a five-year agreement with Australian bioenergy company SuperChar Limited to supply locally produced bio pellets for use at Yarwun and QAL, marking an important step in exploring lower-emissions options for alumina refining.

Previous trials tested a range of bio pellet and coal blends and showed that, under trial conditions, bio pellets could replace up to 30 per cent of the coal used to generate steam in refinery boilers.

The agreement will enable operational demonstrations and further assessments of different bio pellet blends, ranging from 5 to 50 per cent, as a supplement to coal used in boilers at our Gladstone alumina refineries.

The bio pellets will be produced locally from bana grass at SuperChar's planned production facility in the Gladstone region. At full contract volumes, this could reduce reported Scope 1 emissions by up to 90,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent each year, under Australia's current National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting framework.

Beyond the technology, the project presents an opportunity to support a local supply chain that connects agriculture, industry and new technology in Central Queensland.

With deliveries expected to start in 2028, the next few years will focus on approvals, operational readiness and further demonstrations as the teams prepare for the next phase of work.

What happens next?

- SuperChar plans to establish a bio pellet production facility in the Gladstone region with an initial capacity of 35,000 tonnes per year.
- Bana grass planting from late 2026.
- Bio pellet processing to begin in 2028.
- Initial use will begin at Yarwun, followed by increasing volumes at QAL.



Did you know?

Bana grass is a perennial crop that can remain productive for more than 15 years and can grow to

7 metres tall, in ideal conditions.





Inside Boyne Smelters

Apprentices win medals at WorldSkills Regional Competition

Four Boyne Smelters apprentices have put their skills to the test on the regional stage, returning from the WorldSkills Regional Competition in Bundaberg with three medals and plenty of new experiences.

Electrical apprentices Lucas Rhodes, Zane Reid, Riley Underwood and Peter Russell represented BSL in the Electrical Installation and Electrical Control categories, competing against apprentices from across Southeast Queensland.

After two weeks of focused preparation and mentoring from former WorldSkills competitor and judge James Keen, the team arrived ready to take on the challenge. Their hard work paid off, with Riley winning gold and Zane taking silver in Electrical Installation, while Peter claimed gold in Electrical Control.

For Riley, topping his category means the competition continues, with a place at the national competition in Adelaide next year now in his sights.

“This has been an incredibly valuable learning experience,” Riley said. “Interacting with my mentors, trainers, and meeting new people in my trade from around the region has helped to develop my skills and confidence while I complete my apprenticeship with Boyne Smelters.”

The competition gave the apprentices the chance to sharpen their technical skills, work through real-world tasks and learn from others in their trade — experience they can now bring back to site as they continue building their careers.

A big thank you to James for his mentoring, and to the Automation Team for supporting James during the WorldSkills competition period. Congratulations to Lucas, Zane, Riley and Peter on a fantastic achievement.





Inside projects

A milestone built brick by brick

A significant 2.4 year renewal project was recently completed at BSL, extending furnace life, improving reliability and supporting safe, efficient anode baking.

Carbon Bake Furnace 3 was built in 1995 as part of the smelter's expansion. It 'bakes' the carbon anodes that are manufactured on site – each anode weighing over a tonne – and consumed in the reduction process to make aluminium metal.

The large-scale refurbishment involved rebuilding 48 furnace sections, including 432 flue walls, 46 head walls, four end walls and 2,400 furnace wall insulation blocks. It was the first complete replacement of the furnace's wall insulation since initial construction.

Delivered by a team of 73 people over the life of the project, the rebuild was completed with zero first aid injuries across 147,814 work hours, reflecting the focus, planning and teamwork of everyone involved.

General Manager BSL Shona Markham said the rebuild was an important achievement for the operation and the teams who delivered it safely.

"The Carbon Bake Furnace 3 Rebuild is a great example of what can be achieved through discipline, collaboration and care," Shona said. "The numbers are impressive, but the real achievement is the way our teams worked together to deliver a complex project safely and set the furnace up to support BSL for years to come."

