



GLADSTONE
REGIONAL COUNCIL

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

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

On Tuesday 3 September 2024

Commencing at 9.00am

**Leisa Dowling
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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Elected Members

Councillor - Mayor M Burnett (via teams)
Councillor G Churchill
Councillor K Goodluck
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)
T Whalley (Manager Governance and Risk)
M Holmes (General Manager Finance Governance and Risk)
K Lee (General Manager Community and Lifestyle)
R Huth (General Manager Customer Experience)
B Janson (Manager Community Partnerships)
J Humphries (Executive Assistant to General Manager)

G/0.3.2. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

GM/24/5306 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Churchill
Seconded Cr Holzheimer

That an apology for Councillor Davis 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'd like to start with the incident that happened on the Bruce Highway just recently. On Friday there was a fatal car crash on the Bruce Highway involving a truck carrying ammonium nitrate. The driver of the truck was transported to Bundaberg Hospital, and I believe is recovering hopefully well. In the meantime, the Bruce Highway has been closed since and we stood up our Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) working in partnership with Queensland Police, Fire and Ambulance, SES in the first instance and then the Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) as it is their road that has been affected and of course affected also includes the residents and the businesses in Miriam Vale, Bororen and Benaraby areas. I would like to thank our Recovery Committee Chairs and Councillors for supporting our businesses and community in Miriam Vale and Bororen while I've been chairing the LDMG. I know Councillors Simon McClintock and Leanne Patrick were in Miriam Vale and Bororen yesterday meeting with residents and businesses, understanding, and hearing firsthand the impact the closure of the Bruce Highway has had. I thank Councillors for chairing those committees, Councillor Michelle Wagner for chairing the Human and Social Recovery Committee, Councillor Glenn Churchill for chairing the Infrastructure Recovery Committee and Councillor Mellissa Holzheimer for chairing the Environment Recovery Committee. I'd like to thank my Deputy Mayor, Natalia Muszkat, who is also Deputy Chair of the LDMG and General Manager Finance, Governance and Risk, Mark Holmes, and all of our team at Council have been doing an amazing job.

As I said this is a DTMR asset and our teams have been stepping up and supporting where possible. I was onsite yesterday with the Minister of Transport and Main Roads, our team and the DTMR team to have a look firsthand at the site and it does look like it is on schedule to open tonight at 11:55pm (which is the scheduled opening). All going well it will open at that time if not earlier but it is only an anticipated time so it could be closed a little bit longer than anticipated. It could have been a lot longer had there been damage to the infrastructure further up the road in terms of culverts, so good news, but there is damage to the houses nearby and there is impact on businesses so I have asked Mark Holmes who is also our Local Disaster Coordinator to try and enact the disaster recovery arrangements with the Queensland Government so that there can be support provided for the businesses and community of Miriam Vale and Bororen and others that were affected, hopefully that will be forthcoming. I can certainly say the Minister of Transport and Main Roads, although not his jurisdiction, seemed very open to that idea yesterday and has seen firsthand the impact that this has had on the local community of Miriam Vale and Bororen. There normally wouldn't be this kind of impact from a road accident, but I've never seen a road accident like that, and I've never seen a highway closed for so long because of an accident, so it is a very different situation on the Bruce Highway at the moment.

I would also like to talk about some upcoming events. We have the Ride for Lives - Suicide Awareness Ride this Saturday (7 September 2024). They are doing it a little bit different this year with 3 events. There is the road bike touring route, there is also the Kroombit Adventure Route for dirt bikes and the Boyne Burnett Inland Rail Trail mountain bike route. You can still register for that event up until Thursday night.

PopCon is on this Saturday (7 September 2024) as well. A huge event at the Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre (GECC). I know it is one of Cr Muszkat's favourite events and I'm sure the community knows that you're a big fan. I'd like to thank Councillors for supporting the video our team created to promote the event. It is a fantastic event that not just the young ones enjoy, but some of the young at heart enjoy as well.

