



GLADSTONE
REGIONAL COUNCIL

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

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

On Tuesday 5 April 2022

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 D V O'Grady
Councillor C A Trevor
Councillor N Muszkat
Councillor C Cameron
Councillor D Branthwaite (via teams)

Officers

Mrs L Dowling (Chief Executive Officer)
Mrs R Millett (Executive Secretary)
Mrs T Whalley (Manager Governance and Risk)
Ms K Lee (General Manager Community Development and Events)
Ms H Robertson (General Manager Customer Experience, Acting)
Ms S Hunter (General Manager Strategy and Transformation, Acting)
Mr M Francis (General Manager Strategic Asset Performance)
Mr M Holmes (General Manager Finance Governance and Risk)
Mr J Tumbers (General Manager Operations) (via teams)
Mr T Mienie (General Manager People Culture and Safety) (via teams)
Mr M Harris (Media Advisor)
Mr E Noakes (Strategic Project Specialist)
Ms K Wockner (Manager Contracts and Procurement)
Ms C Smith (Engineer) (via teams)

G/0.3.2. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

G/0.3.3. MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE

Nil

G/0.3.4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Mayor Burnett

Mayor Matthew Burnett advised that in agenda item G/4.4 TENDER RPQS 76-22 TRAINING SERVICES, he has a prescribed conflict of interest as the report considers entering into a contract with Peak Services Pty Ltd, a related entity of the Local Government Association of Queensland, of which he is a director.

Mayor Burnett elected to leave the meeting room while the matter is considered and voted on.

G/1. MAYORAL STATEMENT OF CURRENT ISSUES

I was recently in Canberra for the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) Board meeting. ALGA represents all 537 councils in the country on issues that are important to us, most importantly financial assistance grants and ensuring local councils and local communities get their fair share back from the Federal Government. The financial assistance grants were the highest priority agenda item along with local roads and community infrastructure program, which we did receive funding in the Federal Budget, which is good news for local government. Unfortunately, financial assistance grants weren't increased, but we will continue to fight for that one percent of commonwealth taxation to come back to local councils in Australia.

We held the Mayor's Youth Breakfast last Friday, 1 April 2022, at the Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre. Well done to the whole team who organised that event. There were approximately 90 young people registered and nominated and approximately 70 people at the event. It was fantastic to acknowledge our youth, the next generation of the Gladstone Region. They travelled from right across the region into the city to be a part of that event. We have some amazing young people in our community, whether it is in sporting, volunteering, employment, cultural, musical, there were so many inspirational young people, and it was fantastic to acknowledge them as well.

The Tannum Crab Classic was held recently and shout out to the team there for doing an amazing job and keeping that event going with proceeds supporting suicide prevention and child bullying.

This weekend is the Boyne Valley Country Music Camp Out. If you haven't got your tickets, get in and get them, if they haven't already sold out. I'll be heading up Friday. Cr Desley O'Grady and Cr Glenn Churchill will also be attending. Councillors and everyone watching on live stream, check out the Boyne Valley Country Music Camp Out in Ubobo this weekend.

It's Easter in Gladstone. Starting on Thursday 14 April 2022 we have our Gladstone Harbour Festival Opening Night on the Gladstone Ports Corporation (GPC) Marina Stage. It's all for the families - we have Peter Rabbit 2, the Smurfs, Dinosaur Train and of course wrapping up with fireworks. It is the greatest time in the world to be in Gladstone at Easter time. On Friday 15 April 2022 we have 7 Whales in Moscow and Indigo Electric playing live on stage. On Saturday 16 April 2022 we have RedThorn and people might remember The Koi Boys from the Mayor's Ball a few years back, they'll be here on Saturday night and fireworks again. More entertainment on the Marina Stage on Sunday 17 April 2022, including The Elton John Experience and more fireworks. It's good to see the festival still going strong. It is free for all to attend and enjoy.

