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## **Annual report highlights Council's initiatives**

Council's determination to address the challenges presented by fast-paced fluctuations to our region's economy in recent years is the theme for its 2014-15 Annual Report, 'Initiative'.

The report, adopted by Council at yesterday's (Nov 17) general meeting, details Council's performance against its Corporate Plan 2013-17 and the diverse range of activities, facilities and services conducted by Council in the 2014-15 financial year period.

Gladstone Region Mayor Gail Sellers said the report's Initiative theme reflected Council's need to reshape the way it operated to "deliver more with less" in the last financial year.

"Unprecedented non-residential growth has increased demands on Council services, without offering a corresponding increase in our rate-base to support the cost of those services," Councillor Sellers said.

"We have had to employ our initiative to find ways to cut costs while still financing essential services for the region."

This financing includes a record investment in the region's road network, including 500,000 square metres of road resurfacing, the completion of more than \$17 million of flood restoration and the delivery of more than \$7 million of rural road improvements.

Other achievements highlighted in the report include the development of the Regional Planning Scheme and the identification and significant reduction of organisational risks.

Cr Sellers encouraged residents to view the annual report which aimed to provide detail into Council's operational and financial performance, including its areas of expenditure.

"This annual report provides residents with valuable insights into Council's operations and plans for our region's future," she said.

To view or download the annual report visit [www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/annual-reports](http://www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/annual-reports)

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