



**GLADSTONE**  
REGIONAL COUNCIL

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CIVIC CENTRE  
101 GOONDOON STREET, GLADSTONE**

**On Tuesday 21 February 2023**

**Commencing at 9.00am**

**Leisa Dowling  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 21 FEBRUARY 2023

### **Elected Members**

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

### **Officers**

Mrs L Dowling (Chief Executive Officer)  
Mrs R Millett (Executive Secretary)  
Mrs T Whalley (Manager Governance and Risk)  
Mr M Holmes (General Manager Finance Governance and Risk)  
Ms C Quinn (General Manager Strategy and Transformation)  
Ms K Lee (General Manager Community Development and Events)  
Mr M Francis (General Manager Strategic Asset Performance)  
Mr R Huth (General Manager Customer Experience)  
Mr T Mienie (General Manager People Culture and Safety)  
Ms E Landman (Manager Revenue Services)  
Ms K Wockner (Manager Contracts and Procurement)

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

Nil

### **G/0.3.3. MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE**

Councillor Rick Hansen mentioned the passing of Gerry Costello who was a noted member of Tannum Sands Surf Life Saving Club. Cr Hansen noted that Gerry Costello was originally from Shellharbour in NSW and then from Bundaberg and married Barbara, who passed away a few years ago. Very noted for his involvement in, 17 years, as Queensland Championship March Past team for Tannum Sands Club and with the team all given life memberships of the club. Cr Hansen mentioned that Gerry Costello was a coach, committee member, manager and everything else associated with rugby league for QASC Red Devils team. Cr Hansen passed on sincere condolences to daughters, Julie and Sharon and son, Steve and their extended families. Vale Gerry Costello.

### **G/0.3.4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

#### **Cr Hansen**

Councillor Rick Hansen declared a prescribed conflict of interest in Item G/4.4. Sole Supplier Not For Profit House as his wife, Lyndal Hansen, is CEO of Not For Profit House and Item G/4.4 considers Council entering into a contract with Not For Profit House.

Cr Hansen left the room during consideration of Item G/4.4 Sole Supplier Not For Profit House.

**Cr Muszkat**

Councillor Natalia Muszkat advised that she has a declarable conflict of interest in relation to the contract between Council and Gladstone Area Promotion and Development Limited (GAPDL) as she is a director of Strong Communities Limited that has a funding agreement with GAPDL Communities for Children Program. Cr Muszkat mentioned that any decision regarding the funding of GAPDL could have a significant impact on Strong Communities Limited and will not participate in any decisions relating to the contract between Council and GAPDL and will leave the room.

**Cr Branthwaite**

Councillor Darryl Branthwaite advised that he has a declarable conflict of interest in relation to the contract between Council and Gladstone Area Promotion and Development Limited (GAPDL) as GAPDL provides booking services to his business. Cr Branthwaite mentioned that although he has a declarable conflict of interest he does not believe a reasonable person could have a perception of bias because the booking services provided by GAPDL to his business are insignificant and any decision will not have a significant impact on himself or his business.

Cr Branthwaite advised that he wished to remain in the room however would respect the decision of the meeting on whether he can remain and participate in the decision.

Moved Cr Goodluck  
Seconded Cr Churchill

That notwithstanding Cr Branthwaite's declarable conflict of interest, it is in the public interest for Cr Branthwaite to remain in the room and participate in the decision with the following restriction:  
unable to vote on the decision

LOST

**GM/23/4928 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Goodluck  
Seconded Cr Churchill

That Cr Branthwaite leave the room during the consideration of the contract between Council and Gladstone Area Promotion and Development Limited (GAPDL).

**CARRIED**

**Mayor Burnett**

Mayor Matthew Burnett advised that he has a declarable conflict of interest in item G/4.5 Tender RPQS 82-23 Hire (Wet & Dry) and Transportation of Plant, Equipment and Vehicles as a related party has an interest in REMBERG PTY. LTD trading as Avis Australia / Budget Rent a Car Australia, who is recommended to be included in the Register of Pre-Qualified Suppliers (RPQS) RPQS 81-23.

Mayor Burnett left the room when he became aware of the conflict and did not participate in the decision.

**Cr Hansen (prescribed conflict of interest)**  
**left the room for a discussion regarding Agenda Item G/4.4 and did not participate in the decision.**  
(refer G/0.3.1. Disclosure of Interest section of the minutes - page 4)

**GM/23/4929 Council Resolution**

Moved Cr Goodluck  
Seconded Cr O'Grady

That in accordance with a request from officers, Agenda Item G/4.4 Sole Supplier Not For Profit House be withdrawn.

**CARRIED**

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

I would like to give a shout out to the volunteers, and everyone involved in the Agnes Blues Roots and Rock Festival held on the weekend. It was a fantastic event. Three days of absolute awesome entertainment at Agnes Water 1770. Certainly, the right decision to have that event at that time of the year and gives the Agnes Water 1770 communities the boost that they need And after a bumper Christmas as well, it has been a very good time for local tourism. Thank you to Councillor Desley O'Grady for opening on the Friday night, unfortunately my flight was cancelled, and I wasn't able to make it back in time, but I was there Saturday. And of course, Busby Marou, the headline act, released a new song on the Friday as well ahead of their performance on Saturday, so well done to them. Lots of great bands including some locals. Well done to the volunteers and all the sponsors who make that event happen.