This year we have our Brisbane to Gladstone Village back as well. Opening on Thursday 14 April 2022 night with the B2G Village Opening Party. On Friday 15 April 2022, the Yachtsman's Long Lunch, you do have to purchase a ticket for this one, and probably already sold out, but check out the B2G online page to see if there are still tickets. Later that night, we have our Festival of Summer Sounds for the younger generation. It is a jam-packed Easter weekend. On Saturday 16 April 2022, we have the new event, the Harbour Cruise and the Seafood Festival, which is free entry at the B2G Village. Then the Line Crossing Party on Sunday 17 April 2022 where we will hand out the trophies at the presentation ceremony to our yachtsmen and women in the Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race.

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And of course, the live stream for the Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race, which is sponsored by Gladstone Regional Council, will kick off on Good Friday morning at 10am. You can watch it on your iPad or your laptop, you can watch it at the Harbour Festival food court, at the big screen at East Shores and also in the B2G Village. I'll be there in Shorncliffe on the Good Friday to help start the race and then back here in Gladstone Easter Saturday morning to welcome the yachties in with the traditional carton of beer and medallion. And welcoming them to our city at the Line Crossing Party on the Sunday.

That is Easter in Gladstone and if you're going to be anywhere else this Easter, you're kidding yourself.

G/2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

G/2.1. CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES FOR 15 MARCH 2022

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Council Meeting Date: 5 April 2022

File Ref: CM7.2

Purpose:

Confirmation of the minutes of the General Meeting held on 15 March 2022.

Officer's Recommendation:

That the minutes of the General Meeting of Council held on 15 March 2022 be confirmed.

GM/22/4710 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Churchill
Seconded Cr Trevor

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/2.2. CONFIRMATION OF SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FOR 24 MARCH 2022

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Council Meeting Date: 5 April 2022

File Ref: CM7.2

Purpose:

Confirmation of the minutes of the Special Meeting held on 24 March 2022.

Officer's Recommendation:

That the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on 24 March 2022 be confirmed.

GM/22/4711 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Hansen

Seconded Cr O'Grady

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/3. DEPUTATIONS

G/3.1. GLADSTONE BOWLS CLUB INC - SLOUCH HAT MUSEUM

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Council Meeting Date: 5 April 2022

File Ref: CM7.6

Purpose:

To present the Club Gladstone Business Case for The Slouch Hat – History of a Nation museum.

Officer's Recommendation:

That the deputation from Gladstone Bowls Club be received.

GM/22/4712 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Churchill

Seconded Cr Cameron

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/4. OFFICERS' REPORTS

G/4.1. STRESSCRETE EMERGENCY WORKS

Responsible Officer: General Manager Finance Governance and Risk

Council Meeting Date: 5 April 2022

File Ref: PE1.1

Purpose:

This report seeks a resolution from Council endorsing expenditure under s235(c) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* for the manufacture and transport of pre-stressed deck units for upcoming bridge renewal projects.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council retrospectively in accordance with s235(c) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* :

1. Endorse the expenditure for manufacture and transport of pre-stressed deck units for upcoming bridge renewal projects; and
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract with Stresscrete Heavy Haulage Pty Ltd for the manufacture and transport of pre-stressed deck units for upcoming bridge renewal projects.

GM/22/4713 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Muszkat
Seconded Cr Trevor

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/4.2. AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF COMPANY DIRECTORS SPECIALISED SUPPLIER

Responsible Officer: General Manager Finance Governance and Risk

Council Meeting Date: 5 April 2022

File Ref: PE1.1

Purpose:

This report seeks a resolution from Council to make use of the provisions in section 235 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* ("LGR") that allows for the exceptions to the requirement for written quotes or tenders. The use of this provision is sought in relation to memberships and training provided by The Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council resolves, in accordance with s235(b) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, it is satisfied that due to the specialised nature of the services sought, The Australian Institute of Company Directors is a specialised supplier.

GM/22/4714 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Churchill

Seconded Cr Branthwaite

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/4.3. PAVEMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

Responsible Officer: General Manager Strategic Asset Performance

Council Meeting Date: 5 April 2022

File Ref: RD1.8

Purpose:

The purpose of the report is to inform Council of the need for a revised Pavement Impact Assessment (PIA) Methodology and make provision for future amendments.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Repeal the Pavement Impact Assessment Methodology adopted by resolution of Council at its General Meeting of 7 December 2010 (Resolution G/10/383-16); and
2. Delegate the Chief Executive Officer authority to adopt and approve amendments to, Council's Pavement Impact Assessment Methodology.

