



**GLADSTONE**  
REGIONAL COUNCIL

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

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

**On Tuesday 19 September 2023**

**Commencing at 9.00am**

**Rob Huth  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, Acting**

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## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 19 SEPTEMBER 2023

### **Elected Members**

Councillor - Mayor M J Burnett  
Councillor G G Churchill  
Councillor K Goodluck  
Councillor R A Hansen  
Councillor D V O'Grady  
Councillor C A Trevor  
Councillor C Cameron  
Councillor D Branthwaite (via teams)

### **Officers**

Mr R Huth (Chief Executive Officer, Acting)  
Mrs R Millett (Executive Secretary)  
Mrs T Whalley (Manager Governance and Risk)  
Mr M Holmes (General Manager Finance Governance and Risk)  
Mr T Howarth (General Manager People and Strategy, Acting) (via teams)  
Ms K Lee (General Manager Community and Lifestyle) (via teams)  
Mr M Francis (General Manager Assets and Environment) (via teams)  
Ms T McDonald (Manager Development Services, Acting)  
Mr C Shearer (Manager Operations Support Services, Acting) (via teams)  
Ms K Wockner (Manager Contracts and Procurement)

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

### **GM/23/5090 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Goodluck  
Seconded Cr Cameron

That an apology for Cr Muszkat be received.

**CARRIED**

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

Nil

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

### **Cr Hansen**

Councillor Rick Hansen advised that he has a declarable conflict of interest in a recent topic of discussion at a Councillor Information Session regarding the Expressions of Interest (EOI) for Park Street as he is a member of the Committee for Gladstone Health Education Pathways Working Group which has expressed an interest in Park Street EOI.

Cr Hansen advised that while the matter is not part of today's agenda, as a result of this declarable conflict of interest, he will leave the room and will not participate in any future decisions relating to the Park Street EOI and the Committee for Gladstone Health Education Pathways Working Group.

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

I would like to start by acknowledging the amazing events that we had on in the Gladstone Region in the last few weeks. The first and one of the biggest was PopCon and I must congratulate Councillor Muszkat and others who said this would be a huge event and it absolutely was. There were thousands of people in the main street of Gladstone enjoying the pop culture event put on by our team at the Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre (GECC). Kylie Lee, General Manager Community and Lifestyle, if you could pass on our congratulations and thanks to everyone involved, it was a huge success.

The same weekend in the Boyne Valley we had the Boyne Valley Showcase. Another big success and congratulations to all the volunteers who put that event on in Nagoorin and Ubobo. It was a great event for the Boyne Valley.

We had Welcome Week, in the Gladstone Region and right across the country, but celebrated and wrapped up with a welcome morning tea, the first of many, at the Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct. Again to Kylie Lee, General Manager Community and Lifestyle and Bri Janson, Manager Community Partnerships, and the team at Philip Street, and all the groups that volunteered their time on Saturday morning to be there at Philip Street to show our new citizens and new residents exactly what we have to offer in the Gladstone region, particularly around social services and community services, it was an amazing community morning. It was great to see so many new Gladstone residents getting a chance to catch up. And the Baffle Creek community held a similar welcome function on Saturday at the sport and recreation grounds as well.

Speaking of new citizens, on Sunday just gone we welcomed 25 new citizens as part of citizenship day at GECC. Welcome to our new Gladstone Region citizens.

On Friday night and Saturday was the Under the Trees event at Boyne Island. To Gaston and Maxine and the hundreds of volunteers that are involved in putting on the Under the Trees festival, well done and we are looking forward to that event happening again next year. It was a huge weekend with the speedway on as well, 1,400 people with pre-purchased tickets to the speedway.

Later that night I was able to be at the football / soccer grand finals to watch Clinton win both the men's and women's Central Coast Football grand final. Congratulations to Clinton. Central won an earlier grade, and Clinton also won one of the younger grades as well. Great day for football in the Gladstone Region, claiming most of the trophies.

