



**GLADSTONE**  
REGIONAL COUNCIL

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

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

**On Tuesday 4 April 2023**

**Commencing at 9.00am**

**Leisa Dowling  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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## **GENERAL MEETING AGENDA 4 APRIL 2023**

### **Elected Members**

Councillor - Mayor M J Burnett  
Councillor G G Churchill (via teams)  
Councillor R A Hansen  
Councillor D V O'Grady  
Councillor C A Trevor  
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 R Huth (General Manager Customer Experience)  
Mr T Mienie (General Manager People Culture and Safety)  
Mrs K Wockner (Manager Contracts and Procurement) (via teams)

## **G/0.3.2. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

### **GM/23/4969 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Branthwaite  
Seconded Cr O'Grady

That an apology for Cr Goodluck be received.

**CARRIED**

### **G/0.3.3. MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE**

Mayor Burnett mentioned a message of condolence for Norma Tanna. Born in 1942 to Norman Porter and Hilda Clifford. Norma and her older brother Bernie grew up in Far North Queensland. Being a war baby might explain, in part, why Norma's home was always stocked with enough food to feed an army. Norma survived polio as a child but she was never one to make excuses about why she couldn't do something.

At All Hallows in Brisbane from age 13 - Norma excelled at sport and music. Norma recounted many times that her piano skill was due in no small part to the nuns dropping the piano lid on her fingers when she played a wrong note. At age 16, Norma met Reg, working as a clerk at the Court House - 2 years later they were married. Norma stopped working after their marriage, and had 3 children, Catherine, then Mick, then Tony. In 1966, the Tanna Family moved to Gladstone, as Reg had taken up the role of Engineer Manager of the then Gladstone Harbour Board. This role would shape the family and Norma's life for the next 34 years.

Norma may well be best known in Gladstone for her love of music. She was heavily involved with the Gladstone Musical Ladies Choir and Light Opera Society. In the early years, she worked as an unqualified music teacher. There was an endless procession of young and old aspiring musicians and singers through the Tanna home. She played for many musicals, choirs, musicians, singers, masses, weddings, funerals, Eisteddfods and of course, Carols by Candlelight. She played in bands, rang bells and even took up the challenge to play an instrument she had never played before in the Encore Band.

In her spare time, as a young mother raising three children, she volunteered and campaigned to get a new kindergarten built. She raised money for sporting clubs and for charities and delivered meals on wheels. She volunteered as an adult supervisor on school trips even after her kids left school. That was Norma.

Norma could be fiercely determined. Whether it was pressing the Queensland Government, trying to understand what privatisation of the port would mean for the Gladstone community, or chasing down a new home for a musical group. She at times could be relentless, and some called her 'Stormin Norma'. But to us and to most of us, she was Nanna Tanna.

A part of our Gladstone community that can never be replaced. A little bit of piece of Gladstone's soul passed away when we lost Norma. Rest in Peace.

### **G/0.3.4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Nil

## **G/1. MAYORAL STATEMENT OF CURRENT ISSUES**

I firstly want to start with our visit to Taiwan. We were invited over to Taiwan recently, returning on Saturday, at the invitation of the Smart City Summit and Expo. And for all the rate payers watching online, they paid for my flights, accommodation and travel expenses, so didn't cost the rate payers anything, apart from maybe some taxi fares to and from the airport. And also invited were Garry Scanlan, Economic Development Specialist, Cameron Hausler from the Gladstone Engineering Alliance, and Luke Sinclair from Central Queensland University. A strong Gladstone delegation, part of a Team Queensland delegation, which was very well received and very well looked after by Trade Investment Queensland in Taiwan. And the Smart City Summit and Expo paid for their accommodation expenses as well, which is fantastic for our community.

We did a number of presentations on renewable energy, reaching net zero and of course, hydrogen. Between Garry, Cameron, Luke and myself, we got our message across to our Taiwan counterparts particularly China Steel and CPC Corporation but also a number of smaller Taiwanese businesses which are potentially going to invest in Gladstone and will be heading over here later this year. Our delegation from China Steel was so well received, that the Chairman asked us to do a second presentation the next day, so we quickly changed our agenda and met with China Steel again for a second time to re-present, particularly our eco system around introduction of renewable and hydrogen industries into our local community. It was all about decarbonising our existing industries.

Something I said many times, which was picked up by the Taiwanese, was that Rio Tinto's largest asset base anywhere in the world is here in Gladstone; 50% of their global emissions come from Gladstone; and they are spending \$1 billion in the next 10 years to reduce their carbon footprint around the world. They are not closing down QAL, they are not closing down BSL and they are not closing down Rio Tinto, they are investing in our local community when they could've easily made the decision to walk away. They want to produce green alumina and green aluminium and they are going to do that by investing in our community. Taiwanese companies can see that, and they want to be part of it. Pretty good news for Gladstone, it's not just Taiwanese companies, Japanese companies and Australian companies as well.

Good news for Gladstone and a very successful delegation to Taiwan.

Last weekend in Gladstone we also saw the Tannum Crab Classic. Unfortunately, I missed it due to travel. But no doubt, it would've been an amazing event in Tannum Sands.

This weekend is Easter in Gladstone and it is all about the Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race, our Harbour Festival and our Brisbane to Gladstone Village. In our Village we have the Opening Party on Thursday night which is an 80's theme; the Long Lunch on the Friday; the under 18's event on the Friday night; the Seafood Festival all day Saturday and Saturday night which is free entry to attend; and of course the Line Crossing Party as well, which is free entry too. And the Gladstone Harbour Festival starts on Thursday night as well, 3 nights of fireworks, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, but check out the Harbour Festival website for more information, and live entertainment on stage every night and Gladstone Regional Council's sponsored night is the Saturday night and I'm sure that will be amazing entertainment on stage there as well.

