



GLADSTONE
REGIONAL COUNCIL

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CIVIC CENTRE
101 GOONDOON STREET, GLADSTONE**

On 5 May 2020

Commencing at 9.00am

**Leisa Dowling
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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Elected Members

Councillor - Mayor M J Burnett
Councillor G G Churchill
Councillor K Goodluck
Councillor R A Hansen
Councillor C B Cameron
Councillor D V O'Grady
Councillor D E Branthwaite
Councillor C A Trevor
Councillor N Muszkat

Officers

Mrs L Dowling (Chief Executive Officer)
Miss C Daly (Executive Secretary)
Mrs T Whalley
Mrs H Robertson
Mrs R Creedy
Mrs K Lee
Mrs B Le Grand
Ms M Bradley Woods

G/0.3.2. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

G/0.3.3. MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE

G/0.3.4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Cr Muszkat

Cr Natalia Muszkat declared a personal interest in Item G/3.1. RADF ROUND ONE 2019-20 which might constitute a perceived conflict of interest as she was employed by Welcoming Intercultural Neighbours Inc until 30 August 2019. The organisation was one of 22 funding recipients seeking an outcome report acceptance.

Cr Muszkat advised that she had determined that the personal interest was not of sufficient significance that would lead her to make a decision on this matter that was contrary to the public interest. Cr Muszkat advised that she would best perform her responsibility of serving the overall public interest of the whole of Council's area by participating in the discussion and therefore proposed to stay in the room for consideration of Item G/3.1 subject to Council's decision.

G/20/4172 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Goodluck
Seconded Cr Trevor

That Cr Natalia Muszkat does have a perceived conflict of interest in Item G/3.1. RADF ROUND ONE 2019-20.

CARRIED

G/20/4173 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Goodluck
Seconded Cr Hansen

That Cr Natalia Muszkat can remain in the room for the consideration of Item G/3.1.

CARRIED

Cr Muszkat

Cr Natalia Muszkat declared a personal interest in Item G/3.1. RADF ROUND ONE 2019-20 which might constitute a perceived conflict of interest as she had provided a letter of support in favour of the Light the Silos project which is a proposed funding recipient.

G/20/4174 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Trevor
Seconded Cr O'Grady

That Cr Natalia Muszkat has a conflict of interest in Item G/3.1. RADF ROUND ONE 2019-20.

CARRIED

G/20/4175 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Goodluck
Seconded Cr O'Grady

That Cr Natalia Muszkat must leave the room for consideration of Item G/3.1. RADF ROUND ONE 2019-20.

CARRIED

Cr Hansen

Cr Rick Hansen declared a perceived conflict of interest in Item G/3.1. RADF ROUND ONE 2019-20, as Ping Carlyon a proposed recipient of RADF funding is married to Cr Hansen's nephew. Cr Hansen declared a further personal interest as he had provided a personal letter in support of the Rotary Club of Gladstone Midday's Lighting the Silos project which is also a proposed recipient of RADF funding.

Cr Rick Hansen proposed to stay in the room for consideration of Item G/3.1 subject to Council's decision.

G/20/4176 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Muszkat
Seconded Cr Churchill

That Cr Rick Hansen does have a perceived conflict of interest in Item G/3.1.

CARRIED

G/20/4177 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Trevor
Seconded Cr Churchill

That Cr Risk Hansen must leave the room for the consideration of Item G/3.1.

CARRIED

MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST

Mayor Matt Burnett

G/8.1. PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COURT APPEAL

Mayor Matt Burnett, declared a material personal interest in Item G/8.1. PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COURT APPEAL.

The Mayor advised that his son was an employee of Gladstone Cinemas for a number of years before the COVID-19 Pandemic. The company did not apply for the JobSeeker program and terminated the employment of all staff following the Federal Government's direction to close all cinema complexes in Australia.

The Mayor further advised that while his son was no longer an employee it is possible that he could work at the Cinemas again once the pandemic is over and therefore may stand to suffer a loss or gain a benefit dependent on the outcome of the decision.

Mayor Burnett left the room for the consideration of Item G/8.1.

G/1. MAYORAL STATEMENT OF CURRENT ISSUES

I would like to acknowledge and congratulate the team at the Boyne Tannum Hookup. What a fantastic event that was on the weekend. This is the first time the Hookup has gone virtual in 25 years, but what a way to celebrate 25 years, with 5,000 entries completely sold out. I watched the livestream on Friday, Saturday and Sunday night - it was great to see a mix of winners, not just locally, but right across Australia. What a fantastic competition and congratulations to the Boyne Tannum Hookup Committee.

As part of the Hookup, we also saw Gladstone Festival and Events launch "Sculptures by Gladstone Harbour". I am pleased to say that the Peoples' Choice Award went to Ruby Davison, and the Judge's Choice Award went to Christine Holden – well done to all entrants. The sculptures were created from sea/ marine debris and is a new initiative by Gladstone Festival and Events.

