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## **New maintenance approach for city roundabouts and medians**

Gladstone Regional Council in its general meeting today adopted a new maintenance approach for vegetated roundabouts and medians that will aim to decrease Council expenditure.

The approach outlines what measures will be put into place for main, arterial, suburban and unmaintainable roundabouts and medians.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said Gladstone had an abundance of vegetated roundabouts and medians which incur high maintenance costs.

"The approach states that any median or section of median under 2.5 metres will either be concreted or artificially turfed,' Councillor Burnett said.

"The same principle will apply to any median deemed to have extra high maintenance costs such as high traffic areas.

"In addition, all watering systems will be converted to drip irrigation to reduce the amount of weed growth."

Gladstone Regional Council's Works and Traffic Committee Chair Councillor Peter Masters said Council would also develop a long-term vegetation replacement program.

"The program will aim to minimise costs associated with replacing vegetation due to disease and weather damage," Cr Masters said.

Council has allocated \$160,000 in its 2016-17 financial year budget to instigate the management approach to city roundabouts and medians.

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