Upcoming events in the region, we already have the Baffle Creek Family Fishing Festival underway right now. They have the mid-week BBQ on Wednesday night and then the big family fun day at the sports grounds on Saturday. Make sure get there for that.

Shout out to the Heart of Agnes group who have got the mobi mat launch at Main Beach this weekend as well. I've got to give them a big round of applause, they were in here recently speaking with Council, they were offered the opportunity to have Council support and Industry support but they wanted to raise the funds in the community and show this is a community project. Well done to the team there, that is going to be a fantastic addition to Agnes Water Main Beach.

The Gladstone Engineering Alliance conference is on Wednesday 27 September 2023 and Thursday 28 September 2023, it will be absolutely packed. I see Leisa Dowling, our CEO, is one of the guest speakers. A huge line up of guest speakers for that major industry conference. There are a billion reasons to attend with so much industry investing in the Gladstone Region and our existing industries re-investing in our region as well.

## **GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 19 SEPTEMBER 2023**

National Police Remembrance Day is on Friday 29 September 2023, I believe Councillor Churchill will be representing Council at the service.

The Calliope Rodeo is on Friday 29 September 2023 and Saturday 30 September 2023. One of the biggest and best events in Calliope for the year.

Back in 1770 and Agnes Water, we have the 1770 Cultural Connections Immersion Festival on Saturday 30 September 2023 and Sunday 1 October 2023.

That's just some of the events happening in the Gladstone Region, pretty excited to see. Thank you Councillor O'Grady for snapping the photo this morning, the lights at Drynan Drive are finally going up and it is going to be a much safer intersection.

**G/2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**G/2.1. CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES FOR 5 SEPTEMBER 2023**

**Responsible Officer:** Chief Executive Officer

**Prepared By:** Executive Secretary

**Council Meeting Date:** 19 September 2023

**File Ref:** CM7.2

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**Purpose:**

Confirmation of the minutes of the General Meeting held on 5 September 2023.

**Officer's Recommendation:**

That the minutes of the General Meeting of Council held on 5 September 2023 be confirmed.

**GM/23/5091 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Churchill

Seconded Cr Hansen

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

## G/3. DEPUTATIONS

### G/3.1. ZONE PLANNING (ON BEHALF OF AGNES WATER DEVELOPMENT INDUSTRY)

**Responsible Officer:** Chief Executive Officer

**Prepared By:** Executive Secretary

**Council Meeting Date:** 19 September 2023

**File Ref:** CM7.6

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**Purpose:**

To present the current issues and impacts facing development of Agnes Water within the Flood Hazard Investigation Area.

**Officer's Recommendation:**

That the deputation from Zone Planning, on behalf of the Agnes Water Development Industry, be received.

**GM/23/5092 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Churchill  
Seconded Cr O'Grady

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

## **G/4. OFFICERS' REPORTS**

### **G/4.1. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 AUGUST 2023**

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

**Prepared By:** Management Accounting Specialist

**Council Meeting Date:** 19 September 2023

**File Ref:** FM15.1

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#### **Purpose:**

This report seeks Council adoption of the Monthly Financial Statements for the year 2023-24 to date, for the period ended 31 August 2023.

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

That Council adopt the Monthly Financial Statements attached to the officer's report for the 2023-24 year to date, for the period ended 31 August 2023 as required under Section 204 Local Government Regulation 2012.

#### **GM/23/5093 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Cameron

Seconded Cr Goodluck

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**



## **G/4.2. SOLE SUPPLIER - INTERVENTIONS PLUS**

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

**Prepared By:** Manager Contracts and Procurement

**Council Meeting Date:** 19 September 2023

**File Ref:** FM21.1

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### **Purpose:**

This report seeks resolution from Council to make use of the provisions in s235 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, that allows for exceptions to the requirement for written quotes or tenders. The use of this provision is sought in relation to Interventions Plus Training.

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

That Council resolves, in accordance with Section 235(a) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, that it is satisfied that Nathan Enterprises and Services Pty Ltd trading as Interventions Plus is the only supplier reasonably available to Council to deliver facilitator training in Interventions Plus Courses to Youth Workers in the Gladstone Region under funding Council has received for Localised Mental Health Initiatives.