Another event that also took on the online platform this year was Labour Day, which is celebrated on the first Monday in May. Congratulations to the Queensland Council of Unions for putting on the livestream event.

Expressions of Interest opened on the weekend for the retirement and aged care facility for our Philip Street Community Precinct. It is fantastic to see this project moving forward. Expressions of Interest are open until 28 July 2020 and must be lodged via Council's LG Tender Box.

Commencing 18 May, through to 24 May is National Volunteer Week. I would like to give a shout-out to all of the volunteers in the Gladstone region, whether they're the Friends of the Theatre, the Friends of the Library, the Friends of the Gardens, Gladstone Area Promotion & Development Limited, Discovery Coast Tourism & Commerce, to name a few. I would like to thank all of the community members who donate their time and do a fantastic job for our community. This year, Volunteer Week is about "Changing Communities, Changing Lives" and our volunteers absolutely do that. I encourage everyone to nominate volunteers in their organization so that we can appropriately acknowledge them during National Volunteer Week.

I would like to close by wishing a very Happy Mothers' Day to all mothers this weekend and also to my mum, who is hopefully watching online via the livestream.

G/2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

G/2.1. CONFIRMATION OF POST ELECTION MEETING MINUTES FOR 14 APRIL 2020

File Ref: CM7.2

Purpose:

Confirmation of the minutes of the Post Election Meeting held on 14 April 2020.

Officer's Recommendation:

That the minutes of the Post Election Meeting of Council held on 14 April 2020 be confirmed.

G/20/4178 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Trevor
Seconded Cr Hansen

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/2.2. CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES FOR 28 APRIL 2020

File Ref: CM7.2

Purpose:

Confirmation of the minutes of the General Meeting held on 28 April 2020.

Officer's Recommendation:

That the minutes of the General Meeting of Council held on 28 April 2020 be confirmed.

G/20/4179 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Trevor
Seconded Cr O'Grady

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted, with the following amendment:

Item G/0.3.4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST DELCARATION

Councillor Natalia Muszkat declared a material personal interest in Item G/3.4 COUNCILLOR APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS / COMMITTEE'S / ORGANISATIONS, as she is ~~the~~ a current director of the company Strong Communities Pty Ltd which has a current service agreement with Gladstone Area Promotion Development Limited.

CARRIED

G/3. OFFICERS' REPORTS

G/3.1. RADF ROUND ONE 2019-20

File Ref: CC7.16

Cr Rick Hansen & Natalia Muszkat (declared Conflict of Interest)
left the room during the consideration and voting of Item G/3.1.
(refer G/0.3.4 Disclosure of Interest section of the minutes – page 4)

Cr Natalia Muszkat (declared Conflict of Interest)
following Procedural Motion G/20/4180 left the room during consideration of the funding of Rotary Club of Gladstone Midday's Lighting the Silos project only.

Purpose:

Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Committee reporting on recommendations following assessment of Round One 2019-20.

Officer's Recommendation:

THAT:

1. Council accept the recommendations of the Regional Arts Development Fund Committee and approve the following funding of applications for Round One 2019-20:

Applicant	Project Title	RADF Investment
Ping Carlyon	<i>Our Shining Stars</i>	\$5,230.00
Margaret Worthington	<i>Coral Cay</i>	\$10,000.00
Shelley Pisani CQShopfront	<i>CQ Shopfront - Gladstone</i>	\$6,528.00
Brittany-Elise Johansen	<i>DAG Retreat with local opportunity</i>	\$2,988.86
Boyne Valley Community Discovery Centre	<i>Ubobo Soldier Settlement Street Art</i>	\$5,000.00
Capricorn Film Festival	<i>Recording Gladstone's Landscapes</i>	\$5,650.00
Ira Seindenstein	<i>Clown Workshops</i>	\$4,048.00
Rotary Club of Gladstone Midday	<i>Lighting the Silos</i>	\$10,631.40
Melissa Peacock	<i>From the Ground Up</i>	\$5,357.04
Jennifer Ryan	<i>STUDIO AGNES - Virtual Reality Gallery (VRG)</i>	\$2,442.70

2. Council note the acceptance of 22 Outcome Reports for completed RADF projects as listed within the Officer's report.

G/20/4180 Procedural Motion:

Moved Cr Churchill
Seconded Cr Goodluck

That consideration of the funding of Rotary Club of Gladstone Midday's Lighting the Silos project be considered separately to the other projects in Item 1 of the Officer's Recommendation.

CARRIED

G/20/4181 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Trevor
Seconded Cr Churchill

That Council approve the funding of the Rotary Club of Gladstone Midday's Light the Silos Project to the amount of \$10,631.40 subject to and condition upon the Rotary Club of Gladstone Midday obtaining the in principle support of all key stakeholders prior to the receipt of funding.

