

Tabled Items:

Nil.

Report Prepared by: Manager Contracts & Facilities

G/5.3.2 ESTABLISHMENT OF GLADSTONE REGION YOUTH COUNCIL

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate and Community Services

Council Meeting Date: 4 March 2014

Purpose:

This report proposes the establishment of a Gladstone Region Youth Council.

Officer's Recommendation:

THAT Council establishes Gladstone Region Youth Council as a formal advisory committee (ss. 264-265 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* refers) to it with the following general terms of reference:

1. The purpose or charter of the Youth Council is:
 - a. To provide a means to strengthen youth leadership within the region.
 - b. To provide young people with the opportunity to actively participate in local government planning processes.
 - c. To provide Council with a further opportunity to engage with young people in a structured and formal way.
 - d. To act as an advisory committee to Council on matters of youth development and management.
 - e. To provide input and engagement into broader Council planning from a youth perspective.
2. The Youth Council Advisory Committee shall contain nine (9) members including a Chairperson (who shall be appointed by Youth Council members).
3. Membership of the Youth Council shall be determined by Council appointment following a public invitation process:
 - a. Public invitation to persons resident within Gladstone Region aged between 15 and 24 years (inclusive).
 - b. Within reason, Council will seek to ensure demographic balance (sex, age, ethnicity, residential location etc.) of the appointed members.
 - c. Applications will be assessed initially by a Review Panel comprising the Mayor (or proxy), Manager Community Wellbeing and Youth Development Officer for recommendation to Council.
4. Membership shall be for an initial term of one year, with appointed members able to seek re-appointment for subsequent terms.

5. Meetings shall be held at dates and times and at such frequency as is suitable to the majority of members.
6. The Principal Reporting Officer to the Youth Council shall be the Manager Community Wellbeing with secretariat support for the Youth Council provided by the Community Wellbeing Department.
7. Membership of Youth Council is voluntary and no meeting fees or other remuneration (with the exception of reimbursement of legitimate costs of participation) are payable.

Background:

The former Gladstone City Council had a Youth Council established between 1996 to 2001, with the membership consisting of 11 young people aged between 12 -18 years. Membership was drawn from local high schools, the university and young community members.

Community Wellbeing (Youth Development) officers are proposing a similar vehicle to provide young people from across the broader region with an opportunity to participate in the business of local government.

Consideration:

Gladstone demographics show that the region is a young and growing community, with the 2011 Census recording 11,729 or 20.2% of the population to be between the ages of 10 year to 24 years.

Formation of a Youth Council as a formal advisory body to Council will provide increased opportunity for young people to have input into local government business and also provide an opportunity for Council to consider input into decisions-making in a more structured way. It is anticipated that young people will offer views on a range of matters including (but not necessarily limited to) youth services and facilities, community wellbeing, environment and economic/employment opportunities.

Membership will be determined annually by Council resolution following public invitation to eligible candidates:

1. Nine members aged between 15 and 24 years (inclusive).
2. Must be resident in the Gladstone Regional Council area.
3. Within reason, Council will seek to ensure demographic balance (sex, age, ethnicity, residential location etc.) of the appointed members.

Communication and Consultation (Internal/External):

Communication and consultation was undertaken with the following parties:

- Young people
- Councillors
- Director Corporate and Community Wellbeing
- Youth agencies
- Industry Reference group
- Community Wellbeing staff members

Public invitations for nominations will be broadly advertised using a wide variety of media and distribution channels.

Legal Environmental and Policy Implications:

ss. 264-265 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* governs the establishment and management of formal advisory committees to Council.

Financial and Resource Implications:

Administrative and secretarial costs of managing the Youth Council will be absorbed as part of the existing operating budget of the Community Wellbeing department.

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Commentary:

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Summary:

The formation of the Gladstone Region Youth Council will be a vehicle to strengthen Council's ability to understand and address appropriately youth-related matters that arise from time to time within the Gladstone Region.

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Attachments:

Nil

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Nil

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G/14 / 1915 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Brushe
Seconded Cr Porter

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/5.4 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

**G/5.4.1 BARNEY POINT FORESHORE REDEVELOPMENT TENDER
79/14**

Purpose:

The purpose of this report to seek Council's endorsement for the acceptance of tenders received for the Barney Point Foreshore Redevelopment.