We also have the Harbour Cruise which is sold out so unfortunately if you want to do that you'll have to wait until next year. There is the Fun Run; the Raft Regatta; and so much more happening in Gladstone region over Easter. Make sure that if you've got family and friends who don't know what they're doing over Easter, invite them to Gladstone, they'll be glad they did. We also have the Sailing Matters exhibition at the Gladstone Regional Art Gallery and Museum.

And if you want to step outside the city for a bit more entertainment, the Boyne Valley Music Camp Out is on this weekend as well.

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So much happening in the region, specifically around the city this weekend with the 75th Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race, which will be live streamed from 10am on Good Friday with the race starting at 11am. And I am on board 'Skimmer' and hopefully we can sail home safely sometime on Sunday afternoon and I look forward to Councillors welcoming us into the Harbour. It should be a good race.

**G/2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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

**Responsible Officer:** Chief Executive Officer

**Council Meeting Date:** 4 April 2023

**File Ref:** CM7.2

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**Purpose:**

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

**Officer's Recommendation:**

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

**GM/23/4970 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Churchill  
Seconded Cr Cameron

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**G/3. DEPUTATIONS**

Nil



**G/4. OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**G/4.1. REVIEW OF RECORDS MANAGEMENT POLICY**

**Responsible Officer:** General Manager Finance Governance and Risk

**Council Meeting Date:** 4 April 2023

**File Ref:** CM28.2

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**Purpose:**

To propose the repeal of the Records Management Policy.

**Officer's Recommendation:**

That Council repeal P-2014/21 Records Management Policy noting it will be replaced by a Records Management Corporate Standard.

**GM/23/4971 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Hansen

Seconded Cr Branthwaite

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

## **G/4.2. RPQS 59-21 ARBORICULTURE AND ASSOCIATED SERVICES - REFRESH**

**Responsible Officer:** General Manager Finance Governance and Risk

**Council Meeting Date:** 4 April 2023

**File Ref:** PE1.1

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### **Purpose:**

This report seeks resolution from Council to enter into contracts with additional suppliers under previously awarded Registers of Pre-Qualified Suppliers following refresh tender processes.

### **Officer's Recommendation:**

That Council:

1. Endorse the Tender Evaluation Panel's recommendation and appoint the following Service Provider to RPQS 59-21 Arboriculture and Associated Services:
  - a. Boyne Island Property Services Pty Ltd.

and

2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to enter into the relevant contract with the above service provider.

### **GM/23/4972 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Branthwaite  
Seconded Cr O'Grady

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**G/4.3. RPQS 83-21 TRADE SERVICES (BUILDING) - REFRESH**

**Responsible Officer:** General Manager Finance Governance and Risk

**Council Meeting Date:** 4 April 2023

**File Ref:** PE1.1

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**Purpose:**

This report seeks resolution from Council to enter into contracts with additional suppliers under previously awarded Registers of Pre-Qualified Suppliers following refresh tender processes.

**Officer's Recommendation:**

That Council:

1. Endorse the Tender Evaluation Panel's recommendation and appoint the following Service Providers to RQPS 83-21 Trade Services (Building):
  - a. Harst Group Pty Ltd;
  - b. Loftus Contracting Pty Ltd;
  - c. RoadPak Industries Pty Ltd; and
  - d. Simmons Civil Pty Ltd.

and

2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to enter into the relevant contracts with the above service providers.

**GM/23/4973 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Cameron

Seconded Cr Muszkat

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**G/4.4. COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE AT THE 2023 DEVELOPING NORTHERN AUSTRALIA CONFERENCE**

**Responsible Officer:** General Manager Finance Governance and Risk

**Council Meeting Date:** 4 April 2023

**File Ref:** CM6.1

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**Purpose:**

To seek approval for Councillor Branthwaite's attendance at the 2023 Developing Northern Australia Conference

**Officer's Recommendation:**

That Council approve Councillor Darryl Branthwaite's attendance at the 2023 Developing Northern Australia Conference in Darwin, Northern Territory.

**GM/23/4974 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Churchill  
Seconded Cr Hansen

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

## **G/5. COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Councillor Darryl Branthwaite mentioned the Tannum Crab Classic event that was held over the weekend. Cr Branthwaite noted that although it was wet, the event was well attended with just over \$33,000 was raised in the afternoon and it was nice to see the whole community get behind the event. Cr Branthwaite further noted that it was the richest mud crab race in Australia.

Councillor Desley O'Grady congratulated Mayor Burnett on becoming a grandfather. Mayor Burnett mentioned that Saylor Mae is just over 3 weeks old now and 6th generation Gladstone local.

Mayor Burnett congratulated Gladstone BMX for the event on the weekend. Mayor Burnett noted that the car park was full along with packed street parking. Cr O'Grady mentioned that the event was 2023 Auscycling BMX State Series - Queensland, Round 1 and 2. Cr O'Grady noted that competitors have to compete in 8 different events to compete for the state titles. Cr O'Grady mentioned that there were over 700 competitors on each day with the oldest competitor being 60. Cr O'Grady thanked council officers for the work that was undertaken with the mowing and slashing on the road to the BMX complex.

## **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 9:25am.**