



**GLADSTONE**  
REGIONAL COUNCIL

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

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

**On Tuesday 17 December 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)  
T Whalley (Manager Governance and Risk)  
M Holmes (General Manager Finance Governance and Risk)  
C Quinn (General Manager People and Strategy)  
K Lee (General Manager Community and Lifestyle)  
J Tumbers (General Manager Operations)  
M Francis (General Manager Assets and Environment)  
A Moore (General Manager Customer Experience, Acting)  
C Henderson (Manager Contracts and Procurement)  
M Bailey (Manager Local Laws)  
L Cattermole (Community Leasing Officer)

**G/0.3.2. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

**G/0.3.3. MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE**

Councillor Michelle Wagner acknowledged the sad passing of Duncan McAllum on Saturday 14 December 2024. Duncan is survived by wife Pam, daughters, Melanie, Lana and Dallas and stepsons, Ian. Duncan was well known around Gladstone for playing golf and for the last 5 years, playing at the Yaralla Bowls Club, including being Vice-President for several years. Duncan was very likeable, very welcoming and always encouraging people to the club. Duncan was 73 years of age and married to Pam for 47 years. Cr Wagner passed on condolences to Pam and the family.

**G/0.3.4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

**Cr Goodluck**

Councillor Kahn Goodluck declared a declarable conflict of interest at the Councillor Information Session held 10 December 2024 in relation to Item 1.2 GLADSTONE AREA WATER BOARD, which was a presentation for information only by the Gladstone Area Water Board (GAWB) and Cr Goodluck is a Director of the government entity, GAWB.

Cr Goodluck left the meeting room while the matter was discussed. Cr Goodluck mentioned that the Local Government Act 2009 requires him to declare his conflict of interest at today's meeting.

## G/1. MAYORAL STATEMENT OF CURRENT ISSUES

I would like to start with the National Local Roads and Transport and Infrastructure Congress held in Western Australia recently and thank you Councillor Simon McClintock and Councillor Michelle Wagner for attending the conference as well. Roads are very important, and it was raised again with me this morning how important roads are in our community, and in terms of local government, one of the biggest assets that we manage. Attending the National Local Roads and Transport and Infrastructure Congress is very important to make sure we hear firsthand, not just from councillors but also officers right around the country to see what improvements there are, what efficiencies can be gained and how we can make our roads safer in Queensland and in Australia.

We had the Santos GLNG Mayor's Carols and I want to thank all of the volunteers and organisers of the Mayor's Carols and everyone who attended. Somewhere between 5,000 and 7,000 people attended the Mayor's Carols at the Gladstone Ports Corporation (GPC) Parklands which is a fantastic venue but we may be getting to the point where we are out growing that. I remember as a child we had the carols in the Tondoon Botanic Gardens and I think even at Barney Point but we've had the carols for a very long time at the GPC Marina Parklands and the stage is fantastic. Our amazing team of the Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre (GECC) do a fantastic job putting that on in terms of sound, audio and lighting but the volunteers are the ones who organise the event overall. I'd like to thank all the volunteers who organised the event, everyone involved, especially the schools who attended. We have had lots of carols right across the region, not just in Gladstone. I thank all the volunteers who have organised those as well.

On Saturday 7 December 2024 we hosted the Boyne Tannum Community Forum which was a perfect opportunity for us to explain in detail the relocation of the Boyne Tannum Aquatic Recreation Centre to the new location in Arthur Street in Boyne Island. A fantastic new facility will be built there and I'm looking forward to seeing that project continuing.

The Gladstone Ulysses Club Toy Run was held on Saturday at the same time and thank you Cr Wagner for attending and representing me at that very special event. The Martin Hanson Memorial Art Awards Artist Talks was held and thank you Councillor Mellissa Holzheimer for attending that one for us. And a number of councillors attended the Zonta Orange Breakfast saying no to violence against women and no to family violence in the Gladstone Region.

On Tuesday 10 December 2024 was the official opening of the new nurse lead walk-in clinic and thank you Councillor Natalia Muszkat for attending that. It is a fantastic facility for the Gladstone Region opening in the valley and it's a free facility.

