

Media Release

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Council outlines its Strategic Priorities for 2024/25

Gladstone Regional Council has adopted its 2024/25 Strategic Priorities to advocate for our region from all levels of Government, including the Opposition, key stakeholders, industry, and investors in order to drive the region forward.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said the publication aligns with Council's commitment to support the region's transition and role as a driver of economic growth and increased liveability and visitation to the region.

"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.

"This clear and concise set of priorities allows for focused and meaningful advocacy and enhances regional prosperity.

"With a diverse regional economy, a 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."

The 2024/25 Strategic Priorities are:

- **Renewable Energy and the Transitioning Economy** – Advocating for funding and regional representation on the Transition Authority.
- **Health** – Advocating for fit for purpose, affordable and accessible health care solutions for our region.
- **Housing** – Advocating for immediate solutions to the accommodation crisis in the Gladstone Region.
- **Skills Development and Retention** – Advocating for policy change and solutions that help develop and retain skills in the region.
- **Regional Water Supply and Wastewater Infrastructure** – Advocating for funding to ensure sufficient water supply to support population growth and supply and infrastructure for new economy industries and precincts.
- **Waste** – Advocating for a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) in the Gladstone Region.
- **Defence** – Establishing a permanent Royal Australian Navy Base in Gladstone, as the primary home of the Royal Australian Navy's east-coast fleet.
- **Gladstone Heavy Vehicle and Oversize Overmass Load Transport Corridor** – Advocating for suitable heavy vehicle access to the port of Gladstone.

- **Inland Rail Extension to the Port of Gladstone** – Linking the inland rail to the Port of Gladstone for economic benefit.
- **Boyne Tannum Aquatic Recreation Centre (BTARC)** – Developing a year-round multi-functional aquatic recreation hub for our community.
- **Harvey Road Sports and Events Precinct** – Developing Gladstone Region's premier outdoor sporting and events precinct.
- **Harbour Arbour** – Making the Gladstone CBD a vibrant City Heart destination by urban revitalisation.

Visit www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/economic-information to view Council's 2024/25 Strategic Priorities.

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