



GLADSTONE
REGIONAL COUNCIL

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

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

On Tuesday 16 August 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 N Muszkat
Councillor C Cameron
Councillor D Branthwaite

Officers

Mrs L Dowling (Chief Executive Officer)
Mrs R Millett (Executive Secretary)
Mrs T Whalley (Manager Governance and Risk)
Mr M Holmes (General Manager Finance Governance and Risk)
Ms C Quinn (General Manager Strategy and Transformation)
Mr J Tumbers (General Manager Operations)
Mr M Francis (General Manager Strategic Asset Performance)
Mr T Mienie (General Manager People Culture and Safety)
Mr M Harris (Media Advisor)
Mr G Scanlan (Economic Development Specialist)

G/0.3.2. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

GM/22/4815 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Hansen
Seconded Cr O'Grady

That an apology for Cr Trevor be received.

CARRIED

G/0.3.3. MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE

Cr O'Grady passed on condolences to Robert 'Bob' Gammage. Bob Gammage was an amazing artist who lived at Agnes Water and passed away on Tuesday 19 July 2022. Bob was a great prolific artist and writer, social observer, philosopher, free thinker, traveller, live music lover, chess, backgammon and pool player, conversationalist and true gentleman. Bob was known and loved around the country by all whose lives, hearts and souls that he touched. Bob was amazing where ever he went and Cr O'Grady recounted a time where she was in Tamworth and Bob was there painting some street art which was amazing. Cr O'Grady mentioned that there will be an art exhibition in Bob's honour in the next few months which will be held at Agnes Water and encouraged everyone to go along.

G/0.3.4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Mayor Burnett

Mayor Matthew Burnett advised that he has a prescribed conflict of interest in Agenda Item G/4.2 EXPENDITURE APPROVAL - INSURANCE SERVICES as the report proposed to enter into a contract with Local Government Mutual Assets (LGM Assets). LGM Assets is a subsidiary of the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) of which Mayor Burnett is a close associate as a member of the Board and Policy Executive.

Mayor Burnett left the meeting for the consideration of Agenda Item G/4.2.

G/1. MAYORAL STATEMENT OF CURRENT ISSUES

I want to thank the Local Government Association Queensland (LGAQ) and everyone who attended the inaugural Coastal Leaders Forum that was held here in Gladstone recently. We had Council's represented from across the state, discussing issues effecting all council's that are on the coast, and more than half of Queensland councils are located on the coast. It was fantastic to host the inaugural forum right here in Gladstone. We also had Minister for Regional Development Local Government and Territories, Kristy McBain; Assistant Minister for Education and Regional Development, Senator Anthony Chisholm; and the Queensland Minister for Tourism, Innovation and Sports, Stirling Hinchliffe. Great to see both the Federal and State Governments paying attention to Gladstone and Central Queensland as part of that forum.

This weekend we have the Port to Park Fun Run on Sunday 21 August 2022 and if you haven't already registered, time is running out, so make sure you get on and register. I know a lot of councillors are volunteering on the day, along with some staff. It is going to be a fantastic event raising lots of funds for our local community and our local schools.

The Calliope State School is celebrating 150 years on Saturday 27 August 2022. From 1:00pm to 5:00pm there will be market stalls, memorabilia, music and lots of fun and entertainment. I'm sure that will be exciting for past students, teachers, and staff of Calliope State School to get back together.

On Friday 2 September from 10:00am – 2:00pm we have our first Youth Summit. We are calling for all change makers from 15 to 25 years old to turn ideas into action and make that change in our local region. You can register online via the Gladstone Regional Council website. That's the 2 September 2022, 10:00am – 2:00pm and if there are no young ones watching online today, parents and grandparents might want to give them a bit of a nudge. It would be very good to have as many involved as we can. We want to hear from our youth and the next generation in the Gladstone Region. When I was elected to Council in the year 2000, I was the youngest in Queensland, certainly no longer the youngest, and it's great to see younger ones coming up and we certainly want to hear from our young generation at our Youth Summit.

The Calliope River Village Music Festival is on this Saturday, 20 August 2022. 10:00am – 1:00pm is the open mic and then from 2:00pm the locals get involved with Brad Millers, Jacinta Bradley, Sand and RedThorn and many more. And then we have the headline acts, which is Amber Lawrence and Adam Harvey. Welcome back to the Gladstone Region Adam Harvey, who was here for our Baffle Creek Bushfire Recovery Event and the Boyne Valley Country Music Camp Out a few years back and certainly entertained the crowds.

A couple more things on, of course the 'save the date' has gone out for the Santos GNLG Mayor's Charity Ball, which will be on 27 May 2023.

And finally, Councillors, I thank you for supporting Vietnam Vets Day on Thursday 18 August 2022 as I know we will be attending the services around the region. If Gladstone Region residents would like to support the event as well at our local cenotaphs, a number of local RSL subbranches will be hosting a Vietnam Vets Day function on Thursday 18 August 2022.

G/2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

G/2.1. CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES FOR 2 AUGUST 2022

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Council Meeting Date: 16 August 2022

File Ref: CM7.2

Purpose:

Confirmation of the minutes of the General Meeting held on 2 August 2022.

Officer's Recommendation:

That the minutes of the General Meeting of Council held on 2 August 2022 be confirmed.

GM/22/4816 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Goodluck
Seconded Cr Cameron

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/3. DEPUTATIONS

G/3.1. SUNSHINE HYDRO

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Council Meeting Date: 16 August 2022

File Ref: CM7.6

Purpose:

Sunshine Hydro will provide an update to Council on the Flavian Pumped Hydro Superhybrid Project.

Officer's Recommendation:

That the deputation from Sunshine Hydro be received.

GM/22/4817 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Hansen

Seconded Cr Branthwaite

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/4. OFFICERS' REPORTS

G/4.1. 2021/22 OPERATIONAL PLAN - QUARTER FOUR REPORT

Responsible Officer: General Manager Strategy and Transformation

Council Meeting Date: 16 August 2022

File Ref: CM14.2

Purpose:

To present Council with the fourth and final quarterly performance report for the 2021/22 Operational Plan.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council endorse the 2021/22 Operational Plan Quarter Four Report.

GM/22/4818 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Churchill
Seconded Cr O'Grady

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/4.2. EXPENDITURE APPROVAL - INSURANCE SERVICES

Responsible Officer: General Manager Finance Governance and Risk

Council Meeting Date: 16 August 2022

File Ref: PE1.1

Mayor Burnett (prescribed Conflict of Interest) left the room for Agenda Item G/4.2. Expenditure Approval - Insurance Services and did not participate in the decision.
(refer G/0.0.3 Disclosure of Interest section of the minutes - page 4)

Deputy Mayor Kahn Goodluck chaired the meeting for Agenda Item G/4.2.

Purpose:

This report seeks resolution from Council, in accordance with Council's Register of Financial Delegations, to approve expenditure for annual insurance services.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council Approve the expenditure of \$516,670.38 ex GST for 2022-23 Insurance Services.

GM/22/4819 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Branthwaite
Seconded Cr Hansen

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/4.3. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 JULY 2022

Responsible Officer: General Manager Finance Governance and Risk

Council Meeting Date: 16 August 2022

File Ref: FM15.1

Purpose:

This report seeks Council adoption of the Monthly Financial Statements for the 2022-23 year to date, for the period ended 31 July 2022.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council adopt the Monthly Financial Statements attached to the officer's report for the 2022-23 year to date, for the period ended 31 July 2022 as required under Section 204 Local Government Regulation 2012.

GM/22/4820 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Cameron
Seconded Cr Hansen

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/5. COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Glenn Churchill mentioned the Calliope River Village Music Festival that is being held on Saturday 20 August 2022 and noted that it will be a great day with great entertainment from Adam Harvey and Amber Lawrence coming along. Cr Churchill mentioned tickets can be purchased online or at the gate. Cr Churchill noted that it was pleasing that the Council, through the Regional Arts Development Fund, have been able to contribute some funding support for the project. Cr Churchill encouraged everyone to come along to a great day and night of entertainment.

Mayor Burnett mentioned that the Multicultural Festival is on Saturday 27 August 2022 at the Tondoon Botanic Gardens.

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 10:02am