



GLADSTONE
REGIONAL COUNCIL

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

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

On Tuesday 7 March 2023

Commencing at 9.00am

**Leisa Dowling
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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Elected Members

Councillor - Mayor M J Burnett (via Teams)
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

Officers

Mrs L Dowling (Chief Executive Officer)
Mrs T Whalley (Manager Governance and Risk)
Mr M Holmes (General Manager Finance Governance and Risk)
Ms C Quinn (General Manager Strategy and Transformation)
Ms K Lee (General Manager Community Development and Events)
Mr M Francis (General Manager Strategic Asset Performance)
Mr R Huth (General Manager Customer Experience)
Ms J Bolt (Governance Trainee)
Ms K Marxsen (Manager Arts and Entertainment)
Ms B Janson (Manager Community Partnerships)
Mr E Dahlheimer (Acting Manager Asset Planning)
Ms E Landman (Manager Revenue Services)

G/0.3.2. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

GM/23/4939 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Goodluck
Seconded Cr O'Grady

That an apology for Cr Branthwaite be received.

CARRIED

G/0.3.3. MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE

Nil

G/0.3.4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Muszkat

Councillor Natalia Muszkat advised that she has a previously declared conflict of interest in Item G/3.1 Gladstone Area Promotion and Development Ltd as she is a director of Strong Communities Ltd which has a funding agreement with Gladstone Area Promotion and Development Ltd (GAPDL).

Councillor Muszkat left the room during consideration of Item G/3.1. Gladstone Area Promotion and Development Ltd.

Councillor O'Grady

Councillor Desley O'Grady advised that she has a declarable a conflict of interest in Item G/3.1 Gladstone Area Promotion and Development Ltd deputation as her brothers are members of Gladstone Area Promotion and Development Ltd (GAPDL) and she has recently become actively involved in the promotion and marketing of their business.

Cr O'Grady advised that although she has a declarable conflict of interest she does not believe a reasonable person could have the perception of bias because of any decision of Council in relation to GAPDL as it will not have significant impact on herself or her brothers companies. Cr O'Grady advised she would like to remain in the room and participate in the decision however she will respect the decision of the meeting on whether she can remain and participate in the decision.

GM/23/4940 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Goodluck
Seconded Cr Cameron

That notwithstanding Cr O'Grady's declarable conflict of interest, it is in the public interest for Cr O'Grady to remain in the room but not participate in the decision.

CARRIED

In Favour of the Motion: Mayor Burnett, Cr Goodluck, Cr Cameron, Cr Hanson, Cr Churchill, Cr Trevor

Against the Motion: Nil

Not eligible: Cr Muszkat, Cr O'Grady

Absent: Cr Branthwaite

G/1. MAYORAL STATEMENT OF CURRENT ISSUES

There are two things I would like to speak on today. Firstly, Central Queensland Rural Health and the Gladstone Health Action Plan for the 2022/2023. Recently we had a deputation from the team at CQ Rural Health. I would like to acknowledge Councillor Muszkat and Councillor Hansen who co-chaired that committee, for about the last 18 months, with a number of people including health professionals and local community champions looking at how to address health issues in the Gladstone region.

The Gladstone Health Action Plan identifies a number of ways that each level of government can be involved and pointed out some ways that Council can be involved, including advocacy, livability and a number of other ways that Council can help attract health professionals to our region. One of those was housing and of course providing housing for health professionals is not necessarily considered council core business, but nevertheless, we have asked our team through Carly Quinn, General Manager Strategy and Transformation, to go through the action plan and identify where Council can be involved and should be involved.

And as a result of that, as Councillors will be aware, on Friday last week we made the Park street and Palm Drive property, a 2.51 hectare parcel of land, available for an expression of interest for a health provider to set up. Obviously, we'll look favourably on anyone who is looking at including accommodation on that site. So, the call is out there if anyone in the medical professional sector is watching this right now or knows someone in that area looking to either expand locally or to invest in the Gladstone region, I would encourage them to get in contact with our team, have a look at the expression of interest for that parcel of land as it is a big parcel of land just down the road from the Gladstone hospital, and ideally zoned a health precinct as well.