### **GM/23/5094 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Hansen

Seconded Cr O'Grady

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

### **G/4.3. TENDER 140-23 PSA TYRES AND ASSOCIATED SERVICES**

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

**Prepared By:** Manager Contracts and Procurement

**Council Meeting Date:** 19 September 2023

**File Ref:** FM21.1

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**Purpose:**

This report seeks resolution from Council to enter into a Preferred Supplier Arrangement for the provision of tyres and associated services.

**Officer's Recommendation:**

That Council:

1. Endorse the Tender Evaluation Panel's recommendation to appoint Bridgestone Australia Ltd to Preferred Supplier Arrangement 140-23 Tyres and Associated Services; and
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract for an initial term of one year with the option to extend for four (4) further periods of one year, to a maximum of five years in total with Bridgestone Australia Ltd.

**GM/23/5095 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Churchill

Seconded Cr Hansen

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

## G/5. COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Glenn Churchill mentioned that he, along with other Councillors, attended the Boyne Tannum HookUp Annual General Meeting (AGM) recently with a new leadership team elected. Cr Churchill congratulated Karen Windress, the new President of the Boyne Tannum HookUp. Cr Churchill mentioned that the executive positions have been filled however there is still a media marketing coordinator and general committee member positions available. Cr Churchill further mentioned that next year's event will be the 29th year with 2025 being the 30 year celebration which will be a big event. Cr Churchill noted that a highlights document of the 2023 event has been produced which includes 3,362 participants; 844 junior participants; \$1.9 million tourist dollars injected into the Gladstone Region; and many more, which clearly indicates that the Boyne Tannum Hook Up is the biggest and largest family friendly fishing competition in the world.

Councillor Darryl Branthwaite mentioned that a couple of weeks ago, he along with Mayor Burnett and Councillor Natalia Muszkat, attended the 2023 National Local Roads, Transport and Infrastructure Congress. Cr Branthwaite noted that the congress discussed a lot of new technologies and developments; the impacts that heavy transport is having on local roads, which is happening right across Australia in local government areas; the managing and building of infrastructure that can handle disasters; community batteries; agri business including different farmers and farming methods and the impact on the environment and roads. Cr Branthwaite noted that Mayor Burnett presented twice at the congress. Cr Branthwaite further noted that there are a lot of eyes on what is happening in the Gladstone Region and that Gladstone is leading the way. Cr Branthwaite expressed appreciation for being able to attend the conference. Cr Churchill enquired if there was an opportunity for Gladstone to host a future National Local Roads, Transport and Infrastructure Congress. Mayor Burnett advised that there was a lot of feedback received at the congress for it to be rotated around the regions again which will be taken back to the board for decision.

Mayor Burnett mentioned that the 'Our Priceless Past' exhibition was launched recently and is on exhibition until 11 November 2023 at the Gladstone Regional Art Gallery and Museum (GRAGM). Cr Churchill mentioned that he, Councillor Desley O'Grady, Councillor Chris Cameron and Councillor Rick Hansen were in attendance at the launch. Cr Churchill congratulated GRAGM on a professional presentation, the seniors that have participated and Calliope State High School for participating. Cr Churchill noted that it was terrific that its taken around the region and GRAGM are looking for volunteers for next year's exhibition and encouraged anyone who knows of someone that is over 70 and a resident for over 30 years to nominate them. Cr Churchill further noted that the exhibition started in 1998 / 99, which was the year of the seniors, and has stood the test of time with well over 350 seniors being highlighted and recorded in history.

Cr O'Grady mentioned that the Martin Hanson Memorial Art Awards are coming up, with entries to be submitted in the first week of October (Tuesday 3 October 2023 - Saturday 7 October 2023). Cr O'Grady encourage all artists to submit their entries.

**G/6. URGENT BUSINESS**

Nil

**G/7. NOTICE OF MOTION**

Nil

**G/8. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

Nil