GM/22/4715 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr O'Grady
Seconded Cr Cameron

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/4.4. TENDER RPQS 76-22 TRAINING SERVICES

Responsible Officer: General Manager Finance Governance and Risk

Council Meeting Date: 5 April 2022

File Ref: PE1.1

Mayor Burnett (declared Conflict of Interest)
left the room for Agenda Item G/4.4. and did not participate in the decision.
(refer G/0.3.4. Disclosure of Interest section of the minutes - page 3)

Deputy Mayor Kahn Goodluck chaired the meeting for Agenda Item G/4.4.

Purpose:

This report seeks resolution from Council to enter into agreements for the provision of Training Services under a Register of Pre-Qualified Suppliers.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Endorse the Tender Evaluation Panel's recommendation to appoint the following (53) service providers on RPQS 76-22 Training Services:
 - 4 T CONSULTANTS PTY LTD;
 - Actrua Pty Ltd ATF Jalak Family Trust;
 - AISIT Pty Ltd;
 - Australian Institute for Security and Investigation Training;
 - Central Safety Training & Assessing Services Pty Ltd t/a All States Training;
 - Altus Training Pty Ltd;
 - ASPL Australia Pty Ltd trading as ASPL Group;
 - Auditor Training Online Pty Ltd;
 - Australasian Leadership Academy Pty Ltd (ALA);
 - Australian Red Cross Society trading as Australian Red Cross First Aid and Mental Health;
 - Baseline Training Pty Ltd;
 - Trewenack-Lee Consulting Pty Ltd Trading as BBB Advisory;
 - Bendelta Pty Ltd;
 - Blanchard International Pty Ltd;
 - Collective Learning and Development Pty Ltd The Trust for Consolidated Training Trust;
 - Corporate Training Solutions Australia Pty Ltd ATF JYK Family Trust;
 - Endless Sunsets Pty Ltd;
 - CQ First Aid & Safety Training Pty Ltd;
 - CQUniversity Australia;
 - Current Training (QLD) Pty Ltd;
 - AB Quality Homes Pty Ltd (Diggerman);
 - Down to Earth Results Pty Ltd trading as DTE Training & Safety Skills;
 - S&K Duff Holdings Pty Ltd t/a Duff Consultin Group;
 - eMotion Video;
 - Grey Matta Solutions Pty Ltd;
 - HENRY REED Pty Ltd;

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- Inspyr Pty Ltd;
 - WH&S Training & Assessment Services Pty Ltd;
 - Koya Consulting Pty Ltd trading as Koya Training Services;
 - Link Resources Training Pty Ltd;
 - Blac Investments Pty Ltd, The Trustee for Webster Corporate Trust trading as Local Roaming;
 - Glenn David Groves (Sole Trader) trading as MAC Training Solutions;
 - Guinea Enterprises;
 - Nexacu;
 - The Trustee for WK Chan and Associates Trust, trading as Paradigm Infinitum and Australian Leadership Skills Centre;
 - PDT Unit Trust ATF Professional Development Training Pty Ltd;
 - Peak Services Pty Ltd;
 - The Jarvis Family Trust as trustee for People and Organisational Development Partners Pty Ltd;
 - Pinnacle Height Safety Pty Ltd trading as Pinnacle Safety and Training;
 - Pro Leaders Academy Pty Ltd;
 - Black Belt Business Pty Limited as trustee for Black Belt Business Trading Trust trading as Resolution Education;
 - Safety Wise Solutions;
 - SEEC ABILITY Pty Ltd;
 - Shape Consulting Pty Ltd;
 - Bellcastle Pty Ltd ATF Team Management Resources Unit Trust TA Team Management Systems;
 - The Guinea Group of Companies Pty Ltd;
 - The Trustee for the Penfold Family Trust – Top Consulting Pty Ltd trading as Top Consulting Safety;
 - Queensland Training Services Pty Ltd trading as Total Management and Training;
 - Trainers Direct Pty Ltd;
 - Transport Compliance Training Solutions Pty Ltd;
 - Abrahamson Holdings as the trustee for the Abrahamson Family Trust trading as Upskills Qld;
 - WINNER-at-WORK Pty Ltd; and
 - Rick Davis and Associates Pty Ltd as trustee for WISE Up Training Trust trading as Wise Workplace Training.
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to enter into panel arrangements for a fixed term of 3 years, with the above service providers.

