



GLADSTONE
REGIONAL COUNCIL

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

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

On Tuesday 20 August 2024

Commencing at 9.00am

**Leisa Dowling
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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Elected Members

Councillor - Mayor M Burnett
Councillor G Churchill
Councillor K Goodluck
Councillor K Davis
Councillor M Wagner
Councillor M Holzheimer
Councillor N Muszkat
Councillor S McClintock
Councillor L Patrick

Officers

L Dowling (Chief Executive Officer)
R Millett (Executive Secretary)
M Holmes (General Manager Finance Governance and Risk)
C Quinn (General Manager People and Strategy)
K Lee (General Manager Community and Lifestyle)
M Francis (General Manager Assets and Environment)
R Huth (General Manager Customer Experience)

G/0.3.2. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

G/0.3.3. MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE

Mayor Matt Burnett passed on a message of condolence for Kathy Cockburn. Kathy was born in the Boyne Valley in 1939 on 17 July and grew up on a property known as Glen Rosa, approximately 62km's from Gladstone in the Boyne Valley. Kathy went to Nagoorin State School, which only had 1 teacher but later on there was an assistant teacher. Kathy worked for the 'Friends Department Store' in Gladstone in the main street. Kathy was married with 3 children, John, Jeanette and Elizabeth and has many grandchildren - a local family who has been involved in the Gladstone Region for many years including Kathy's great grandfather who was in the Norton Gold Fields. In 2000 'Our Priceless Past' Special Seniors Feature Kathy wraps up by saying "In life, one should respect others, never lose the art of communication, enjoy your life, be happy and everyone around you will be happy". Mayor Burnett mentioned that anytime he was around Kathy he was very happy and certainly made people feel very happy. Mayor Burnett noted that in the year 2015 he was there to congratulate Kathy on her life membership with Evenglow and that she was also the President of Evenglow for many years. Sadly Kathy passed away on 2 August 2024 and her funeral will be held at 10am this Thursday 21 August 2024 at St. Saviour's Anglican Church in Auckland Street in Gladstone. Rest in peace Kathy.

G/0.3.4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil

G/1. MAYORAL STATEMENT OF CURRENT ISSUES

Over the last couple of weeks, we had the Mayor's Youth Dinner. The first time we've had a Youth Dinner as it has been a Youth Breakfast for a number of years. It was absolutely packed at the Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre (GECC) on Wednesday 7 August 2024. We were there to congratulate those young people that are making the Gladstone Region so great. The future of our region is in good hands. For those people who said our GECC was a white elephant are kidding themselves as we've often filled the venue. It was very good to acknowledge the young people in our region that have done so much for our community and are going to do so much for our region.

Natalya Diem was in Gladstone on Thursday 8 August 2024 and had a meet and greet with kids and fans alike at Tannum Sands at Fit Life. It was very well received. Natalya received the bronze medal at the Olympic Games in Paris for BMX. I would also like to congratulate our other Olympians, Peyton Craig and Jack Cartwright who also did very well in Paris. Jack received a silver medal in the 4 x 100m Freestyle Relay.

We had Senator Tim Ayres in Gladstone on Friday 9 August 2024 for a Gladstone Future Made in Australia forum. I can tell you if they want to make a future in Australia it certainly starts with Gladstone and good to see that both the State and Federal Governments realise that Gladstone and Central Queensland is going to be a major part of their manufacturing rebuild for this country.

We had the Small Business Friendly Council launch with the Gladstone Chamber Commerce and Industry (GCCCI) at Wards Brewery on Tuesday 13 August 2024. A great family business there at Wards and great to see the signing of the Small Business Friendly Council which means our Council will continue to work with our small businesses and in working with the Small Business Commissioner we'll be able to find ways to work with our businesses better and identify any improvements but also make sure our small businesses know how Council can support them.

We were at the old Gladstone Tafe College on Wednesday 14 August 2024 for the launch of Trinity College's relocation of their secondary school. They had a function where Councillors, businesses and industry were able to have a look around the old Tafe site and see the plans that the school has. It is exciting times for Trinity College. Their primary school will remain at the site in Archer Street, but they will be relocating their senior school to the old Tafe College and that is fantastic news. Also, good to hear that Little Athletics will still have access to the fields there. The Laurie Delany Oval, former Councillor of the Gladstone City Council, is such an important part of our Community for our Little Athletics and it's great to see that Trinity College will be working with the Little Athletics so that they have a home into the future as well.

Symphony Under the Stars was on Friday 16 August 2024, thank you Councillor Glenn Churchill, who represented Council at that event. It is one of the best events, a free event put on by our major industry partners (Australia Pacific LNG ConocoPhillips) in Gladstone. If you missed it this year, put it in the calendar for next year, it is such a great event. I've been a number of times but missed it this year. It's always disappointing when I do miss it because it is such a great free community event at the Gladstone Ports Corporation Marina Parklands.

On Sunday, as well as the Port to Park, we also had the Vietnam Veterans Day Services across the region. Councillor Natalia Muszkat, thank you for representing in Agnes Water and our Chief Executive Officer in Mount Larcom and a number of Councillors were at the Gladstone Vietnam Veterans Day Service with me as well.

Upcoming we have the Gladstone Regional Art Gallery and Museum (GRAGM) 30th Golding Showcase this Friday 23 August 2024. Thank you, Councillor Mellissa Holzheimer who will be speaking at that event. It is one of the biggest events at GRAGM for the year. Showcasing all of our student's fantastic artwork.

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We have the Central Queensland University (CQU) open day on Thursday 22 August 2024 from 4pm to 6pm. That's our local University providing information for future students that might be interested in attending courses there at the University.

