

## MEDIA STATEMENT

24 July 2020

### **Council managed campgrounds to close until further notice**

Unfortunately, due to the Public Health Direction issued in relation to COVID-19, Gladstone Regional Council (GRC) has made the decision to close all Council-managed campgrounds, until further notice.

The decision will come into effect from midday on Tuesday 28 July.

The 1770 Camping Ground will be unaffected by this decision as it is under a separate management arrangement.

In order to meet the Public Health Direction, Council would be required to have staff in attendance at its five campgrounds located across the Gladstone Region at all times, which would come at a significant cost for ratepayers.

GRC does not have the staffing and financial resources to service the operational requirements that are necessary to meet Public Health Direction COVID Safe requirements for campgrounds.

Council is committed to ensuring community health and safety, continuing to follow COVID-19 health directives from Queensland Health and the Queensland and Australian Governments.

The Gladstone Region has many caravan parks and accommodation businesses currently open to service residents and tourists.

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