

**ADVOCATING FOR**

**HEALTH CARE SOLUTIONS**

**IN THE GLADSTONE REGION**



**Every person deserves equitable access to fit for purpose, affordable health care solutions.**

Currently the region is facing availability, affordability, and accessibility challenges, including:

- high wait times and costs;
- imposed travel outside of the region;
- poor continuity of care;
- a lack of availability to General Practitioners (GP's), specialists, mental health services and allied health clinicians;
- lack of infrastructure;
- lack of bulk-billed providers;
- insufficient Medicare rebates and financial incentives.

Gladstone Regional Council takes our role in advocating for improved health care services for our region, seriously.

**“** *Our residents deserve better health services locally and as a Council, we want to be part of the solution.*

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**Mayor Matt Burnett**

**ALL LEVELS OF**

**GOVERNMENT WORKING**

**TOGETHER TO...**

- 1** Partner with Central Queensland Health and Hospital Service (CQHHS) to empower the health sector in the Gladstone Region.
- 2** Increase student placements to develop pathways to grow the local workforce.
- 3** Incentivise skilled medical workforce to live and work regionally.



**65,302**

residents in the Gladstone Region



**13**

hospitals across Central Qld (served by CQHHS who is based outside of the region)



**1 in 6**

Gladstone Hospital Emergency Department patients wait longer than clinically recommended



**59.4**

full time equivalent GP's servicing the entire region





## AS A LOCAL GOVERNMENT, WE WILL FOCUS ON...

- Supporting access to infrastructure and land.
- Prioritising attraction, retention and liveability of the region.
- Strengthening and maintaining meaningful relationships in the health sector and with all levels of Government to advocate for the needs of the region.
- Encouraging healthy lifestyles through Council-run programming and support of community-led initiatives.



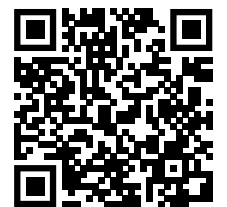
## SUPPORT IS NEEDED TO HELP IMPROVE HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO ACHIEVE...

- ✓ Access to affordable basic primary healthcare services locally.
- ✓ Control of health-related decisions that serve our community's interests.
- ✓ Regional medical pathways that enable students to stay in the region to study and work.
- ✓ Benefits for medical professionals to live and work regionally.
- ✓ Gladstone Region's Distribution Priority Area status into the future.



The Gladstone Region is crucial in the nation's transition to renewable energy and the Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan.

Without adequate health services and liveability factors, regional areas will not be able to attract or retain the workforce needed for the energy transition to renewable based energy, a considerable risk to the State Government's renewable energy targets.



**CAN YOU  
HELP?**

*\*Information provided is based on the Gladstone Health Plan.*

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