The Baffle Creek Family Fishing Festival is happening on the Monday 16 September to Sunday 21 September 2024.

Deputy Mayor Natalia Muszkat chaired the remainder of the meeting.

G/2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

G/2.1. CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES FOR 20 AUGUST 2024

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Prepared By: Executive Secretary

Council Meeting Date: 3 September 2024

File Ref: CM7.2

Purpose:

Confirmation of the minutes of the General Meeting held on 20 August 2024.

Officer's Recommendation:

That the minutes of the General Meeting of Council held on 20 August 2024 be confirmed.

GM/24/5307 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Patrick

Seconded Cr Goodluck

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/3. DEPUTATIONS

Nil

G/4. OFFICERS' REPORTS**G/4.1. COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM - STRATEGIC PROJECTS FUND**

Responsible Officer: General Manager Community and Lifestyle

Prepared By: Community Investment Officer

Council Meeting Date: 3 September 2024

File Ref: GS3.1

Purpose:

To consider the recommendation of the Community Investment Panel on applications received under the Strategic Projects fund.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Adopt the Community Investment Panel's recommendation of funding for the applications received as detailed in the table below:

Application ID	Applicant	Project	Recommended Amount
STRAT001-24/25	Wallaby Rugby League Football Club Inc	Field Lighting	\$64,000
STRAT002-24/25	Gladstone Netball Association	Lighting Enhancement Project	\$0
STRAT003-24/25	Gladstone Tennis & Squash Association	LED Lighting Upgrade to Tennis Courts	\$0
STRAT004-24/25	Central Queensland Motorsports	Construction of Water Infrastructure and Sediment Control	\$0
STRAT005-24/25	IMPACT Community Services Limited	IMPACT Community Health Precinct Master Planning	\$56,000
STRAT006-24/25	Clinton Football Club	Lights Field 2	\$0
STRAT007-24/25	Port Curtis Historical Society Inc	Purpose Built Display Shed	\$0
Total Funding Recommended			\$120,000

and

2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute funding agreements with the successful applicants detailing relevant entitlements and conditions.

GM/24/5308 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Wagner

Seconded Cr Holzheimer

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

G/4.2. NATIONAL LOCAL ROADS TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE CONGRESS ATTENDANCE

Responsible Officer: General Manager People and Strategy

Prepared By: General Manager People and Strategy

Council Meeting Date: 3 September 2024

File Ref: CM6.1

Purpose:

To allow Council to nominate Councillor attendance at the National Local Roads, Transport and Infrastructure Congress 2024 being held outside of Queensland.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council nominate Cr _____ to attend the National Local Roads, Transport and Infrastructure Congress 3 - 4 December 2024 in Western Australia.

Motion

Moved Cr Churchill
Seconded Cr Goodluck

That Council nominate Cr McClintock to attend the National Local Roads, Transport and Infrastructure Congress 3 - 4 December 2024 in Western Australia.

Amendment to the Motion

Moved: Cr Holzheimer
Seconded: Cr McClintock

That Council nominate Cr McClintock and Cr Wagner to attend the National Local Roads, Transport and Infrastructure Congress 3 - 4 December 2024 in Western Australia.

CARRIED

GM/24/5309 Council Resolution

Moved: Cr Churchill
Seconded: Cr Goodluck

That Council nominate Cr McClintock and Cr Wagner to attend the National Local Roads, Transport and Infrastructure Congress 3 - 4 December 2024 in Western Australia.

CARRIED

G/4.3. LEASE TO GLADSTONE SOUTHS SWIMMING CLUB INC.- GLADSTONE AQUATIC FACILITIES

Responsible Officer: General Manager Finance Governance and Risk

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

Council Meeting Date: 3 September 2024

File Ref: CP8.2, SR7.3

Purpose:

This report seeks resolution from Council to make use of the provisions in section 235 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, that allows for exceptions to the requirement for written quotes or tenders.

