

Media Statement

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Rate subsidy for Gladstone Region pensioners

Gladstone Region ratepayers who have recently become eligible for the pension are encouraged to apply for Gladstone Regional Council's 2023/24 Pensioner Concession.

Council currently provides a maximum concession of \$310 for eligible pensioners.

Gladstone Region Councillor Natalia Muszkat said the Queensland Government also provides 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 Muszkat 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, or to update details if you are already eligible, please visit www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/rates or call Council on 4970 0700.

Ratepayers can expect to receive their rates notice in August 2023.

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