

Media Statement

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Impressive milestone for Gladstone Region Mayor

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett celebrates his 25th anniversary in local government as an elected member of council.

25 March 2025 marks 25 years of service for Councillor Burnett after his initial appointment to Gladstone City Council in 2000.

Cr Burnett served the Gladstone City community for eight years as Chairman of Technical Services before the Gladstone Region amalgamation in 2008, where he took on the role of Chairman of Infrastructure Services.

From 2008 to 2011 Cr Burnett continued to dedicate his career to the Gladstone Region before serving as Deputy Mayor for five years.

Cr Burnett was elected as Mayor of the Gladstone Region in 2016, 2020 and was elected unopposed at the most recent election in 2024.

Over the past 25 years, Cr Burnett has witnessed significant change in the Gladstone Region throughout his career, leading Council through a transitioning economy, championing investment into much needed social infrastructure and advocating for State and Federal funds to reduce impact on ratepayers.

In addition to Cr Burnett's primary focus as Gladstone Region Mayor, he has also been elected as the President of both the Local Government Association of Queensland and the Australian Local Government Association.

These appointments give him the unique opportunity to not only advocate for the Gladstone Region, but also for local governments across the nation.

Council celebrated the Mayor's milestone with a surprise morning tea, hosted by the councillor group and executive leadership team.

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