Now obviously this is not going to solve what is a national issue, this is not exclusive to Gladstone, there is a shortage of health professionals nationwide and a block of land is not going to be the magic bullet that is going to solve it, but this is something we can do. Obviously, we will go back to having our Welcome to Gladstone morning tea's and we will welcome new residents to town, particularly in the health sector and we will do whatever we can as identified in the CQ Rural Health Plan. I'd like to again thank Cr Muszkat and Cr Hansen for co-chairing that. It was funded by Public Health Network (PHN) and we need to take note of it, the people involved in it gave up their time to identify how we can address health shortages in the Gladstone region and I think if we work together, all three levels of government we certainly can address that. And again, I would just like to thank all involved.

The only other item I have for the Mayors statement is of course the 75th Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race. I know I've mentioned it before but nominations close on the 20 March 2023. I believe we have a fleet of about 50 already which is fantastic, and this year is going to be bigger than ever. We have our Brisbane to Gladstone village which should be able to be absolutely packed opening Thursday night, same night as our Gladstone Harbour Festival. We have the long lunch on the Friday, of course we have the start of the yacht race on the Friday as well which is live streamed again this year and live streamed on Kayo as well as Council's website and Facebook. And then we've got the Seafood Festival on the Saturday, we've got fireworks at the Harbour Festival and the line crossing party on the Sunday. Thank you to the Deputy Mayor and Councillors who will be involved in welcoming the yachts this year.

For something different I will be entering the Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race onboard 'Skimmer' and will see how we go. I'm looking forward to Councillors welcoming us in the harbour some time on Sunday morning, or Sunday night, depending how slow or fast we go. As it is the 75th, I thought it was appropriate that the Mayor get involved in the race, so I will be entering the race onboard 'Skimmer' and we're certainly looking forward to a huge fleet this year. We also welcome the winner of the Tattersall's Cup of the Sydney to Hobart 'Celestial' who has entered the race as well.

G/2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

G/2.1. CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES FOR 21 FEBRUARY 2023

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Council Meeting Date: 7 March 2023

File Ref: CM7.2

Purpose:

Confirmation of the minutes of the General Meeting held on 21 February 2023.

Officer's Recommendation:

That the minutes of the General Meeting of Council held on 21 February 2023 be confirmed.

GM/23/4941 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Churchill
Seconded Cr O'Grady

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Kahn Goodluck chaired the remainder of the meeting.

G/3. DEPUTATIONS

G/3.1. GLADSTONE AREA PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT LTD

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Council Meeting Date: 7 March 2023

File Ref: CM7.6

Councillor Muszkat (declarable conflict of interest)
left the room for Agenda Item G/3.1. and did not participate in the decision.
(refer G/0.3.4 Disclosure of Interest section of the minutes - page 4)

Councillor O'Grady (declarable conflict of interest)
remained in the room for Agenda Item G/3.1. but did not participate in the decision.
(refer G/0.3.4 Disclosure of Interest section of the minutes - page 4)

Purpose:

Gladstone Area Promotion Development Limited (GAPDL) will provide an update to Council including recent activities and key performance indicators.

Officer's Recommendation:

That the deputation from Gladstone Area Promotion Development Limited (GAPDL) be received.

GM/23/4942 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Churchill
Seconded Cr Trevor

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

In Favour of the Motion: Mayor Burnett, Cr Goodluck, Cr Cameron, Cr Hanson, Cr Churchill, Cr Trevor

Against the Motion: Nil

Not Eligible: Cr Muszkat, Cr O'Grady

Absent: Cr Branthwaite

G/4. OFFICERS' REPORTS

G/4.1. EXTENSION OF GECC CATERING AGREEMENT AND COURTYARD LEASE

Responsible Officer: General Manager Community Development and Events

Council Meeting Date: 7 March 2023

File Ref: CP8.2 & PE1.1

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement of an extension to the current lease and catering services agreement for the Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council endorse an extension of the agreements below, under the current terms until 28 February 2024:

1. Lease at 56a Goondoon Street Gladstone, currently occupied by Lightbox Espresso and Wine Bar;
2. Catering Services Agreement at Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre, currently held by Light Group.