Officer's Recommendation:

That

1. Council accept the tender from Boyd's Bay Landscaping Pty Ltd in the amount of \$1,613,902.40 for the Barney Point Foreshore Redevelopment project.
2. Council acknowledge the allocation within the 2014/ 2015 Parks and Environment Long Term Financial Plan for the balance of this project to meet its contractual obligation.

G/14 / 1916 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr McDonald
Seconded Cr Hansen

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

Tabled Items:

Nil

Report Prepared by: Manager Contract & Facilities

Calliope Kindergarten - Attach 1 - Briefing Report 08 April 2014 [Open Document](#)
[WebLink](#)

Calliope Kindergarten - Attach 2 - DNRM Email [Open Document](#) [WebLink](#)

Calliope Kindergarten - Attach 3 - L 104 C 1665 Map [Open Document](#) [WebLink](#)

Calliope Kindergarten - Attach 4 - Gilkerson Legal Email [Open Document](#)
[WebLink](#)

G/5.3.6 COMMENCEMENT OF GLADSTONE REGION YOUTH COUNCIL

Responsible Officer: [Director Corporate and Community Services](#)

Council Meeting Date: 6 May 2014

Purpose:

To appoint members to the inaugural Gladstone Region Youth Council.

Officer's Recommendation:

THAT the following candidates be appointed as the inaugural members of the Gladstone Regional Youth Council:

- Katie Jayne Morgan
- Louise Van Wyk
- Sarah Janson
- Erin Dearden
- Christopher Ibell
- Zac Smith
- Lachlan Muller
- Benjamin Govan
- Bonnie Lawler

Background:

On 4 March 2014 Council resolved to establish a Gladstone Region Youth Council and authorised a public invitation for members.

Consideration:

As resolved, public invitations for appointment to the inaugural Youth Council were made via local press, social media, formal networks and schools. Applications were open for a three-week period and closed on 28 March 2014.

The expression of interest sought a broad spectrum of young people:

1. Engaged in fulltime employment, University studies, Education and a combination of both casual/part-time employment and studies.
2. Aged 15- 24yrs inclusive
3. Young people residing in Gladstone, Calliope and Boyne Island Tannum Sands regions
4. Diverse range of nationalities will be represented.

Council will host on the 14th May 2014, a meet and greet with the new Gladstone Region Youth Council representatives to meet Mayor, Councillor Members, Directors and Managers from various departments within Council.

Communication and Consultation (Internal/External):

Gladstone Regional Council Youth Development Team promoted "expression of interest' applications as follows:

1. Facebook pages: Gladstone Regional Council, Gladstone Regional Council Youth and Discovery Coast young people
2. Media Release: newspaper and television
3. School newsletters and School parades

Legal Environmental and Policy Implications:

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Financial and Resource Implications:

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Membership is voluntary and no meeting fees or other remuneration is payable.

Commentary:

As outlined in the previous report to Council on 4 March 2014 the terms of appointment will be as follows:

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Tabled Items:

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**G/5.3.7 PROPOSED CLOSURE OF SPLASH ZONE OVER THE
WINTER SEASON**

Responsible Officer: **Director Corporate and Community Services**

Council Meeting Date: 6 May 2014

Purpose:

To obtain Council consent for the proposed closure of the Splash Zone for the Winter Season.

Officer's Recommendation:

That the Gladstone Aquatic Centre Splash Zone is closed to the general public from the period 12 May to 31 August 2014, inclusive.

Background:

The Splash Zone (SZ) has brought significant numbers of additional patrons to the Gladstone Aquatic Centre, particularly young families. Whilst the height of summer and school holiday periods have been busy, average numbers visiting the SZ have been steadily declining over recent weeks as the weather cools.

Numbers using the SZ are expected to decline further into the winter season to the point where it is not viable to keep it running throughout the day. Comparisons with electricity consumption prior to the SZ opening show that it uses approximately \$77 per day in power. When additional chemical and water usage is considered, it is estimated the SZ costs around \$100 per day to operate. This does *not* include any additional staff supervision costs.

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G/14/ 1985 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Hansen
Seconded Cr Brushe

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

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G/14/ 1986 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Chapman
Seconded Cr McDonald

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED