



**GLADSTONE**  
REGIONAL COUNCIL

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

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

**On Tuesday 4 February 2025**

**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 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)  
M Francis (General Manager Assets and Environment)  
R Huth (General Manager Customer Experience)  
J Iwasaka (Community Development Specialist)

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

Nil

**G/0.3.3. MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE**

Councillor Kahn Goodluck conveyed thoughts and well wishes of Council and the community to the friends and family of Brian Edward Western, affectionately known as 'Bones'. Bones passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Sunday 19 January 2025, aged 86 years. Bones leaves behind his adored wife, Shirley. He was the dearly loved father and father-in-law of Linda & Michael and Rhonda & Dennis; loving granddad of Brad, Sheridan and Jordan; much loved great granddad of Eli, Sadie and Chelsie; loved brother and uncle and a great mate of many.

Bones moved to Gladstone when he was 11 years old and spent many years working at Queensland Alumina Limited (QAL). Cr Goodluck mentioned that he, Bones, Don, Robbo, Allan and a number of other gentlemen would catch up on a monthly basis, have a coffee at the Coffee Club or down at Spinnaker Park and that Bones was always very passionate about community issues and what Council was doing. Cr Goodluck conveyed thoughts to Bones' family and mentioned that he will miss their catch ups.

**G/0.3.4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Nil

## **G/1. MAYORAL STATEMENT OF CURRENT ISSUES**

I would like to start by thanking the federal government for the \$2b investment in the aluminium industry in Australia. That means a lot for Gladstone and the Gladstone Region because of our aluminium and alumina industries. Senator Murray Watt and Senator Tim Ayres were in Gladstone recently and I met with them on-site at the Boyne Smelter. This is fantastic news for Rio Tinto as their largest asset base anywhere in the world is here in the Gladstone Region.

On Saturday 25 January 2025, the night before Australia Day as we always do, we host our Australia Awards and our citizenship ceremony. I would like to welcome all of our new Australian Citizens. I would like to acknowledge our Citizen of the Year, Alison Kelly; our Young Citizen of the Year, Benjamin Campbell; our Sport and Recreation award winners are Gary Porteous and Miles Sierp; Young Peoples Sport and Recreation Award, Tom Crawshaw; Arts and Culture Award, Paulette Flint; Community Event Award, 2024 IOM World Championships organised by Gladstone Radio Control Yacht Club; Mayor's Community Champion Award, Grant Cooper; Mayors Young Community Champion Award, Isabelle Asplet; and our Community Volunteer Award, Fred Brushe, an absolute champion in our community for many years. Congratulations to all of our Australia Day award winners and the 46 new Australian Citizens, from 15 different countries, making the Gladstone Region their home.

Upcoming events include the Dolphins game this weekend (Saturday 8 February 2025) at the Marley Brown Oval in Gladstone against the CQ Capras. The Miriam Vale Community Forum is on Wednesday 12 February 2025 and the Baffle Creek Community Forum is on Saturday 1 March 2025. Another big event, is the Agnes Blues Roots and Rock Festival on the weekend commencing Friday 21 February 2025.

It would be remiss of me not to mention some of the media mentioned yesterday about our CQH2 project in Gladstone. I want to make it very clear that the CQH2 project still enjoys 3 levels of government support, local, state and federal. To our international partners, Iwatani Corporation, Marubeni Corporation and Keppel, we want them to know that the Gladstone Region absolutely welcomes their investment and their involvement in the consortium which includes Stanwell in the CQH2 project. There is \$1.4b on the table of federal government funding and while the state government might yet not be investing additional funds at this stage, they have already invested \$15m into this project. Anyone to suggest the project is dead in the water are kidding themselves and anyone who wants to be dancing and celebrating in the streets at the potential loss of 3,100 construction jobs and 1,000 jobs in operation in Gladstone needs to have a really good look at themselves. This is a fantastic project for our community and Queensland and Australia and I'm glad to see it is still continuing.

**Deputy Mayor Natalia Muszkat chaired the remainder of the meeting.**

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

### **G/2.1. CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES FOR 21 JANUARY 2025**

**Responsible Officer:** Chief Executive Officer

**Prepared By:** Executive Secretary

**Council Meeting Date:** 4 February 2025

**File Ref:** CM7.2

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#### **Purpose:**

Confirmation of the minutes of the General Meeting held on 21 January 2025.

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

That the minutes of the General Meeting of Council held on 21 January 2025 be confirmed.

#### **GM/25/5385 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Churchill  
Seconded Cr Patrick

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**G/3. DEPUTATIONS**

Nil

**G/4. OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**G/4.1. PHILIP STREET COMMUNITIES AND FAMILIES PRECINCT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024**

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

**Prepared By:** Community Development Specialist

**Council Meeting Date:** 4 February 2025

**File Ref:** CR3.2

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**Purpose:**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a progress update on the operations of the Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct Advisory Committee.

**Officer's Recommendation:**

That Council receive the Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct Advisory Committee Annual Report 2024.

**GM/25/5386 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr McClintock

Seconded Cr Davis

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

## **G/4.2. 2024/25 OPERATIONAL PLAN QUARTER TWO PERFORMANCE REPORT**

**Responsible Officer:** General Manager People and Strategy

**Prepared By:** Manager Strategy and Improvement (Acting)

**Council Meeting Date:** 4 February 2025

**File Ref:** CM14.2

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**Mayor Burnett left the meeting.**

**Purpose:**

To present Council with the second quarterly performance report for the 2024/25 Operational Plan.

**Officer's Recommendation:**

That Council endorse the 2024/25 Operational Plan Quarter Two Performance Report.

**GM/25/5387 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Churchill

Seconded Cr Davis

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**



**G/5. COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Nil

**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 10.05am**