GM/23/4943 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Hansen
Seconded Cr Cameron

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/4.2. PHILIP STREET COMMUNITIES AND FAMILIES PRECINCT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Responsible Officer: General Manager Community Development and Events

Council Meeting Date: 7 March 2023

File Ref: CR3.2

Purpose:

To present the Philip Street Community Advisory Committee Report to Council.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council receive the 2021/2022 Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct Advisory Committee Report for the period 1 July 2021 to 31 December 2022.

GM/23/4944 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Churchill

Seconded Cr Trevor

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

**G/4.3. PHILIP STREET COMMUNITIES AND FAMILIES PRECINCT ADVISORY COMMITTEE -
REVIEW OF TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Responsible Officer: General Manager Community Development and Events

Council Meeting Date: 7 March 2023

File Ref: CR3.2

Purpose:

To allow Council to consider changes to the Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct Advisory Committee Terms of Reference.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Adopt the revised Terms of Reference for the Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct Advisory Committee as presented in Attachment 3 to the Report.
2. Adopt the selection panel's recommendation to appoint Jakob Humphries to the Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct Advisory Committee as the Youth Community Representative.
3. Renew the appointment of the current Advisory Committee members through to May 2024.

GM/23/4945 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Hansen

Seconded Cr O'Grady

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

**G/4.4. ENDORSEMENT OF ADDITIONAL REGIONAL ARTS DEVELOPMENT FUND
COMMITTEE MEMBER**

Responsible Officer: General Manager Community Development and Events

Council Meeting Date: 7 March 2023

File Ref: CC7.16

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council endorsement of the appointment of an additional Committee Member – Bettina Van Haeften to the Regional Arts Development Fund 2023 Committee.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council endorse the appointment of Bettina Van Haeften to the 2023 Regional Arts Development Fund Committee.

GM/23/4946 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr O'Grady
Seconded Cr Cameron

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/4.6. AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY MOTIONS

Responsible Officer: General Manager Strategy and Transformation

Council Meeting Date: 7 March 2023

File Ref: GR3.1

GM/23/4947 Procedural Motion

Moved: Cr Churchill

Seconded: Cr O'Grady

The Chair altered the Order of Business so that agenda item G/4.6 Australian Local Government Association Annual National General Assembly Motions be moved to follow agenda item G/4.4 Endorsement of additional Regional Arts Development Fund Committee Member.

CARRIED

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to

1. Provide Council with the opportunity to consider a submission of motions to Australian Local Government Association's (ALGA) annual National General Assembly (NGA) to be held 13-16 June 2023 in Canberra
2. Allow Council to nominate attendance at the same event

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Submit the following conference motions to the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) for consideration:
 - a. The National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to provide local government funding to support Council's operational and capital expenses in implementing climate adaptation and carbon offset and mitigation initiatives to:
 - i. Move towards net zero emissions
 - ii. Minimise the impacts on climate change in our communities
 - iii. Minimise and offset emissions across Council operations
 - b. The National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to establish a dedicated fund to
 - i. Provide support for communities and regions to transition to renewable energy and a net zero carbon economy
 - ii. Support other regional economic and community development opportunities as part of the great energy transition
 - iii. Provide fiscal stability and long-term sustainability to support inter-generational equity in regions.

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- c. The National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to establish a regional transition authority to
 - i. Coordinate across all levels of government, industry and community, the transition of the energy sector and resource dependent regions, to renewable energy
 - ii. Undertake planning that informs effective policies to improve coordination, clarity and mitigate disruptions
 - iii. Support regions to strengthen existing long-term industries and seize a range of economic opportunities
2. Authorise Councillor _____ and Councillor _____ to attend the NGA, 13-16 June in Canberra, noting Mayor Burnett is scheduled to attend as a representative of the Australian Local Government Association.