The Baffle Creek Family Fishing Festival, huge event in Baffle Creek, on Monday 16 to Saturday 21 September 2024.

Finally, I would like to remind local charities that the beneficiary nominations for the Santos GLNG Mayor's Charity Ball close on Friday 30 August 2024. We're encouraging our local charities to put your nominations in to be a beneficiary for that. It is open to those who have previously nominated as well. We look forward to selecting the charities, usually it's 3 local charities, with one of the charities being the Zonta Club of Gladstone as always. I look forward to selecting or being part of a panel that selects the other two local beneficiaries.

G/2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

G/2.1. CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES FOR 6 AUGUST 2024

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Prepared By: Executive Secretary

Council Meeting Date: 20 August 2024

File Ref: CM7.2

Purpose:

Confirmation of the minutes of the General Meeting held on 6 August 2024.

Officer's Recommendation:

That the minutes of the General Meeting of Council held on 6 August 2024 be confirmed.

GM/24/5302 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Churchill

Seconded Cr Holzheimer

That the minutes of the General Meeting of Council held on 6 August 2024 be confirmed with the following amendment:

- Page 12 - Remove Cr Davis from 'For the Motion' and add to 'Absent'

CARRIED

G/3. DEPUTATIONS

Nil

G/4. OFFICERS' REPORTS

G/4.1. 2023/24 OPERATIONAL PLAN - FINAL QUARTER PERFORMANCE REPORT

Responsible Officer: General Manager People and Strategy

Prepared By: Manager Strategy and Improvement

Council Meeting Date: 20 August 2024

File Ref: CM14.2

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to present Council with the fourth and final quarterly performance report for the 2023/24 Operational Plan.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council endorse the 2023/24 Operational Plan Final Quarter Performance Report.

GM/24/5303 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr McClintock

Seconded Cr Patrick

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/4.2. TENDER 116-24 1770 CARAVAN PARK AND CAMPGROUND AND WORKMAN'S BEACH CAMPGROUND LEASE

Responsible Officer: General Manager Finance Governance and Risk

Prepared By: Manager Contracts and Procurement and General Manager Community & Lifestyle

Council Meeting Date: 20 August 2024

File Ref: FM21.1

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to present the outcome of the tender process for the Workman's Beach Campground lease and to recommend awarding the lease to the most suitable lessee, ensuring alignment with Council's strategic objectives.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Endorses the Tender Evaluation Panel's recommendation and accepts the offer from Agnes Water 1770 Pty Ltd for Tender 116-24 Workman's Beach Campground Lease; and
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and finalise a lease over Part of Lot 52 on SP155903 for a term of 5 years, with Agnes Water 1770 Pty Ltd.

GM/24/5304 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Goodluck

Seconded Cr Muszkat

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

G/4.3. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 JULY 2024

Responsible Officer: General Manager Finance Governance and Risk

Prepared By: Management Accounting Specialist

Council Meeting Date: 20 August 2024

File Ref: FM15.1

Purpose:

This report seeks Council adoption of the Monthly Financial Statements for the year 2024-25 to date, for the period ended 31 July 2024.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council adopt the Monthly Financial Statements attached to the officer's report for the 2024-25 year to date, for the period ended 31 July 2024 as required under Section 204 Local Government Regulation 2012.

GM/24/5305 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Churchill

Seconded Cr Davis

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/5. COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Michelle Wagner mentioned that on Wednesday 7 August 2024 she had the pleasure of attending the Queensland Alumina Limited (QAL) Apprentice and Trainee awards as a Council representative and guest. Cr Wagner noted that the ceremony was coordinated by QAL's Learning and Development Team and honoured the achievements of the mechanical and electrical / instrumentation apprentices and process trainees in completing their training.

Cr Wagner advised that QAL General Manager Trent Scherer announced the winners which were Mechanical Apprentice of the Year, Lainey Goss; Electrical / Instrumentation Apprentice of the Year, Connor Dromgoole; and Trainee of the Year, Matt Green.

Cr Wagner noted that QAL celebrated its 57th year at the start of August and that it was pleasing to hear that the refinery welcomed 36 new trainees into the organisation this year, which brings the total number of that particular program's graduates to 215 over the refinery's history and interestingly, more than 845 apprentices have successfully completed their training at QAL.

Cr Wagner mentioned that she, along with Councillor Leanne Patrick, attended the Queensland Women on Boards event on Thursday 15 August. Cr Wagner noted that the event was run by the Department of Premier and Cabinet and held at the Rockhampton Leagues Club. Cr Wagner acknowledged the guests including Minister for State Development and Infrastructure, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing, Grace Grace; and inspirational speakers on a panel. Cr Wagner advised that the event series began in 2018 following the announcement of gender diversity targets for Queensland Government bodies, including a 50 per cent representation on women on boards. Cr Wagner noted that it is part of the Queensland Women's Strategy 2022-27 and encourages non-government sectors to set their own targets for women in leadership positions and women on boards.

Cr Wagner highlighted that 3 members of the Council's Youth Council attended the event and were inspired by the speakers. Cr Patrick further highlighted that Gladstone Regional Council was the only Council in Central Queensland that took members of a Youth Council to the event. Cr Patrick mentioned that at the event, the members of the Youth Council were able to speak to an organisation that they had submitted an application for funding to and arrange a follow up meeting. Cr Wagner noted that feedback from other council's that attended mentioned how amazing it was that Gladstone Regional Council has a Youth Council and that they were able to attend the event and that it was nice to see Gladstone Regional Council leading the way and recognising the youth in the Gladstone Region.

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 9.48am.