For the Operations and Refractory teams, the project's true legacy is teamwork and collaboration.



Production Facts:

The rebuild involved the installation of more than **1.2** million refractory bricks, equivalent to over 12,000 tonnes of refractory material.

This is approximately:

- **1.5 times the weight of the Statue of Liberty**
- **5,100 fully loaded utility vehicles**
- **250 km of brickwork** if laid end-to-end, stretching from Boyne Island to beyond Rockhampton.

Share your feedback

Thank you to everyone who shared feedback on the last edition of *Inside Operations*. Congratulations to our previous survey prize winner, **Charlotte F.**

What did you think of this edition of *Inside Operations*? Share your feedback in our short survey and go into the draw to win a **\$500 voucher** to spend at a Gladstone business.



Scan the QR code to complete our short reader survey.



Here in History

TONDOON DAM

Gladstone had trouble with water supply from the days of first settlement in 1854 when water was carted from the deep-water hole in Auckland Creek.

The second supply was when O'Connell had crew come to Gladstone to build a dam at the bottom of Goondoon Street on Happy Valley Creek. This dam was upgraded by Hay and Day in 1866. The railway Dam was built further along Happy Valley Creek in 1897, and this was to service the railway which had just been completed to Gladstone. This dam lasted less than twenty years before it was necessary to look further afield.

The next dam was the Toolooa Creek Dam in 1916. In 1914 the town council borrowed money to build a new dam for the town water supply and the site chosen was on Toolooa Creek. The new waterworks was completed in 1917 during WW1, and it was to serve Gladstone until the 1940's when the Boyne River scheme came into being. The building of this dam claimed the life of Matthew Chews, who was killed by a falling tree while working on the embankment.



In 1932 a reservoir was built on Ferris Hill (now Radar Hill) to extend the water network. This dam was inadequate to serve the town's needs by the 1930's as Swifts Meatworks alone was using 40,000 gallons a day and the population had increased rapidly with the extension of the meatworks. It took until 1945 for the council to finally be convinced to draw their water from the Boyne River. Tondoon is now the site of the Gladstone Botanical Gardens.

By *Betty Laver*



GROUP SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

At Pearl Home Care Gladstone, we believe aged care should be about more than receiving support at home. It should be about friendship, laughter, getting out and about, and having something enjoyable to look forward to.

That's why we're introducing Group Social Activities, available exclusively to current Pearl Home Care clients.

From trivia, bingo and board games to Paint & Sip sessions, live music and special events, there's always something different happening. For some clients it's a chance to get out of the house and meet new people. For others, it's another catch-up with friends they've made at previous activities. Most importantly, it gives you something enjoyable to put in the calendar.



GROUP EXERCISE CLASS

From **Monday 12 October 2026**, Pearl Home Care Gladstone is introducing weekly Group Exercise Classes with Eric and Stacy from Nordic Physio. Classes run every Monday at **10:00am** at **Pearl Home Care Gladstone, Shop 6, 10 Tank Street**.

Working with Nordic Physio was an easy choice. They're a well-known local team and already familiar faces to many of our clients. A number of our clients access physiotherapy through Eric, and many know Stacy from her time with us at Pearl Home Care. That means you may be exercising alongside people you already know and feel comfortable with.

The focus is on maintaining strength, movement, balance and confidence, but we also want the classes to be social, welcoming and enjoyable.

40 Years of Fun, Fitness And Friendship

FOR GLADSTONE GROPERS SWIMMING CLUB

The Gladstone Gropers Masters Swimming Club has recently celebrated its 40th Anniversary in the community, with more than 650 members over its lifetime from all walks of life - doctors, lawyers, surgeons, politicians, tradies, teachers, cooks, nurses, librarians, engineers, accountants, business owners, and so many more, with one thing in common: the quest for fun, fitness, and the true friendship of being a Gladstone Groper.