GM/23/4948 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Churchill
Seconded Cr Goodluck

That Council:

1. Submit the following conference motions to the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) for consideration:
 - a. The National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to provide local government funding to support Council's operational and capital expenses in implementing climate adaptation and carbon offset and mitigation initiatives to:
 - i. Move towards net zero emissions
 - ii. Minimise the impacts on climate change in our communities
 - iii. Minimise and offset emissions across Council operations
 - b. The National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to establish a dedicated fund to:
 - i. Provide support for communities and regions to transition to renewable energy and a net zero carbon economy
 - ii. Support other regional economic and community development opportunities as part of the great energy transition
 - iii. Provide fiscal stability and long-term sustainability to support inter-generational equity in regions.
 - c. The National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to establish a regional transition authority to:
 - i. Coordinate across all levels of government, industry and community, the transition of the energy sector and resource dependent regions, to renewable energy
 - ii. Undertake planning that informs effective policies to improve coordination, clarity and mitigate disruptions.
 - iii. Support regions to strengthen existing long-term industries and seize a range of economic opportunities
2. Authorise Councillor Hansen and Mayor Burnett to attend the NGA as delegates, on 13-16 June 2023 in Canberra.

CARRIED

G/4.5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN (LGIP) REVIEW

Responsible Officer: General Manager Strategic Asset Performance

Council Meeting Date: 7 March 2023

File Ref: LU6.3

GM/23/4949 Procedural Motion

Moved Cr Hansen
Seconded Cr Cameron

The Chair altered the Order of Business so that agenda item G/4.5 Local Government Infrastructure Plan (LGIP) Review be read following Agenda Item G/4.6 Australian Local Government Association Annual National General Assembly Motions.

CARRIED

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement of the Local Government Infrastructure Plan (LGIP) five-year review and to seek a resolution from Council to prepare an amendment to Our Place Our Plan Gladstone Regional Council Planning Scheme Version 2 (The Planning Scheme) – Local Government Infrastructure Plan (LGIP).

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Accepts the review undertaken and completed of the Local Government Infrastructure Plan contained in the Our Place Our Plan Gladstone Regional Council Planning Scheme Version 2, pursuant to section 25(3) of the Planning Act 2016, and that the Local Government Infrastructure Plan review process has been followed as set out in Chapter 5, Part 5 of the Minister's Guidelines and Rules;
2. Is satisfied that the accuracy, currency and relevance of the current Local Government Infrastructure Plan (adopted by Council on 6 March 2018) has been considered using the Local Government Infrastructure Plan Review Checklist to determine compliance of the current Local Government Infrastructure Plan with the matters identified in Chapter 5, Part 6 of the Minister's Guidelines and Rules, pursuant to Chapter 5, Part 5, Section 23.1 of the Minister's Guidelines and Rules;
3. Decides, pursuant to Chapter 5, Part 5, Section 23.2 and Chapter 5, Part 3, Section 8.1 of the Minister's Guidelines and Rules, to make a Local Government Infrastructure Plan amendment;
4. Directs, pursuant to Chapter 5, Part 3, Section 8.2 of the Minister's Guidelines and Rules, that Council prepares a Local Government Infrastructure Plan amendment in accordance with Chapter 5, Part 6 of the Minister's Guidelines and Rules and the Local Government Infrastructure Plan template;

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5. Directs, pursuant to Chapter 5, Part 5, Section 23.3 of the Minister's Guidelines and Rules, that notice be given to the Chief Executive of the Planning Act 2016 being the Director-General of the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government Planning advising of the completed Local Government Infrastructure Plan Review and that Council's decision is to make a Local Government Infrastructure Plan amendment in accordance with Chapter 5, Part 3 of the Minister's Guidelines and Rules.

GM/23/4950 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Muszkat
Seconded Cr Hansen

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/4.7. SALE OF LAND REPORT

Responsible Officer: General Manager Finance Governance and Risk

Council Meeting Date: 7 March 2023

File Ref: RV7.1

Purpose:

This report identifies properties that have outstanding rates in excess of three years or a one-year period for vacant or commercial properties where default judgment has been granted and recovery action is available under the Local Government Regulation 2012.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council, pursuant to section 140(2) of *Local Government Regulation 2012*, resolve to sell the 2 properties listed in Attachment 1 to the officer's report, for overdue rates and charges.