On Thursday 12 December 2024 the Evolved Cape Class Patrol vessels were commissioned in Darwin and one was named the HMAS Cape Capricorn, named after Cape Capricorn on Curtis Island. This is as a result of us writing to the Chief of Navy a number of years ago and requesting that HMAS Gladstone 3 be considered, but at the same time that they consider naming one of these new Patrol vessels after something appropriate to our region as we have HMAS Gladstone dry docked and on display thanks to the Gladstone Maritime Museum at East Shores and I think it's an appropriate name for the Gladstone Region to be honoured with HMAS Cape Capricorn.

Central Queensland University held their graduation ceremony and thank you Cr McClintock for attending and we had the Calliope Community Forum as well.

Upcoming in the Gladstone Region is the Trainees and Apprentices Queensland Awards night on Thursday 19 December 2024. This weekend there are several communities across the region hosting markets including Agnes Water and Seventeen Seventy, Captain Creek and the Boyne Valley. Head to Council's website for further information. The New Years Eve party will be held at the GPC Marina Parklands again from 5pm until 12am on Tuesday 31 December 2024.

I would like to acknowledge 20 years of service for Councillor Glenn Churchill, who was acknowledged at the Local Government Association of Queensland Annual Conference. Congratulations Cr Churchill.

Cr Churchill thanked Mayor Burnett and stated:

*"I'm proud and I'm honoured to work in the community, with the community, and for the community and if there's a message, never forget anyone at any time, especially to the newly elected councillors who are going on the journey, you're going to get one of these at some stage, 20 years, but just remember, never forget those who put you here. Thank you."*

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## **G/2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **G/2.1. CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES FOR 3 DECEMBER 2024**

**Responsible Officer:** Chief Executive Officer

**Prepared By:** Executive Secretary

**Council Meeting Date:** 17 December 2024

**File Ref:** CM7.2

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**Purpose:**

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

**Officer's Recommendation:**

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

**GM/24/5354 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Churchill

Seconded Cr Davis

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**GM/24/5355 Procedural Resolution:**

Moved Mayor Burnett

Seconded Cr Patrick

That Agenda Item G/7.1. NOTICE OF MOTION - WATER FLUORIDATION be considered next.

**CARRIED**

## G/7. NOTICE OF MOTION

### G/7.1. NOTICE OF MOTION - WATER FLUORIDATION

**Notice of Motion - Council Meeting Date:** 17 December 2024

**Notice of Motion Prepared by:** Councillor Goodluck

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#### **Purpose:**

For Council to consider a notice of motion from Councillor Kahn Goodluck.

#### **Councillor's Recommendation:**

1. The Gladstone Regional Council reintroduce fluoride into the water supply for the overriding benefits it provides to the dental health of our citizens.
2. That the Gladstone Regional Council calls on the State Government to fund the costs of fluoridating the water supply. As this is a public health issue the costs of implementing this public health measure should be covered by the State Government, not local rate payers.
3. In the interim, Gladstone Regional Council covers the cost of fluoridating the water supply.

#### **Motion**

Moved Cr Goodluck

Seconded Cr Davis

That the Councillor's Recommendation be adopted.

**LOST**

#### **GM/24/5356 Procedural Resolution:**

Moved Mayor Burnett

Seconded Cr Davis

That Council accept the foreshadowed motion put by Cr Holzheimer.

**CARRIED**

#### **Motion**

Moved Cr Holzheimer

Seconded Cr Davis

That Council conducts further conversations with health experts and the community regarding the reintroduction of fluoride and obtain a full breakdown of the costs involved in the re-introduction of fluoride.

**LOST**

**G/3. DEPUTATIONS**

Nil

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## G/4. OFFICERS' REPORTS

### G/4.1. CONSIDERATION OF ELECTORAL DIVISIONS

**Responsible Officer:** General Manager Finance Governance and Risk

**Prepared By:** General Manager Finance Governance and Risk

**Council Meeting Date:** 17 December 2024

**File Ref:**

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#### **Purpose:**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an opportunity to consider the merit of recommending the introduction of electoral divisions to the Local Government Minister for consideration prior to the 2028 Local Government Election.