From a Sunday morning gathering of enthusiastic swimming parents in 1986 around the kitchen table at Sandra and Reg Pugh's place, the decision was made to establish a Masters swimming club in Gladstone, as the founding members wanted to have the opportunity to swim against same-age-group athletes. Originally, the swimming club was to be named the "Guppies", but the members found that they could have more fun and impact with the tongue-in-cheek name, "Gropers". In a less politically correct time, the club had fun with the brand, including singing "We Will Grope You" to the tune of Queen's "We Will Rock You", their classic "Grope, Grope, Grope!" war cry that would ring out at carnivals and events, and even taking it so far as to appear at the National Titles with handprints on the backsides of their swimming togs. While that form of swimwear may not pass the national standards in the present day, the Gropers are still proud of their iconic and cheeky branding.



The first formal meeting of the Gladstone Gropers was in November 1986, with the 25 founding members joining, and even in 2026, 3 of those members are still swimming with the club today.

The Gropers started swimming on Sunday mornings at the local State School 25M pool while their children played on the adjacent school oval, and their first interclub swim meet and short course relay carnival was held in



1987. They set the standard early on with their fancy club functions and after-carnival events, which were usually fancy-dress events that went into the early hours of the morning. Over the years, they hosted many carnivals with upwards of 100 swimmers in attendance, and travelled to other towns to compete, with the famous camping weekends and road trips always sought after by the members. In the early days of the club, it was more about the fun and party than the swimming records.

The Gropers grew quickly, and by 1991 they broke 100 members, with three days a week dedicated to training. In 2000, the club hosted the 25th National Swimming Titles over the Easter weekend, with 511 athletes competing in a total of 324 heats, and many of the club members have achieved national recognition over the 40 years of the club running.

Life Members Val Onions, Dell Norris, Sandra Pugh, Russell Ogden and Rod Porteus, John Feddersen, Doug Hogan and Adrian Draney have been integral to that success, and it's possible that the people sitting around that kitchen table 40 years ago may not have envisaged that a community-established and run volunteer group could achieve so much. May the Fun, Fitness and Friendship continue for the next 40 years, and beyond.

Go-Karters Put Their Pedals To The Metal

FOR WIDE BAY CURTIS CUP

Go-kart racers and families took the trip to Gladstone from Bundaberg, Rockhampton, Emerald, Biloela, Yeppoon, Hervey Bay, Brisbane, and many other parts of Queensland to compete in Leg 1 of the Wide Bay Curtis Cup and the Race for Benny #78.

Racing in a total of 12 categories over an exciting day of burning rubber and tight turns, the participants took out a variety of places across each category.

TAG Restricted Light

Gold: Oliver Acquasanta

Silver: Bryce Dugdell

Bronze: Ryan Northfield

KA3 Senior

Gold: Zoe Vuichoud

TAG Restricted Medium

Gold: Shaun Mann

Silver: Kieran Reitano

Bronze: Shane Stevens

TAG Restricted Heavy

Gold: Bryan Reitano

Silver: Tim Bailey

Bronze: Richard Gordon

4SS Senior Medium

Gold: Ryley Jones

Silver: Joe Bonanno

Bronze: Aleeya Jones

4SS Senior Heavy

Gold: Kaleb O'Brien

4SS Supermax Heavy

Gold: Anthony Myers

Silver: Shaune English

TAG Heavy

Gold: Hayden Egan

Silver: Billy Myers

Bronze: Cameron Hope

KA3 Junior Light

Gold: Harper May

Silver: Cooper Rowbotham

Bronze: Connor Mann

KA3 Junior Heavy

Gold: Zachary Murray

Cadet 12

Gold: Carter Grother

Silver: Ryan Kennedy

Bronze: Billy Bailey

Cadet 9

Gold: Matika Tremayne

Silver: Gavin Dicinoski

Bronze: Loui Udovisi

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