

Gladstone Region Road and Transport Group Background

Regional Road Groups which have been renamed to Regional Road and Transport Groups (RRTG) are the primary decision-making bodies of the Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads and the Local Government Management and Investment Alliance (Roads Alliance). The Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) and Operational Guidelines establishing the Roads Alliance provide full details on the roles and responsibilities of RRTGs and their Technical Committees.

The objectives of the Queensland Roads and Transport Alliance and in turn RRTGs may be best summarised as creating a more strategic and long-term approach to regional roads and transport planning, financing and delivery on the Local Roads of Regional Significance network across both state and local government, resulting in:

- A safe, integrated and resilient regional transport network accessible to everyone
- Strategically focused infrastructure investment that supports economic growth and provides greater return for every dollar invested by state and local government
- Less duplication of resources and effort
- Improved road stewardship and workforce capability and capacity through training, technology adoption and knowledge transfer
- Operational efficiencies through improved project coordination, scheduling and delivery.

There are also principles (Clause 3) and roles and responsibilities (Clause 5) listed in the MoA and Part 1 of the Gladstone Regional Road Group and Technical Committee Constitution contains more specifics on the Groups' roles.

Membership:

The Gladstone Regional Road and Transport Group consists of members of Gladstone Regional Council and Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads. The constitution provides that delegates for Council are:

- The Mayor
- The Portfolio Councillor.

If either of Council's delegates are unable to attend meetings of the RRTG, Council can appoint another elected member as their alternate delegate.

The constitution provides that the Department of Transport and Main Roads Representatives are:

- The Regional Director, Fitzroy Region
- Manager Network and Performance, Fitzroy Region.

Or their delegate/s.

Each member has one vote. Delegates during the previous election term to the Gladstone RRTG were:

- Cr Masters (RRTG Chair)
- Cr Hansen (RRTG Deputy Chair)
- Mayor Cr Burnett
- Peter Trim (District Director, TMR Fitzroy Region).

It is noted that each RRTG has a Technical Committee. The Gladstone RRTG Technical Committee is generally attended by the following Officers:

- GRC General Manager Strategic Asset Performance (Committee Chair)
- GRC Manager Engineering and Asset Solutions (Deputy Chair)
- GRC Transformation Program Lead
- GRC Asset Accounting Officer
- GRC Principal Civil Engineer
- GRC Manager Asset Performance and Monitoring
- GRC Strategic Grants Specialist
- GRC Manager Roads Program Delivery
- Representative TMR Fitzroy
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There is no time limit on how long members may serve, however, the Constitution states that the Chairs of each group will be appointed for a twelve-month term.

An RRTG approves any membership applications, which in turn needs to be endorsed by the Queensland Roads and Transport Alliance Board. As an example, Banana Shire Council could make application to join the Gladstone RRTG and it would be up to the Gladstone RRTG to consider and approve this application, and then up to the Queensland Roads and Transport Alliance Board to endorse approval if granted. Likewise, Gladstone Regional Council could make application to join the Rockhampton RRTG or Wide Bay Burnett RRTG and it would then be up to the those RRTGs to consider and approve this application, and then up to the Queensland Roads and Transport Alliance Board to endorse approval if granted.

Gladstone RRTG is somewhat unique in that it is a single Council RRTG. There are only two others in Queensland (Eastern Downs RRTG and Western Downs RRTG). All effectively emerged by default after Council amalgamations in 2008.

Meetings:

The RRTG meets twice a year, generally around March/April and September/October (*this timing will be affected slightly this year by Council elections*). The Technical Committee meets quarterly generally in February, May, August and November.

Legislative Framework:

There is no legislative requirement for an RRTG to be formed. RRTGs are formed under the umbrella of the Queensland Roads and Transport Alliance which is an ongoing cooperative governance arrangement between TMR and LGAQ on behalf of Queensland Councils. The 'head of power' is the MoA between both parties which was extended again for 5 years in 2018.

Forming or joining an RRTG is voluntary. Every Council in Queensland, with the exception of some of the indigenous Councils on the Cape and Torres Strait, are members of an RRTG.