



GLADSTONE
REGIONAL COUNCIL

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

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

On Tuesday 17 September 2024

Commencing at 9.00am

**Carly Quinn
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, Acting**

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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 S McClintock
Councillor L Patrick

Officers

C Quinn (Chief Executive Officer, Acting)
R Millett (Executive Secretary)
T Whalley (General Manager Finance Governance and Risk, Acting)
T Howarth (General Manager People and Strategy, Acting)
B Janson (General Manager Community and Lifestyle, Acting)
M Francis (General Manager Assets and Environment)
R Huth (General Manager Customer Experience)
H Robertson (Manager Development Services)
T McDonald (Principal Planning Lead)
L Cattermole (Community Leasing Officer, Acting)
J Rossow (Financial Controller)

G/0.3.2. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillor Natalia Muszkat was an apology as she was attending the National Rural Health Conference (resolution GM/24/5253).

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 our visit recently from the Consul-General from Japan representing our sister City in Saiki, visiting Gladstone celebrating 28 years of friendship between the Gladstone Region and Saiki in Japan. Thank you, Councillor Glenn Churchill, Councillor Leanne Patrick, Councillor Natalia Muszkat and Councillor Simon McClintock, for representing Council at that very important function.

The Ride for Lives Suicide Awareness Ride was also held on the weekend of Saturday 7 September 2024 and again thank you Councillors for attending that. A very well organised event as per usual in the Gladstone Region.

On the same day we had our massive PopCon Event at the Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre (GECC) with a number of Councillors attending. Again, thank you very much it was a huge event and I know our Deputy Mayor is a big supporter of that and she'll certainly be glad to see that PopCon event continue in the Gladstone Region.

The Deputy Mayor also attended the football Queensland Grand Final event on Saturday 7 September 2024. And also attended some of the Grand Finals held over the weekend.

But the biggest event in the Gladstone Region and probably Queensland was the Asia Pacific Hydrogen Summit, which was in Brisbane for 2 days, but in the days leading up to that, we had over 160 International delegates from Japan, Austria, Germany and the Netherlands in Gladstone. That didn't just happen, we invited them to visit Gladstone at the World Hydrogen Summit in Rotterdam in May. We knew they were going to be in Queensland for the Asia Pacific Summit and 160 delegates visited our Region on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday before attending the very important Summit in Brisbane for the Thursday and Friday last week (9 September 2024 - Friday 13 September 2024). Thank you, Kristy Marks, our Economic Development Lead who attended that event with me, but also to team Queensland and to team Gladstone. In Gladstone, we're very fortunate to be supported by the Gladstone Engineering Alliance, Alison Murdoch; Central Queensland University, Luke Sinclair and the entire team; Fortesque; the CQH2 Project and Stanwell; Sumitomo; and while they do represent the whole state, they're very big supporters of Team Gladstone, which is the Department of State Development and Trade Investment Queensland. As I said, Gladstone is certainly on the top of the list for many of these companies wanting to do business in Gladstone, wanting to invest in Gladstone and wanting to basically setup and support and work with our local industries here as well, establishing new ones. Very exciting time for our region.

Heading forward we have the Baffle Creek Family Fishing Festival already underway in Gladstone. Kicked off on Monday 16 September 2024 and you have until tomorrow night to register for the big event which continues this weekend in Baffle Creek. Massive big family fishing festival.

Of course, the School Holiday Program is in full swing. More information available on our Gladstone Regional Council website.

We have the McCosker Gladstone Speedway this Friday 20 September 2024. And the Calliope Rodeo, which is a massive event in Calliope on Friday 27 September 2024 and Saturday 28 September 2024.

It is National Police Remembrance Day on Sunday 29 September, and the Stroke Foundation is hosting their CQ Health Sport and Recreation Expo on Sunday 29 September 2024 at the Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct.

G/2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

G/2.1. CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES FOR 3 SEPTEMBER 2024

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Prepared By: Executive Secretary

Council Meeting Date: 17 September 2024

File Ref: CM7.2

Purpose:

Confirmation of the minutes of the General Meeting held on 3 September 2024.

Officer's Recommendation:

That the minutes of the General Meeting of Council held on 3 September 2024 be confirmed.

