

Media Release

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Council outlines its Strategic Priorities for 2023/24

Gladstone Regional Council has released its 2023/24 Strategic Priorities publication to raise awareness of, and advocate for, our region's needs to the Australian and Queensland governments, including the opposition, plus key stakeholders, industry, and investors.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said the publication is the culmination of wide-ranging consultation and collaboration with regional stakeholders and the community to provide a clear and concise set of regional priorities.

"The Strategic Priorities publication is reviewed annually to ensure Council remains agile in responding to emerging issues and new advocacy opportunities, while still operating within a stable, strategic framework," Councillor Burnett said.

"Each of the priorities are grouped under 'Enabling Prosperity' or 'Enabling Infrastructure' and complement and/or enable the investment priorities highlighted in the Gladstone Region Investment Prospectus."

Strategic Priorities – Enabling Prosperity

- Renewable Energy and the Transitioning Economy
- Health
- Housing
- Skills Development and Retention
- Regional Water Supply and Wastewater Infrastructure
- Establishing the Royal Australian Navy Fleet Base North – Port of Gladstone.

Strategic Priorities – Enabling Infrastructure

- Gladstone Heavy Vehicle and Oversize Overmass Load Transport Corridor
- Inland Rail Extension to the Port of Gladstone
- Boyne Tannum Aquatic Recreation Centre (BTARC)
- Harvey Road Sports and Events Precinct
- Harbour Arbour.

Cr Burnett said the 2023/24 Strategic Priorities publication aligns with Council's outcome to support the region's role as a driver of economic growth, increased liveability, and visitation to the region.

"With a diverse regional economy, a natural deep-water port, highly skilled workforce and a range of leisure, lifestyle and living opportunities, the Gladstone Region is well positioned for continued growth in a transitioning economy and represents an attractive investment destination," he said.

"Through influencing decision makers, Council encourages robust investment and development goals which is crucial to future-proofing our region."

Visit www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/economic-information to view Council's 2023/24 Strategic Priorities, the Gladstone Region Economic Transition Roadmap, and the Gladstone Region Investment Prospectus.