CARRIED

G/20/4182 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Goodluck
Seconded Cr Muszkat

THAT:

1. Council accept the recommendations of the Regional Arts Development Fund Committee and approve the following funding of applications for Round One 2019-20:

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Jennifer Ryan	<i>STUDIO AGNES - Virtual Reality Gallery (VRG)</i>	\$2,442.70

2. Council note the acceptance of 22 Outcome Reports for completed RADF projects as listed within the Officer's report.

CARRIED

G/3.2. YOUTH COUNCIL QUARTERLY UPDATE

File Ref: CR3.2

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the work and achievement of the Gladstone Region Youth Council for the first quarter of 2020.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council note the contributions and achievements of the Gladstone Region Youth Council for the first quarter of 2020.

G/20/4183 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Goodluck
Seconded Cr Hansen

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/3.3. COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION - COASTAL HAZARDS ADAPTION STRATEGY REFERENCE GROUP

File Ref: CM8.3

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council consideration of the appointment of a Councillor to chair the Coastal Hazards Adaptation Strategy Community Reference Group and to endorse the Terms of Reference.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Appoint Cr. _____ to chair the Coastal Hazards Adaptation Strategy Community Reference Group; and
2. Endorse the Terms of Reference as presented.

G/20/4184 Council Resolution:

Moved Mayor Burnett
Seconded Cr Churchill

That Council:

1. Appoint Cr Muszkat to chair the Coastal Hazards Adaptation Strategy Community Reference Group; and
2. Endorse the Terms of Reference as presented.

CARRIED

G/3.4. COUNCILLOR INFORMATION SESSION AND STRATEGIC OPPORTUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETINGS

File Ref: CM7.2

Purpose:

For Council to consider the continuation of Councillor Information Session and Strategic Opportunities Committee meetings.

Officer's Recommendation:

That:

1. Council continues to hold:
 - (a) Councillor Information Session meetings – monthly on the second Tuesday of each month; and
 - (b) Strategic Opportunities Committee meetings – quarterly on the second Tuesday of May, August and November 2020.
2. A further report on the impact of the *Electoral and Other Legislation (Accountability, Integrity and other Matters) Amendment Bill 2019* be provided for Council's consideration if or when the Bill receives assent.

G/20/4185 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Muszkat
Seconded Cr Goodluck

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/4. DEPUTATIONS

Nil.

G/5. COUNCILLORS REPORT

Nil.

G/6. URGENT BUSINESS

The following urgent business was received:-

Mayor Burnett advised that in a previous Council General Meeting of 28 April 2020, Cr Chris Trevor was appointed to the Traffic Environment Advisory Group and has since stepped down.

It was discussed that Councillor O'Grady be appointed to the Committee.

G/20/4186 Council Resolution:

Moved Mayor Burnett
Seconded Cr Trevor

That Cr Desley O'Grady replace Cr Chris Trevor on the Traffic Environment Advisory Group.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Chris Trevor discussed that communication has been received stating that Councillors must record all conversations with constituents via a telecommunication device. Cr Trevor is seeking legal advice and a report from Council to clarify legislation changes.

G/20/4187 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Trevor
Seconded Cr Churchill

That a report be presented to Council to provide clarification on what Council's legal obligations are in terms of recording meetings and telephone conversations.

CARRIED

G/7. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil.

G/8. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

G/20/4188 Procedural Motion:

Moved by Cr Churchill
Seconded Cr Cameron

That in accordance with Section 275 (1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the meeting be closed to the public to discuss business relating to the following: -

- (f) starting or defending legal proceeding involving the local government.

CARRIED

**The meeting was adjourned for morning tea at 10.42am
and reconvened at 10.57am.**

G/20/4189 Procedural Motion:

Moved by Cr Hansen
Seconded Cr Trevor

That Council re-open the meeting to the public.

CARRIED

G/8.1. PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COURT APPEAL

File Ref: CM12.3 & DB1.1

Mayor Matt Burnett (declared Material Personal Interest)
left the room during the consideration and voting of Item G/8.1.
(refer G/0.3.4 Disclosure of Interest section of the minutes – page 4)

G/20/4190 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Hansen
Seconded Cr Muszkat

That Council resolve to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the authority to give instructions to Council's solicitors, McCullough Robertson, in respect to Council's grounds of appeal for Planning & Environment Court Appeal 884/2020 Place Design Group Pty Ltd as agent for Alceon Group No. 56 Pty Ltd atf Gladstone Retail Trust v Gladstone Regional Council and Yaralla Sports Club Inc to enable Council lodge grounds of appeal to support the development.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

There being no further business the Mayor formally closed the meeting.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 11.42 AM.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby confirm that I have read the minutes and they are a true and correct
record of the
proceedings of the meeting.
I certify that these 17 pages
form the
official copy of Gladstone Regional Council
General Meeting Minutes of the 5 May 2020.

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Mayor Matt Burnett

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Date

ATTACHMENTS