#### **Officer's Recommendation:**

That Council provides direction with respect to the next steps to be taken with regard to the consideration of divisions.

#### **Motion**

Moved Mayor Burnett  
Seconded Cr Holzheimer

That Council proceed with the development of a comprehensive engagement strategy to inform a submission to the Minister for Local Government to consider a major electoral change in the form of electoral divisions.

**LOST**

#### **GM/24/5357 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Davis  
Seconded Cr Muszkat

That Council does not proceed further with the consideration of electoral divisions.

**CARRIED**

#### **A division was called:**

**For the Motion:** Cr Muszkat, Cr McClintock, Cr Davis, Cr Goodluck, Cr Wagner

**Against the Motion:** Mayor Burnett, Cr Holzheimer, Cr Patrick, Cr Churchill

The meeting was adjourned for morning tea at 11.04am and reconvened at 11.25am.

**GM/24/5358 Procedural Resolution:**

Moved Mayor Burnett  
Seconded Cr Churchill

That Agenda Item G/4.5. 2024 YOUTH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT be considered next.

**CARRIED**

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## G/4.5. 2024 YOUTH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

**Responsible Officer:** General Manager Community and Lifestyle

**Prepared By:** Community Development Officer

**Council Meeting Date:** 17 December 2024

**File Ref:** CC9.10

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**Purpose:**

To present an overview of the work and achievements of the Gladstone Region Youth Council Advisory Committee (Youth Council) in 2024.

**Officer's Recommendation:**

That Council receive the 2024 Gladstone Region Youth Council Advisory Committee Annual Report.

**GM/24/5359 Council Resolution:**

Moved Mayor Burnett  
Seconded Cr Muszkat

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**G/4.2. EXPENDITURE APPROVAL - TRILITY - AGNES WATER - WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITIES SERVICES**

**Responsible Officer:** General Manager Finance Governance and Risk

**Prepared By:** Manager Contracts and Procurement

**Council Meeting Date:** 17 December 2024

**File Ref:** FM21.1

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**Purpose:**

This report seeks a resolution from Council, in accordance with the Council's Register of Financial Delegations to approve expenditure for the engagement of Trility Pty Limited ("Trility") for the provision of Water and Wastewater Utilities Services.

**Officer's Recommendation:**

That Council approves the estimated expenditure of \$13,406,166 ex GST with Trility Pty Limited for Water and Wastewater Utilities Services at Seventeen Seventy and Agnes Water across the next five (5) years, dated 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2029.

**GM/24/5360 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Wagner  
Seconded Cr Holzheimer

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**G/4.3. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30 NOVEMBER 2024**

**Responsible Officer:** General Manager Finance Governance and Risk

**Prepared By:** Management Accounting Specialist

**Council Meeting Date:** 17 December 2024

**File Ref:** FM15.1

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**Purpose:**

This report seeks Council adoption of the Monthly Financial Statements for the year 2024-25 to date, for the period ended 30 November 2024.

**Officer's Recommendation:**

That Council adopt the Monthly Financial Statements attached to the officer's report for 2024-25 year to date, for the period ended 30 November 2024 as required under Section 204 Local Government Regulation 2012.

**GM/24/5361 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Goodluck  
Seconded Cr Patrick

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

#### **G/4.4. ANIMAL INSPECTION PROGRAM 2025**

**Responsible Officer:** General Manager Customer Experience

**Prepared By:** Manager Local Laws

**Council Meeting Date:** 17 December 2024

**File Ref:** LE2.1

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**Purpose:**

To seek Council approval to implement a Systematic Approved Inspection Program under the *Animal Management (Cats & Dogs) Act 2008* (the Act) for dogs.

**Officer's Recommendation:**

That Council adopt the Approved Systematic Inspection Program - Animal Inspection Program for the period 1 February 2025 to 30 July 2025.