Officer's Recommendation:

That:

1. In accordance with s235(a) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council is satisfied that Gladstone South Swimming Club Inc is the only supplier for the provision of pool operations for Council's aquatic facilities who is reasonably available; and
2. Council enter into a trustee lease with Gladstone Souths Swimming Club Inc over the Gladstone Aquatic Centre described as Lease F on SP255183 being part of Lot 40 on SP245941, and Mt Larcom Swimming Pool being Lease A on SP280135 being part of Lot 155 on DS592 on the following terms:
 - (a) For a rental of \$1.00 payable on demand;
 - (b) For a period of 5 years;
 - (c) Includes a fair and reasonable contribution by Council toward the costs of operating the pool; and
 - (d) On such other terms and conditions as the Chief Executive Officer deems appropriate under the circumstances.

GM/24/5310 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Goodluck

Seconded Cr Patrick

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/5. COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Natalia Muszkat congratulated Ocean Breeze Gallery on their 10-year anniversary. Cr Muszkat mentioned that the gallery looked wonderful and was an asset to the Boyne Island Tannum Sands community.

Cr Muszkat mentioned that the Women's Health and Well-Being Expo was held over the weekend (Saturday 31 August 2024) at the Gladstone Marina Parklands Plaza and the Gladstone Health Expo 2024 was held at the Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct (Saturday 31 August 2024). Cr Muszkat noted that there were lots of things health over the weekend with the CQ Shines Foundation Charity Gala supporting the Gladstone Hospital was also held. Cr Muszkat acknowledged that it was a wonderful night with Councillor Mellissa Holzheimer, Councillor Simon McClintock, Councillor Leanne Patrick and Councillor Glenn Churchill with his wife Sue, attended the event. Cr Muszkat congratulated the organisers of the event. Cr Patrick highlighted that the event raised \$151,353 and that the funding will be spent on an Australian first in the Gladstone Hospital theatres with cutting edge technology which will connect local medical professionals with specialised doctors Nationwide enabling real-time consultation, accurate diagnosis's and timely treatment which should be celebrated.

Cr Muszkat mentioned 2 other events in the Boyne Island Tannum Sands area with the Queensland Country Women's Association (QCWA) opening of the shed noting that Cr Patrick attended. And the Turtleway Escape Reflection Space launch which are the wonderful benches that can be seen all around Boyne Island Tannum Sands and provide a place for reflection and are delivered by the Boyne Tannum Turtleway Artscape.

Cr Holzheimer mentioned that on Friday night she attended the Regional Medical Pathway and noted that the 'Glad you made it' Liveability campaign was presented and that a theme flowed through the presentations showing if people complete their study and placement in the Gladstone Region they are more likely to call the Gladstone Region home. Cr Holzheimer noted that a lot of information was presented with some powerful speakers and that it was a great opportunity to see how other places are doing things and doing them well. Cr Patrick noted that Gladstone is in the second year of having medical students and that the first intake had 31 positions available with only 25 received and that this year's intake has doubled with an excess of medical students wanting to study in Central Queensland. Cr Patrick noted that it was reaffirming that people do want to come to Central Queensland to study and hopefully stay.

Councillor Michelle Wagner mentioned she had the pleasure of judging the book week window display on Monday and the parade at Rosella Park School. Cr Wagner highlighted the large number of students and that it was pleasing to see the effort that everyone went to.

Cr Wagner congratulated Council's Parks team on the recruitment campaign being undertaken noting that it is being noticed.

Cr McClintock mentioned that he took the opportunity yesterday to meeting with businesses in the Miriam Vale and Bororen area and reminded the Gladstone Region community that the Miriam Vale and Bororen communities really need support and encouragement. Cr McClintock encouraged everyone in the coming weeks to make the trip to Miriam Vale and Bororen who have some fantastic facilities and events coming up and get behind the community.

G/6. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

G/7. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

G/8. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil

There being no further business the Deputy Mayor formally closed the meeting.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.54am.