GM/22/4716 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Hansen
Seconded Cr Muszkat

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/5. COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Chris Cameron mentioned that on the 23 March 2022, he attended the official launch of the Tropical North Queensland Drought Hub Fitzroy Node which is a Federal Government initiative funded through the Future Drought Fund and facilitated through James Cook University. Cr Cameron advised that the Fitzroy Node was the last of the six (6) nodes to be established which include the Wet Tropics Node, Gulf Savannah Node, Gulf of Carpentaria Node, Mackay & Whitsundays Node and Burdekin Node. Cr Cameron noted that the Fitzroy area runs from Nebo to the north, Wandoan to the south, Clermont to the west, Gladstone to the east and some island areas. Cr Cameron advised that the project was about gathering data on each of the nodes, collating and analysing the data for management and facilitation of addressing the effects of drought. Cr Cameron noted some interesting statistics that have been collected regarding the Fitzroy node, including there is 3.2 million head of cattle; 77% of all active coal mines; 5,178 native species; 8,534 wetlands; 79% of the land is managed by farmers and graziers; and there are 224 rare or threatened species. Cr Cameron advised that he expressed interest in continuing on with the project as a participant in the working group.

Councillor Chris Trevor acknowledged the upcoming federal election and noted that this meeting could be Mayor Burnett's last meeting and wished all candidates the very best of luck in the election. Cr Trevor noted it was very brave to put your hand up and serve the public in the public interest. Cr Trevor congratulated Mayor Burnett and all candidates who are putting their name forward in the upcoming federal election and wished them all the best.

Mayor Burnett announced that he will be taking a leave of absence as Mayor of Gladstone Regional Council from Monday 18 April 2022 as it is the last date for the federal election to be called and noted that no election has been called as yet. Mayor Burnett advised that the date to commence his leave of absence was chosen as it has been tradition that the Mayor and Councillors have responsibilities over the Easter period, particularly around the Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race and therefore he will fulfil the duties as Mayor up until and including Easter Sunday and from Easter Monday Mayor Burnett will take a leave of absence for the election period. Mayor Burnett acknowledged that today could be his last Council meeting and noted he has spent 22 years representing the local community in Gladstone. Mayor Burnett reflected on the events and achievements of the Council over the years including the return of the Gladstone Area Water Board dividends; preventing the Gladstone Port from being sold; building the PCYC, library and entertainment centre; building the community centre at Agnes Water; building skate parks and pump tracks; re-building Bunting Park, which is an amazing facility for Calliope; Alf Larson Park, which has revitalised Miriam Vale; Lions Park in Gladstone, which is a fantastic facility for everybody to use ; and the Philip Street Families and Communities Precinct. Council has seen the raising of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags; the development of New Auckland Place, Edenvale and Settlers; and the development of the Heritage Retirement Village in Telina; the construction of three (3) LNG plants; Rio Tinto stages 1 and 2; WICIT; Northern Oil; and now Alpha HPA and an emerging hydrogen industry. Mayor Burnett further acknowledged the group of mayors across Central Queensland for securing funding for the Inland Rail Project and the exciting events that Council has been able to deliver including the first NRL game to Gladstone; the Queensland Reds; the Brisbane Roar; the Cultural Immersions Festival; adoption of a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP); Luminous and many more. Mayor Burnett acknowledged that it is an honour and pleasure to work alongside the councillors and if fortunate enough to be elected as Federal Member for Flynn, he will continue to deliver right across the community and if unsuccessful at the election, he will be back ready to continue serving the Gladstone Region as Mayor.

G/6. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

G/7. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

G/8. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil.

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

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10:25am.