**GM/24/5362 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr McClintock

Seconded Cr Churchill

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

## G/4.6. LEASE RENEWAL - GLADSTONE BOXING CLUB

**Responsible Officer:** General Manager Community and Lifestyle

**Prepared By:** Community Leasing Officer

**Council Meeting Date:** 17 December 2024

**File Ref:** CP8.2

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### **Purpose:**

To allow Council to consider the renewal of the lease to Gladstone Amateur Boxing Club Inc over Lot 18 RP 609798, situated at 24 Moura Crescent, being freehold land owned by Council.

### **Officer's Recommendation:**

That Council:

1. Resolves that 236(1)(b)(ii) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* applies to the proposed lease of 24 Moura Crescent, Barney Point (Lot 18 RP 609798) to Gladstone Amateur Boxing Club Inc.
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a Lease with the Gladstone Amateur Boxing Club Inc for a period of 10 years at a rental of \$1.00 per annum.

### **GM/24/5363 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Goodluck  
Seconded Cr Wagner

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

## G/4.7. LEASE RENEWAL - CQ TRIALS CLUB

**Responsible Officer:** General Manager Community and Lifestyle

**Prepared By:** Community Leasing Officer

**Council Meeting Date:** 17 December 2024

**File Ref:** CP8.2

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### **Purpose:**

To allow Council to consider the renewal of the lease to Central Queensland Trials Club Inc over part Lease CQ on SP 257858, situated at 160 Jono Porter Drive, Benaraby, being Freehold land owned by Council.

### **Officer's Recommendation:**

That Council:

1. Resolves that 236(1)(b)(ii) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* applies to the proposed lease of part of 114 Jono Porter Drive, Benaraby (Lot 1 on RP902548) described as Lease CQ on SP257858.
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a Lease with Central Queensland Trials Club Inc for a period of 10 years at a rental of \$1.00 per annum.

### **GM/24/5364 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Muszkat  
Seconded Cr Patrick

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**



## G/4.8. LEASE RENEWAL - CQ MOTORSPORTS BENARABY

**Responsible Officer:** General Manager Community and Lifestyle

**Prepared By:** Community Leasing Officer

**Council Meeting Date:** 17 December 2024

**File Ref:** CP8.2

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### **Purpose:**

To allow Council to consider the renewal of the lease to Central Queensland Motorsports - Benaraby Inc over part Lease E on SP 264990 and Lease B on SP 193641, situated at 160 Jono Porter Drive, Benaraby, being Freehold land owned by Council.

### **Officer's Recommendation:**

That Council:

1. Resolves that 236(1)(b)(ii) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* applies to the proposed lease of part of 160 Jono Porter Drive, Benaraby (Lot 3 on RP902547) described as Lease E on SP264990 and Lease B on SP193641 to Central Queensland Motorsports Benaraby Inc.
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a Lease with Central Queensland Motorsports – Benaraby Inc for a term of 10 years at a rental of \$1.00.

### **GM/24/5365 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Churchill

Seconded Cr Wagner

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

## G/4.9. LEASE RENEWAL - OZCARE

**Responsible Officer:** General Manager Community and Lifestyle

**Prepared By:** Community Leasing Officer

**Council Meeting Date:** 17 December 2024

**File Ref:** CP8.2

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### **Purpose:**

To allow Council to consider the renewal of the lease to OzCare over Lot 1 RP 612529, situated at 38 Roe Street, Miriam Vale, being Freehold land owned by Council.

### **Officer's Recommendation:**

That Council:

1. Resolves that 236(1)(b)(ii) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* applies to the proposed lease of Lot 1 RP 612529, situated at 38 Roe Street, Miriam Vale to Ozcare.
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to enter into a Lease with Ozcare, for a period of three years with an option to extend for a further three years at a rental of \$1.00 per annum.

