



**GLADSTONE**  
REGIONAL COUNCIL

## **GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**HELD AT THE GLADSTONE ENTERTAINMENT CONVENTION CENTRE,  
56 GOONDOON STREET, GLADSTONE**

**On 1 September 2020**

**Commencing at 9.00am**

**Leisa Dowling  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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**Elected Members**

Councillor - Mayor M J Burnett  
Councillor G G Churchill  
Councillor K Goodluck  
Councillor R A Hansen  
Councillor D E Branthwaite  
Councillor D V O'Grady  
Councillor C B Cameron  
Councillor C A Trevor  
Councillor N Muszkat

**Officers**

Mrs L Dowling (Chief Executive Officer)  
Miss C Daly (Executive Secretary)  
Mrs T Whalley  
Mr M Holmes

**APOLOGIES**

Nil.

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

Nil.

**G/0.3.3. MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE**

Cr Branthwaite gave condolences to the family of Brian Loakes who passed away on Saturday 29 August 2020, after a long battle with cancer. Cr Branthwaite advised that Brian reached the pinnacle of fame with Speedway in the 1960's and recently lived in Benaraby. Condolences are sent out to his wife Angela and his children Gavin, Angie and Ben.

Mayor Matt Burnett advised the passing of Wally Ingra, a very well known indigenous leader in the community and a Wakka Wakka man. Wally will be taken back home to Wakka Wakka land, in Gayndah. Wally was married to Julie Ingra Johnson, a member of the Goreng Goreng family across the Central Queensland region and condolences were given to the Ingra and Johnson families in the Gladstone region this week.

**G/0.3.4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

**Cr Trevor**

Councillor Chris Trevor advised that he had a perceived conflict of interest in Agenda Item G/3.2. REVISED RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY as his law firm Chris Trevor and Associates, might receive instructions from an employee of Council regarding workplace injuries suffered in the course of their employment with Gladstone Regional Council or from another member of the public with regards to public liability matters.

Cr Trevor elected to leave the room for the consideration of and any voting in relation to Agenda Item G/3.2.

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

Firstly, I would like to draw your attention to an important cause, R U OK? Day which is coming up on Thursday 10 September. Each year R U OK? Day coincides with World Suicide Prevention Day, it is very timely that we mention the cause and you don't have to wait until Thursday to ask a mate or a family member if they are okay. Particularly in these times it is important that we ask as often as possible. If anyone in our community is needing support or wants to find support there is Lifeline, Beyond Blue, MensLine Australia, Kids Helpline, Suicide Call Back Service and Open Arms which are a number of places residents can go to seek help.

Today we have launched a fresh round of our Community Investment Program that is open until 30 September 2020, so residents, sporting clubs and community groups have the month of September to apply. The applications that can be applied for are the Community Events fund which is up to \$1500, Impact Events for events of 2500 to 5000 participants for up to \$25,000, the Ignite Event up to \$10,000 and the Destination Event where groups can apply for up to \$50,000 for significant events. More information can be found on Council's website.

On the 22 August 2020, it was a good day for the residents of Captain Creek with the first community meeting for the Eurimbula Rural Fire Brigade. Queensland Fire Emergency Service and the community have worked together and re-established a brigade in the Captain Creek area, and officers have been appointed. This is great news for the upcoming fire season. Congratulations to the Captain Creek community moving forward with the new brigade.

Last Tuesday 25 August 2020, Kerry Blackman in partnership with Dr Lysbeth Ford launched a book titled Colonization Through Black Eyes and I was pleased to be there for the launch. It is a great read and I believe one of every federal member of parliament has a copy. The books will be in the Gladstone Regional Libraries, Art Gallery and to local schools as well. It certainly tells the other side of the story of what happened 250 years ago in our Gladstone region, and I commend the book to the Chamber.

Luminous, our Events team and Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre team have done a fantastic job and have taken out the Parks and Leisure Australia Queensland Major Event Award of the Year. It is great to see Luminous acknowledged for the fantastic event it was. We won't have Luminous this year as COVID-19 has put that back, but it will be bigger and better next year. It is great to see our team are beginning to be acknowledged for the hard work they put into that fantastic event. If you missed the event last year, make sure you don't miss it again next year.