GM/24/5310 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Churchill
Seconded Cr Patrick

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/3. DEPUTATIONS

G/3.1. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND CLIMATE

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Prepared By: Executive Secretary

Council Meeting Date: 17 September 2024

File Ref: CM7.6

Purpose:

For the Department of Energy and Climate to provide an update on the Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) Readiness Assessments for Central Queensland.

Officer's Recommendation:

That the deputation from the Department of Energy and Climate be received.

GM/24/5311 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Churchill

Seconded Cr McClintock

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/4. OFFICERS' REPORTS

G/4.1. ADOPTION OF OUR PLACE OUR PLAN GLADSTONE REGION PLANNING SCHEME REVIEW REPORT

Responsible Officer: General Manager Customer Experience

Prepared By: Principal Planning Lead

Council Meeting Date: 17 September 2024

File Ref: L6.7, PRJ-479

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to consider and adopt the Planning Scheme Review Report.

Officer's Recommendation:

That:

1. Council adopt the Our Place Our Plan 10 Year Planning Scheme Review;
2. The Chief Executive Officer prepares a scope of the amendments to the Planning Scheme as per the recommendations of the Our Place Our Plan 10 Year Planning Scheme Review; and
3. A further report be presented to Council to consider the commencement of a Major Amendment process.

GM/24/5312 Council Resolution:

Moved Mayor Burnett

Seconded Cr Davis

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned for morning tea at 10.23am and reconvened at 10.45am.

G/4.2. DESTINATION FUND APPLICATION - COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM

Responsible Officer: General Manager Community and Lifestyle

Prepared By: Community Leasing Specialist (Acting)

Council Meeting Date: 17 September 2024

File Ref: GS3.1

Purpose:

To consider the recommendation of the Community Investment Panel on applications received under the Destination Event fund.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Adopt the Community Investment Panel’s recommendation of funding for the applications received under the categories of funding as detailed in the table below (subject to successful annual acquittal):

Application ID	Applicant	Project	Requested Amount	Recommended Amount
DEST-MY01-24/26	Discovery Coast Tourism & Commerce	1770 Festival – Multiple Year Proposal	2024/25 - \$45,000	2024/25 - \$45,000
			2025/26 - \$44,000	2025/26 - \$44,000
			2026/27 - \$42,000	2026/27 - \$42,000
Total Funding			\$131,000	\$131,000

and

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

GM/24/5313 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Holzheimer

Seconded Cr Wagner

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/4.3. REVIEW OF FINANCIAL DELEGATIONS FOR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Responsible Officer: General Manager Finance Governance and Risk

Prepared By: Manager Governance and Risk

Council Meeting Date: 17 September 2024

File Ref: CM28.2

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to allow Council to consider an increase in the Chief Executive Officer's financial delegation.

Officer's Recommendation:

That the Chief Executive Office be granted the following financial delegation until 31 March 2025:

1. With respect to Operational Expenditure:
 - (a) \$5,000,000
2. In respect to credit card transactions:
 - (a) Transaction limit: \$5,000
 - (b) Monthly limit: \$20,000
3. With respect to Capital Expenditure:
 - (a) \$10,000,000 subject to the following conditions:
 - i. Limited to:
 - A. Contracts and orders relating to approved projects in the adopted capital budget;
 - B. Contracts and orders relating to Road Maintenance Performance Contracts; and
 - C. Contracts and orders associated with CEO declared emergencies.
 - ii. This delegation includes:
 - A. Financial responsibility to formally approve any budget for mitigating risks associated with a natural disaster and/or extraordinary emergent event that has been declared in the local government area; and
 - B. Financial responsibility to authorise variations for project contingency within the adopted project budget.

GM/24/5314 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Goodluck

Seconded Cr McClintock

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/4.4. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 AUGUST 2024

Responsible Officer: General Manager Finance Governance and Risk

Prepared By: Management Accounting Specialist

Council Meeting Date: 17 September 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 August 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 August 2024 as required under Section 204 Local Government Regulation 2012.