GM/23/4951 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Goodluck
Seconded Cr Hansen

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/4.8. COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE AT WELCOMING AUSTRALIA SYMPOSIUM

Responsible Officer: General Manager Finance Governance and Risk

Council Meeting Date: 7 March 2023

File Ref: CM6.1

Purpose:

To seek approval for Councillor Natalia Muszkat's attendance at the Welcoming Australia 2023 Symposium in Melbourne.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council approve Councillor Natalia Muszkat attendance at the Welcoming Australia 2023 Symposium.

GM/23/4952 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Churchill
Seconded Cr Cameron

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/5. COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Desley O'Grady commended the cast and crew of Grease, noting it was an amazing show and something out of this world. Cr O'Grady mentioned comments received that people could not believe what locals could present and the show was amazing.

Cr O'Grady mentioned that Bicycle's Queensland will be in the Gladstone area tomorrow to undertake some videography in the Gladstone region having received funding from the Queensland Government. Cr O'Grady noted that it will be fantastic to showcase the beautiful Gladstone region.

Councillor Rick Hansen noted the Central Queensland Rural Health Report, and passed along thanks to Sandra and her team at CQ Rural Health for putting the report together. Cr Hansen acknowledged that it was a big effort to develop the report and get all the information. Cr Hansen further acknowledged the important participation of the general public via the questions that were that were asked and the attendance at the meetings. Cr Hansen thanked other Councillors who were also in attendance at the meetings.

Councillor Natalia Muszkat mentioned that the development of the Central Queensland Rural Health Report has been in development for over a year and agreed with Cr Hansen that it was a big effort to develop the report. Cr Muszkat acknowledge everyone that kept turning up to try and see how the community can solve, or assist in solving, some of the issues in the health area in the Gladstone Region. Cr Muszkat noted that there are a lot of different facets to the problem and solving the issues and that Council has some role to pay as recommended by the report. Cr Muszkat further noted that the health situation if difficult for everybody, acknowledging that we all live in the community, have families and share the same concerns and that Council is doing what we can to assist the situation. Cr Muszkat noted some of the activities that may be included such as welcoming activities for new residents, making the area more attractive to people to move in and work from the region and release of land to make available for some of those health services or people that work in the health sector. Cr Muszkat mentioned that Council will continue to work with Central Queensland Rural Health and the group that has been formed to oversee the implementation coming into the next twelve months and will provide updates as it progresses. Cr Muszkat expressed her appreciation that Council has taken on some of the recommendations that have been made in the report following research and consultation.

Councillor Chris Cameron mentioned he had the pleasure of attending the Artist Talk and opening of a new exhibition, *Where's Alice?*, which is in the theme of Alice in Wonderland. Cr Cameron mentioned the exhibition has been created by two local artists and it was a collective that they made themselves here in Gladstone over a 3-year period. Cr Cameron noted it is one of the most colossal exhibitions he has seen for the region and encouraged everyone to have a look as it is absolutely superb work in detail and content. Cr Cameron further noted that it would be great for children and could see an opportunity for schools, in particular primary schools, to bring their students through to view the exhibition. Cr Cameron mentioned that there is a theatre set up at the back of the exhibition with a lounge where you can watch a movie of *Alice in Wonderland*. Cr Cameron noted it was one of the best things he has seen and recommended it to the community.

Cr Muszkat highlighted that it is International Women's Day tomorrow and that there are a number of different events around the region, some that started over the weekend, and encouraged everyone to attend an event. Cr Muszkat mentioned that it would be wonderful to have an event that is run by men with men as well as it seems that these events only women attend, and that we need to change and do it all together.

G/6. URGENT BUSINESS

G/6.1. COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE AT 2023 RAIL TRAILS AUSTRALIA FORUM

Responsible Officer: General Manager Finance Governance and Risk

Council Meeting Date: 7 March 2023

File Ref: CM6.1

Purpose:

To seek approval for Councillor Desley O'Grady's attendance at the 2023 Rail Trails Australia Forum.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council approve Councillor Desley O'Grady's attendance at the 2023 Rail Trails Australia Forum.

GM/23/4953 Council Resolution:

Moved Mayor Burnett
Seconded Cr Churchill

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/7. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

G/8. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil

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

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.42am