The Drive-In Movies are coming up at the Kirkwood Shopping Centre on Friday 11 September to Sunday 13 September 2020 and they are going to be very popular. It is \$10 per car for the matinees and \$15 per car for the nightly movies, so you can take the whole family and it will be very COVID safe in your own vehicle. McDonalds is next door or you can make and bring along some snacks to enjoy during the movies.

Applications are open today for the 2021 Santos GLNG Mayors Charity Ball which will be held next year. If you are a local community group or local charity that is seeking funds, approximately \$100,000 is raised and is split between three or four local charities. If you would like to be involved, it has previously been given to Scouts, Roseberry, Zonta, so nominate to be one of the beneficiaries by jumping online to Council's website and apply. The committee will decide who the successful applications are and the Zonta Club of Gladstone will be included as they have been involved since day one, but the committee will be looking for another two groups to fund.

On Monday 24 August 2020, East Shores Stage 1B was officially opened. If you haven't been down to check it out, get down there as it is fantastic. It is a multimillion-dollar facility for our waterfront precinct here in Gladstone and I am very proud to see that project come to fruition.

I would like to mention names and I will start by acknowledging the Gladstone Ports Corporation leadership team. They have done a fantastic job and when you go right back to Reg Tanna and look at what they have done for our community; the Marina, Spinnaker Park and the East Shores Precinct is just fantastic. Since then we have also had Leo Zussino and his involvement in East Shores Stage 1A and 1B: sourcing that funding for our community as the Chairman and CEO of the Gladstone Ports Corporation.

Peter O'Sullivan and Peter Coronas, the current Chairman and Former Mayor and Craig Walker as the current acting CEO of Gladstone Ports Corporation. Hopefully before an election we can have an appointment to the CEO role at the Gladstone Ports Corporation for stability in our community.

Peter Coronas, Chairman of the Port now, but he was also the Mayor of Gladstone City Council at the time when Dave Burns, Kim Norton and myself voted in favour of the Port Access Road and that needs to be acknowledged, because there was a lot of opposition to the access road.

There was a vision at the time to build a waterfront precinct during 2000 to 2002 and East Shores Stage 1A and 1B is a result of that decision which was funded by the Roads of National Importance program as our port is a nationally recognised port. Taking our trucks off Flinders Parade and moving them to a designated Port Access Road, paved the way for the East Shores waterfront vision to happen.

We are now looking for funds for Stage 3, if they are listening in Canberra. We made the decision many years ago to take the trucks off that road and build a port road, now our community needs some funds to extend that road.

I also want to acknowledge the people who funded East Shores, WICET needs a shoutout, Wiggins Island Coal Export Terminal, for the significant funding they contributed. Many other Corporates contributed funding as well and some don't want to be mentioned. Lots of local industries put money into this project, but of course the Port put in significant funds along with the Queensland Government.

A shout out to the Queensland Government and to leadership at the Port for making it all happen. For those listening around Queensland, it is a fantastic project so come and visit the Gladstone Region and check out East Shores Stage 1A and 1B.

To all the dads and grandads in the Gladstone Region, Happy Father's Day for Sunday.

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

### **G/2.1. CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES FOR 18 AUGUST 2020**

**File Ref:** CM7.2

**Purpose:**

Confirmation of the minutes of the General Meeting held on 18 September 2020.

**Officer's Recommendation:**

That the minutes of the General Meeting of Council held on 18 August 2020 be confirmed.

**G/20/4309 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Churchill  
Seconded Cr Hansen

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

## **G/3. OFFICERS' REPORTS**

### **G/3.1. CAMPGROUND FEE WAIVER - ISLAND CAMPGROUNDS**

**File Ref:** PR9.1

**Purpose:**

For Council to consider the waiving of fees associated with campgrounds provided by Council on both Curtis and Facing Islands.

**Officer's Recommendation:**

That:

1. Council confirm and endorse the action of the Chief Executive Officer to reopen campgrounds from 28 August 2020 with the following amendments to fees and charges required to facilitate the reopening of Island Campgrounds:
  - a. Camping Fees – Island Grounds – Family (2 Adults and 2 Children under 17 years ) - \$ Nil;
  - b. Camping Fees – Island Grounds – Per Person - \$Nil;
  - c. School Groups – attending an approved school excursion - \$Nil.
  
2. Delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the negotiation of a booking management fee to be paid to Gladstone Area Promotion and Development Limited (GAPDL) for the 2020/2021 financial year, with this service to be incorporated into the agreed GAPDL work plan from 1 July 2021.

**G/20/4310 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr O'Grady  
Seconded Cr Branthwaite

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

## **G/3.2. REVISED RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY**

**File Ref: CM28.2**

**Councillor Trevor (declared Conflict of Interest)  
left the room during the consideration and voting of Item G/3.2.  
(refer G/0.3.1 Disclosure of Interest section of the minutes – page 3)**

### **Purpose:**

To allow Council to consider a revised policy on risk management.

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

That Council:

1. Repeal the existing Council Policy P2017-23 Risk Management Policy; and
2. Adopt the Risk Management Framework Policy (P2020-13) in Attachment 1 of the report.

### **G/20/4311 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Goodluck  
Seconded Cr Churchill

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

### **G/3.3. CENTRAL QUEENSLAND REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (CQROC) INCORPORATION**

**File Ref:** GR9.1

**Purpose:**

This report seeks to implement the actions required to incorporate the Central Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (CQROC) as a corporation limited by guarantee. This process also requires that nominations be confirmed for the appointment of directors and delegates to represent Council at general meetings of the corporation.

**Officer's Recommendation:**

That Council:

1. Resolves to conduct a beneficial enterprise by forming, with Banana Shire Council, Central Highlands Shire Council, Livingstone Shire Council, Rockhampton Regional Council and Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council ("Member Councils"), a company limited by guarantee that is not listed on a stock exchange.
2. Resolves to:
  - (a) approve the constitution for the company as tabled in Attachment 1;
  - (b) approve the name of the company, being Central Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils Limited; and
  - (c) authorise King and Company to lodge the application for registration as a corporation limited by guarantee under the *Corporations Act 2001*, subject to provision and completion of all relevant application details from all Member Councils.
3. Resolves to appoint:
  - (a) Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ as the Primary Director on behalf of Gladstone Regional Council;
  - (b) Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ as the Alternate Director on behalf of Gladstone Regional Council, to act in place of the Primary Director;
  - (c) Councillor \_\_\_\_\_, Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ and Leisa Anne Dowling, Chief Executive Officer, as Delegates of Gladstone Regional Council, to represent Gladstone Regional Council at general meetings (noting that only two delegates can represent Council at any one general meeting);  
  
of Central Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils Limited;

**G/20/4312 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Muszkat  
Seconded Cr Branthwaite

That Council:

1. Resolves to conduct a beneficial enterprise by forming, with Banana Shire Council, Central Highlands Shire Council, Livingstone Shire Council, Rockhampton Regional Council and

Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council (“Member Councils”), a company limited by guarantee that is not listed on a stock exchange.

2. Resolves to:

- (a) approve the constitution for the company as tabled in Attachment 1;
- (b) approve the name of the company, being Central Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils Limited; and
- (c) authorise King and Company to lodge the application for registration as a corporation limited by guarantee under the *Corporations Act 2001*, subject to provision and completion of all relevant application details from all Member Councils.

3. Resolves to appoint:

- (a) Mayor Matt Burnett as the Primary Director on behalf of Gladstone Regional Council;
- (b) Deputy Mayor Kahn Goodluck as the Alternate Director on behalf of Gladstone Regional Council, to act in place of the Primary Director;
- (c) Mayor Matt Burnett, Deputy Kahn Goodluck and Leisa Anne Dowling, Chief Executive Officer, as Delegates of Gladstone Regional Council, to represent Gladstone Regional Council at general meetings (noting that only two delegates can represent Council at any one general meeting);

of Central Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils Limited;

**CARRIED**

**G/4. DEPUTATIONS**

Nil.

**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 9:55AM.**

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby confirm that I have read the minutes and they are a true and correct  
record of the  
proceedings of the meeting.  
I certify that these 13 pages  
form the  
official copy of Gladstone Regional Council  
General Meeting Minutes of the 1 September 2020.

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Mayor Matt Burnett

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Date

**ATTACHMENTS**