### **GM/24/5366 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Wagner

Seconded Cr Davis

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

## G/4.10. LEASE RENEWAL - CURTIS COAST NETBALL

**Responsible Officer:** General Manager Community and Lifestyle

**Prepared By:** Community Leasing Officer

**Council Meeting Date:** 17 December 2024

**File Ref:** CP8.2

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### **Purpose:**

To allow Council to consider the renewal of the lease to Curtis Coast Dolphins Netball Association Inc over part of 35 Pioneer Drive, Boyne Island (Lot 1 on RP612614) described as Lease D on SP241823, situated at 35 Pioneer Drive, Boyne Island, being freehold land owned by Council.

### **Officer's Recommendation:**

That Council:

1. Resolves that 236(1)(b)(ii) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* applies to the proposed lease of part of 35 Pioneer Drive, Boyne Island (Lot 1 on RP612614) described as Lease D on SP241823, situated at 35 Pioneer Drive, Boyne Island.

### **GM/24/5367 Council Resolution:**

Moved Mayor Burnett  
Seconded Cr Holzheimer

That Council:

1. Resolves that 236(1)(b)(ii) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* applies to the proposed lease of part of 35 Pioneer Drive, Boyne Island (Lot 1 on RP612614) described as Lease D on SP241823, situated at 35 Pioneer Drive, Boyne Island.
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to enter into a Lease with Curtis Coast Dolphins Netball Association Inc for a period of 10 years at a rental of \$1.00 per annum.

**CARRIED**

## G/4.11. LEASE RENEWAL - BITS AFL / CRICKET CLUBS

**Responsible Officer:** General Manager Community and Lifestyle

**Prepared By:** Community Leasing Officer

**Council Meeting Date:** 17 December 2024

**File Ref:** CP8.2

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### **Purpose:**

To allow Council to consider the renewal of the lease to BITS Saints Australian Rules Football Club and Boyne Tannum Cricket Club Inc over part of Lease C on SP 346101, situated at Jacaranda Drive, Boyne Island, being Freehold land owned by Council.

### **Officer's Recommendation:**

That Council:

1. Resolves that 236(1)(b)(ii) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* applies to the proposed lease of part of Lot 1 on SP150256 described as Lease C on SP346101, situated at Jacaranda Drive, Boyne Island to BITS Saints Australian Rules Football Club and Boyne Tanum Cricket Club Inc.
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a Lease with the BITS Saints Australian Rules Football Club and Boyne Tannum Cricket Club Inc for a period of 10 years at a rental of \$1.00 per annum.

### **GM/24/5368 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr McClintock  
Seconded Cr Goodluck

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

## G/4.12. LEASE RENEWAL - TANNUM RUGBY LEAGUE SENIORS

**Responsible Officer:** General Manager Community and Lifestyle

**Prepared By:** Community Leasing Officer

**Council Meeting Date:** 17 December 2024

**File Ref:** CP8.2

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### **Purpose:**

To allow Council to consider the renewal of the lease to Tannum Sands Rugby League Inc (Seniors) over part Lease C on SP 228462, situated at 35 Pioneer Drive, Boyne Island, being Freehold land owned by Council.

### **Officer's Recommendation:**

That Council:

1. Resolves that 236(1)(b)(ii) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* applies to the proposed lease of part of 35 Pioneer Drive, Boyne Island (Lot 1 on RP612614) described as Lease C on SP 228462, to Tannum Sands Rugby League Inc (Seniors).
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a Lease with Tannum Sands Rugby League Inc (Seniors) for a period of ten years at a rental of \$1.00 per annum.

### **GM/24/5369 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Churchill

Seconded Cr Davis

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

## G/5. COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Leanne Patrick mentioned that it has been a very busy year for 2024 and wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.

