



GLADSTONE
REGIONAL COUNCIL

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

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

On Tuesday 21 November 2023

Commencing at 9.00am

**Leisa Dowling
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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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 N Muszkat
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 People and Strategy)
Ms K Lee (General Manager Community and Lifestyle)
Mr M Francis (General Manager Assets and Environment) (via teams)
Ms L Seminutin (General Manager Customer Experience, Acting)
Mr G Scanlan (Economic Development Lead)
Ms K Turner (Corporate Planning Specialist)
Ms K Marxsen (Manager Strategy and Improvement)

G/0.3.2. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

GM/23/5114 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Goodluck
Seconded Cr Churchill

That an apology for Cr Cameron be received.

CARRIED

G/0.3.3. MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE

Nil

G/0.3.4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil

G/1. MAYORAL STATEMENT OF CURRENT ISSUES

I would like to mention two of our Gladstone Region residents. Firstly, starting with Jeff Wilkinson who was celebrated for more than 40 years of volunteering for Scouts across Central Queensland, notably the Calliope Scout Group in recent years. That was held on Saturday 11 November 2023 at the Calliope Scout Den and supported by many members of the community and family and friends, including his Scout family. Well done to Jeff and his family who have been a big part of the Scouting community in the Gladstone Region for many years.

At our last Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) meeting, I presented Doug Savage, our local State Emergency Service (SES) Controller with the Keys to the City. Doug has volunteered for the SES for more than 45 years and has been an important part of our LDMG and we're honoured to thank Doug for his service to our community. He has been involved in Volunteer Marine Rescue (VMR), the Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race and just an all-round awesome bloke. Very honoured to present the Keys to the City to Doug Savage on Wednesday 15 November 2023.

Upcoming in the Gladstone Region we have the combined Christmas Street Party and Mayor's Carols on Friday 1 December 2023. Sponsored by Santos GLNG and supported by 4CC. As mentioned, the Gladstone Regional Council Christmas Street Party and Mayor's Carols this year combined into one event at the Gladstone Ports Corporation (GPC) Marina Parklands from 5pm on Friday 1 December 2023. It will be a fantastic night.

Our Youth Council nominations are still open for the 2024 Youth Council, which is for young people aged 15 to 24. Nominations close on Monday 4 December 2023. Encouraging any of our high school students or those that have recently left high school to consider nominating for our Gladstone Region Youth Council. The Youth Council help decided the program of events in our Festival of Summer and advise Council on issues relevant to our younger generation.

Festival of Summer tickets are on sale now for the event hosted on Monday 8 to Friday 12 January 2024, where there is a whole bunch of activities from fast karts to days in Agnes Water surfing and out to Lady Musgrave Island. It is a fantastic weeklong event for our kids in the Gladstone Region. And of course, we also welcome kids outside of the region to this festival as well. And it wraps up with the Festival of Summer Sounds on Friday 12 January 2024 as well which is for 13- to 17-year-old's, whereas all the other activities are for 11 to 17 year old's. Fantastic weeklong event in the Gladstone Region, keeping those kids amused and entertained just at that time in the Christmas holidays where they start to get bored.

And don't forget Councillors, our New Year's Eve Party will be hosted again at the GPC Marina Parklands on Sunday 31 December 2023.

G/2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

G/2.1. CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES FOR 7 NOVEMBER 2023

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Prepared By: Executive Secretary

Council Meeting Date: 21 November 2023

File Ref: CM7.2

Purpose:

Confirmation of the minutes of the General Meeting held on 7 November 2023.

Officer's Recommendation:

That the minutes of the General Meeting of Council held on 7 November 2023 be confirmed.

GM/23/5115 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Hansen

Seconded Cr O'Grady

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/3. DEPUTATIONS

G/3.1. STANWELL CORPORATION LIMITED

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Prepared By: Executive Secretary

Council Meeting Date: 21 November 2023

File Ref: CM7.6

Purpose:

To provide an update on the Central Queensland Hydrogen (CQ-H2) project.

Officer's Recommendation:

That the deputation from Stanwell Corporation be received.

GM/23/5116 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Churchill

Seconded Cr Trevor

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/4. OFFICERS' REPORTS

G/4.1. ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23

Responsible Officer: General Manager People and Strategy

Prepared By: Corporate Planning Specialist

Council Meeting Date: 21 November 2023

File Ref: CM18.1

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council endorsement of the Gladstone Regional Council 2022/23 Annual Report.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council adopt the 2022/23 Gladstone Regional Council Annual Report provided as Attachment 1 to the report.

GM/23/5117 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Hansen

Seconded Cr O'Grady

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/4.2. FINAL MANAGEMENT REPORT

Responsible Officer: General Manager Finance Governance and Risk

Prepared By: Financial Controller

Council Meeting Date: 21 November 2023

File Ref: FM4.4

Purpose:

To present a copy of the Final Management Report to ensure transparency and accountability of Council regarding audit findings.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council note the Final Management Report (Attachment 1 to the report) provided to Council in accordance with Section 213 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

GM/23/5118 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Goodluck

Seconded Cr Trevor

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/4.3. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 OCTOBER 2023

Responsible Officer: General Manager Finance Governance and Risk

Prepared By: Management Accounting Specialist

Council Meeting Date: 21 November 2023

File Ref: FM15.1

Purpose:

This report seeks Council adoption of the Monthly Financial Statements for the year 2023-24 to date, for the period ended 31 October 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 October 2023 as required under Section 204 Local Government Regulation 2012.

GM/23/5119 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Hansen
Seconded Cr Branthwaite

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/5. COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Rick Hansen advised that he attended the Local Authority Waste Management Action Committee (LAWMAC) meeting in Rockhampton last week which was held over two days. Cr Hansen noted that the reports and meeting notes are available on the LAWMAC website however General Manager People and Strategy will provide the documents in a package to Councillors. Cr Hansen provided some highlights from the meeting including that the Regional Waste Management Plans have been completed and approved; and a presentation was provided from Local Government Association Queensland's (LGAQ) Rudi Pretzler regarding actions that have already been undertaken from the LGAQ Conference motions on waste. Cr Hansen advised that Ms Mary Field, who has been the secretary for LAWMAC for 25 years has retired with Ms Christine Blanchard taking over the role of secretary.

Councillor Desley O'Grady mentioned that she had the privilege of attending the Parliamentary Annexe to meet with Mark Bailey MP and Bicycle Queensland. Cr O'Grady noted that there were some great things for bicycle users in cities and towns that government are going to work on more with people to encourage more people to utilise bicycles for commuting to remove cars from the road. Cr O'Grady acknowledged that it was a great night and a good opportunity to discuss with people in the industry on what they are doing for Councils and all levels of governments.

Councillor Natalia Muszkat mentioned that she attended the Gladstone Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCl) Annual General Meeting on behalf of Cr Hansen. Cr Muszkat congratulated the new committee and farewelled Jo, the former president who had been there for eight years.

Cr Muszkat mentioned that the final meeting of the Economic Recovery Group was held in relation the last bushfire event and that Councillor Chris Cameron and Cr Muszkat attended the meetings. Cr Muszkat noted that the group were very efficient and that she was happy with how the team has managed to deal with the consequences of the bushfires. Cr Muszkat thanked the members of the Economic Recovery Group.

Cr Muszkat congratulated everyone who has finished Year 12 noting that there are still some celebrations and awards nights underway. Cr Muszkat noted that everyone should be really proud of all the students. Cr Muszkat thanked the students and wished them well for their future endeavours.

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 10:24am.