GM/24/5315 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Goodluck

Seconded Cr Davis

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/4.5. REGIONAL MEETING - MOUNT LARCOM TUESDAY 1 OCTOBER 2024

Responsible Officer: General Manager Finance Governance and Risk

Prepared By: Manager Governance and Risk

Council Meeting Date: 17 September 2024

File Ref: CM7.2

Purpose:

To consider a regional meeting location for the General Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 1 October 2024.

Officer's Recommendation:

That the General Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 1 October 2024 be held at the Mount Larcom Community Hall commencing at 10am.

GM/24/5316 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Holzheimer
Seconded Cr Patrick

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/5. COUNCILLORS REPORT

G/5.1. AN EVENING IN THE JAPANESE TEA GARDEN - CELEBRATING 28 YEARS OF SISTER CITY FRIENDSHIP WITH SAIKI CITY

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Prepared By: Cr Leanne Patrick and Cr Simon McClintock

Council Meeting Date: 17 September 2024

File Ref: CM17.5

Purpose:

Councillor Leanne Patrick and Councillor Simon McClintock submit the following report 'An Evening in the Japanese Tea Garden – Celebrating 28 Years of Sister City Friendship with Saiki City'.

Councillor's Recommendation:

That the report from Cr Patrick and Cr McClintock be received.

GM/24/5317 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Wagner

Seconded Cr Holzheimer

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

Councillor Report

Councillor Karen Davis provided the following statement:

'I recently had the opportunity to attend the 2024 Coastal Councils Leaders Forum which was held on Monday 5 August 2024 and Tuesday 6 August 2024 in Townsville. The forum aimed to provide priorities specific to the 19 coastal councils which stretch from Cooktown down to Bundaberg, which covers over 300,000 square kms, which is 60% of the Reef catchment, to showcase initiatives, and to facilitate networking and information sharing.

The event was informative, offering a variety of session formats, including panel discussions and networking opportunities. We had the opportunity to tour the Australian Institute of Marine Science (AIMS) facility at Cape Ferguson to see firsthand the work they are doing in relation to the Great Barrier Reef. AIMS has a National Sea Simulator, or SeaSim, which gives researchers an edge in delivering world-leading coral reef science. Using large seawater tanks, they can research the impact of environmental changes on reef, which allows this research to be shared with coastal councils through the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA) to help councils mitigate some of the land based issues contributing to the Reefs health.

It also featured presentations from State Government, academics, offering support to councils in addressing coastal hazards, including Recovery and Resilience, Improved Coastal Hazards and Systems, Sea Level Rises and future planning for Coastal Changes.

Council are undertaking the following initiatives up until June 2026:

- Building audits of 20 facilities to identify energy consumption reduction opportunities and potential renewable energy opportunities;*
- Completed studies for future monitoring program at Gladstone Wastewater Treatment Plant;*
- Installing Dissolved Oxygen meters at some wastewater treatment which help with the treatment process and also to reduce our energy consumption; and*
- Installing solar panels at Tannum Wastewater Treatment Plant.*

Thank you for the opportunity to attend the Forum and I am looking forward to working with other Coastal Councils on what is a wonderful initiative to be involved in.'

Councillor Michelle Wagner mentioned that herself, Councillor Leanne Patrick and Councillor Glenn Churchill, attended the opening of the Our Priceless Past exhibition at the Gladstone Regional Art Gallery and Museum (GRAGM) on Friday 13 September 2024. Cr Wagner noted that this year, 10 Seniors in the region had their histories written about by Year 10 students from Chanel College Gladstone. Cr Wagner acknowledged MC of the opening, Mr Bruce Hunt OAM, President of the GRAGM Society.

Cr Wagner noted that the seniors featured this year are: Mr John Bell; Mr Chris Cameron; Mr Douglas Jones; Mr Michael Lunan; Mr David Manttan; Mrs Ros Newberry; Mr John Roll; Mr and Mrs Trevor and Cheryl Watson; and Mr Milton Wright.

Cr Wagner thanked Claire Robinson, Curator at GRAGM and her team and mentioned that the exhibition is on display until Saturday 16 November 2024. Cr Wagner encouraged everyone to check out the GRAGM website for details and other events.

Cr Patrick noted that applications for Our Priceless Past for 2025 are now open and encouraged anyone wanting to nominate to contact GRAGM for details.

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 11.18am.