Councillor Michelle Wagner mentioned that she had the pleasure of attending the National Local Roads, Transport and Infrastructure Congress and provided the following report:

*"I had the honour of attending the 2024 National Local Roads, Transport and Infrastructure Congress conference with Councillor Simon McClintock and Mayor Matt Burnett, who attended as president of the Australian Local Government Association.*

*A total of 220 local government leaders, engineering and works staff from across Australia gathered in Margaret River, Western Australia, between 3 and 4 December 2024 for the 2024 National Local Roads, Transport and Infrastructure Congress. It was a wonderful venue and the Wadandi and Pilbelmen Peoples were acknowledged as traditional custodians of the lands on which the congress met, and respects were paid to elders' past, present and emerging. A highlight was the Welcome to Country, which was the best I have ever experienced, and it was evident from signage, conference facilities and interactions that the traditional owners and council have a very strong connection and relationship, which was quite inspiring.*

*This year's congress included a significant focus on road safety. Congress delegates acknowledged that local governments manage more than 75% of Australia's road network and have a key role to play in addressing Australia's unacceptable national road toll. One of the biggest messages was that speed does kill and other statistics supported that and we also saw plenty of examples where speed reductions of even 10kms were saving lives and I think looking at the statistics that we have in our region, I think there are some learnings for us and some discussions hopefully down the track.*

*Delegates acknowledged the importance of prioritising road safety in infrastructure investments and discussed opportunities to deliver safer roads in regional and urban settings. Sustainable funding is a significant barrier, and ALGA promised to continue to advocate for more federal support for councils to improve the condition, safety, and productivity of Australia's road network.*

*Several Federal politicians addressed the conference, including Minister for Local Government, the Honourable Kristy McBain, and Shadow Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development Senator the Honourable Bridget McKenzie.*

*This year's congress included sessions on improving freight productivity, decarbonising Australia's transport sector, water management, regional airports, addressing the housing crisis, renewable energy transition, the circular economy, and active transport and electric vehicle trends. The event also covered effective asset management, which is vital to the broad range of services and functions delivered by councils.*

*Margaret River's infrastructure and conference venue were truly a credit to the foresight of Shire of Augusta Margaret River Council. Thanks again to Council and my colleagues for sending us to the conference. There were a lot of learnings and hopefully there will be a lot of sharing's to happen as a result of going to the conference."*

Councillor Glenn Churchill referenced a comment made by Councillor Kahn Goodluck earlier in the meeting regarding a 'city crier' and mentioned the benefits of a 'city crier' are being an excellent way to get people to stop, pay attention, understand and be a great advocate to ensure that they are receiving important messages right across the city and the region.

Cr Churchill mentioned the Gladstone Performing Arts Company (GPAC) production of 'Robin Hood and the Babes in the Woods' held over the weekend. Cr Churchill noted that he had the opportunity to do the official opening and thanked the wonderfully talented cast and crew on their production. Cr Churchill acknowledged that there is a significant amount of talent within the Gladstone Region and highlighted GPAC's contribution to the cultural entertainment and recreational vibrancy of the Gladstone Region. Cr Churchill noted that it's not only the performing artists, but the shows, the rehearsals, the costumes, the makeup and the social glue that brings them together. Cr Churchill congratulated Hannah Waddell, the director and stage manager, Kerry Birt, the executive producer and many others adding to the vibrancy and the large cast and crew that were there to make sure that it was a great delivery. Cr Churchill highlighted that the cast and crew come from many different backgrounds including teaching, mentoring, engineering, administration, dentistry, hospitality, community transport and even our own Council officers. Cr Churchill noted that it was a successful show with well over 700 tickets sold and he looks forward to their next production and to GPAC finding a permanent home for the future.

Mayor Burnett provided the following:

*"I would like to thank our Council team, our officers, our gallery and to our Gladstone Regional Council Community, very Merry Christmas and all the best for 2025. It has been a long year and I hope that your holiday or your break if you're having one, is a safe and happy one. I also want to say, particularly if they're watching online, to our staff at the Gladstone Regional Council, I look forward to acknowledging you over the next 2 days for your hard work in our community over the last 12 months, it has not gone unnoticed by the boardroom. Although it sometimes goes unnoticed by the community, we absolutely respect you, each and every one of you and thank you for your hard work and I wish you a very Merry Christmas."*

## **G/6. URGENT BUSINESS**

Nil

## **G/8. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

Nil

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

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 12.27pm.**