



GLADSTONE
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Developing Legacy Social Infrastructure

Investing in the Future

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- Councillor PJ Sobhanian is motivated by providing leadership that is driven by community service and creating and maintaining respectful community partnerships.
- Cr Sobhanian has served on Council since 2015.
- Extensive knowledge and experience gained from serving on various government, non-government and community committees and boards, including Australian Dental Association, University of Queensland, Capricorn Pest Management Group and Gladstone Safe Night Precinct Committee.





- Gladstone region is located in Central Queensland, approximately 550 kilometres north of Brisbane.
- The region boasts a strong industrial presence with two of the world's largest alumina refineries, Queensland's largest multi-commodity port and other major industries.
- A dedicated industrial precinct has been defined, Gladstone State Development Area, and continues to attract large industry to the region.
- The region is also home to the Southern Great Barrier Reef, one of the 7 natural wonders of the world.





Population Group	Number	%	Regional QLD %
Males	31,647	51.3	49.5
Females	29,989	48.6	50.5
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population	2,502	4.1	5.4
Australian citizens	52,106	84.5	84.1
Eligible voters (citizens aged 18+)	37,743	61.2	63.5
Population over 15	47,694	77.4	80.7
Employed population	27,078	88.9	92.2



- Three Liquefied Natural Gas plants constructed simultaneously on Curtis Island, Gladstone.
- Unavoidable economic, social and environmental impacts with 10,000+ non-resident workers
- Identified social service deficit with rapid influx of population.
- Social Infrastructure Strategic Plan developed identifying the requirement for social services in Gladstone.
- Concept developed for an Integrated Community Precinct to accommodate and provide community and social services.



- Council is focused on enhancing the liveability of the region by ensuring social and community services are available and sustainable.
- The concept of the project has focused on the development of an integrated community precinct.
- The selected site for the facility is on Council land, and provides opportunity to co-locate a retirement village in the future.
- The Community and Family Precinct, if approved, will become the largest social infrastructure project undertaken by Council to date and will compliment existing community infrastructure to support residents of the region.





- As the demand and cost of health and social services increase exponentially, communities have a heightened expectation that all levels of government will work together to meet their collective responsibility to improve the lives of residents.
- This project sees the alignment of and funding by three tiers of government to deliver sustainable community services to the region.
- Gladstone's Community Precinct is a two-staged master planned social infrastructure project where the three levels of government are working together to enhance the delivery of essential services to improve economic prosperity and liveability of a regional centre.
- To date, Council has passed two resolutions to proceed with the feasibility, conceptualisation and now detailed design of the precinct.



The Community and Family Precinct has been designed to facilitate human centric outcomes and one that is symbiotic with the surrounding community.

The facility is designed to achieve:-

- Engaging facilities to enable soft entry access to community services and programs;
- Discrete areas for private and supervised interaction
- All ability access
- Promote community health and vitality
- Establish walkways that link the precincts function nodes internally and externally to existing community infrastructure.





- 7 Facilities, with the ability to accommodate up to 20 community services
- Over a kilometre of walkways
- An amphitheatre
- All ability playground
- Games court
- Gazebos and picnic areas
- 13,000m² green space





"By 'clustering' community facilities together, the Philip Street Community Precinct will provide a cost-effective service delivery platform to improve access to a range of community and social services," Mayor Burnett said.

The Mayor said the precinct would attract business and investments, boost the local economy and real estate markets, and foster community involvement by improving the region's liveability.

The project was identified as the number one priority in the Gladstone Region Social Infrastructure Strategic Plan.



- Community and social sector partnership to ensure the design is inclusive for the whole community.
- \$3 million of funding provided by the Gladstone Foundation to the Salvation Army for a multi-tenanted Community Centre and Child and Family Centre.
- \$400,000 commitment from State Government for sale of previous Neighbourhood Centre
- \$20 million commitment by the Federal Government for an upgrade to Philip Street, a DA requirement of the project, and also \$3.08 million under the Bowen Basin Regional Jobs & Investment Package Program.
- To date, Gladstone Regional Council has invested \$5.4 million to the development of the Community Precinct.



- Prospect of a future development of a 200 unit retirement village located on the adjoining site, in line with Council's strategic direction.
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- Gladstone Regional Council's focus is on providing infrastructure for a strong, resilient and liveable community.



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