

Media Release

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Rates benefits available for Gladstone Region pensioners

Ratepayers, who have recently been granted the pension, are encouraged to apply for Gladstone Regional Council's 2021/22 Pensioner Concession.

The concession has been increased since the 2020/21 financial year and provides a maximum amount of \$310 per annum for eligible pensioners.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said the Queensland Government also provided Pensioner Concession recipients with a maximum subsidy of \$200 per annum and a 20 per cent rebate on the State Emergency Management Levy.

"Council's Pensioner Concession and the Queensland Government Pensioner Rate Subsidy Scheme greatly assist pensioners," Councillor Burnett said.

"Council recognises the unique needs of pensioners who want to continue to be independent and live in their own home and the concession is provided to encourage pensioners to do this where possible."

To be eligible, a person must hold one of the following concession cards:

- Queensland Pensioner Concession Card (issued by Centrelink or Department of Veterans' Affairs) or Department of Veterans' Affairs Gold Card

And:

- Be the owner or life tenant of a property in the Gladstone Region, which is his/her principal place of residence
- Be solely or jointly liable for the payment of Council rates and charges levied on that property
- The subject property must be an approved dwelling.

To apply for Gladstone Regional Council's Pensioner Concession and the Queensland Government Pensioner Rate Subsidy Scheme please visit www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/rates or call 4970 0700.

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