It would be remiss not to remind people that Easter in Gladstone is coming up, it's time to holiday at home and invite your family and friends. Tickets have gone on sale for some of our events in the Brisbane to Gladstone Village including the Sounds of the Village which is for under 18's (13 - 17-year-olds), which is on Good Friday, held after the Long Lunch. We have the opening festival on the Thursday, Seafood Festival on the Saturday and the Line Crossing Party on the Sunday. And back this year for the second time, the Harbour Cruise, welcoming the yachts as they cross the line, for the locals that want to get out on the harbour and see that. And, of course, the Gladstone Harbour Festival is kicking off again as well and they are already getting out there and getting organised for their massive event which happens at the Gladstone Marina. Easter in Gladstone is certainly going to be awesome.

One more thing to mention, McCosker Gladstone Speedway will have their first event on Saturday 15 April 2023 and tickets go on sale for that event in two days time. How cool is it going to be to have that speedway operating in our Motorsports Precinct, the best Motorsport Precinct in Queensland if not Australia, at Benaraby. It is the best place to have motorsport and well done to Bob McCosker, particularly, and all the volunteers and everyone involved in Gladstone Speedway for making that happen.

**G/2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**G/2.1. CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES FOR 7 FEBRUARY 2023**

**Responsible Officer:** Chief Executive Officer

**Council Meeting Date:** 21 February 2023

**File Ref:** CM7.2

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**Purpose:**

Confirmation of the minutes of the General Meeting held on 7 February 2023.

**Officer's Recommendation:**

That the minutes of the General Meeting of Council held on 7 February 2023 be confirmed.

**GM/23/4930 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Cameron  
Seconded Cr Hansen

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**G/3. DEPUTATIONS**

Nil

## **G/4. OFFICERS' REPORTS**

### **G/4.1. QUARTER TWO (OCTOBER-DECEMBER) 2022-23 OPERATIONAL PLAN REPORT**

**Responsible Officer:** General Manager Strategy and Transformation

**Council Meeting Date:** 21 February 2023

**File Ref:** CM14.2

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**Purpose:**

To present Council with the second quarterly performance report for the 2022-2023 Operational Plan.

**Officer's Recommendation:**

That Council endorse the 2022-2023 Operational Plan Quarter Two Progress Report.

**GM/23/4931 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Muszkat

Seconded Cr Goodluck

That Council endorse the 2022-2023 Operational Plan Quarter Two Progress Report with the following amendment:

- page 11 of the report - in relation to the H.O.P.E. Cafe, Gladstone Rotary Club to be corrected to Rotary Club of Gladstone Sunrise

**CARRIED**

**G/4.2. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 JANUARY 2023**

**Responsible Officer:** General Manager Finance Governance and Risk

**Council Meeting Date:** 21 February 2023

**File Ref:** FM15.1

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**Purpose:**

This report seeks Council adoption of the Monthly Financial Statements for the year 2022-23 to date, for the period ended 31 January 2023.

**Officer's Recommendation:**

That Council adopt the Monthly Financial Statements attached to the officer's report for the 2022-23 year to date, for the period ended 31 January 2023 as required under Section 204 Local Government Regulation 2012.

**GM/23/4932 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Churchill  
Seconded Cr Hansen

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

### **G/4.3. NEW COMMERCIAL WASTE FEE AND CHARGE**

**Responsible Officer:** General Manager Finance Governance and Risk

**Council Meeting Date:** 21 February 2023

**File Ref:** FM7.1

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**Purpose:**

The purpose of this report is to seek the Council's endorsement for the introduction of two (2) new commercial waste charges to the 2022/2023 Register of Fees and Charges.

**Officer's Recommendation:**

That the 2022/2023 Register of Fees and Charges be amended by adding the following new commercial fees, to apply for the remainder of the current financial year:

1. Recyclable Waste Co-Mingled (Subject to Approval) (Commercial) - Benaraby Landfill at \$380 per tonne, Including GST; and
2. Special Disposal Bulky Asbestos Material (Subject to Approval) (Commercial) at \$522 per m3, Including GST.

**GM/23/4933 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Hansen  
Seconded Cr Muszkat

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**G/4.4. SOLE SUPPLIER NOT-FOR-PROFIT HOUSE**

**Responsible Officer:** General Manager Finance Governance and Risk

**Council Meeting Date:** 21 February 2023

**File Ref:** PE1.1

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Agenda Item G/4.4 was withdrawn (refer page 5).

## **G/4.5. TENDER RPQS 81-23 HIRE (WET & DRY) AND TRANSPORTATION OF PLANT, EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES**

**Responsible Officer:** General Manager Finance Governance and Risk

**Council Meeting Date:** 21 February 2023

**File Ref:** PE1.1

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### **Mayor Burnett (declarable conflict of interest)**

**left the room during the discussion regarding Agenda Item G/4.5 and did not participate in the decision.**

(refer G/0.3.1. Disclosure of Interest section of the minutes - page 4)

**Deputy Mayor Kahn Goodluck chaired the meeting for Agenda Item G/4.5.**

### **Purpose:**

This report seeks resolution from Council to enter into a Register of Pre-Qualified Suppliers for the provision of Hire (Wet & Dry) and Transportation of Plant, Equipment and Vehicles.

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

That Council:

1. Endorse the Tender Evaluation Panel's recommendation and appoint the following (48) service providers on RPQS 81-23 Hire (Wet & Dry) and Transportation of Plant, Equipment and Vehicles:
  - AESTEC PTY LTD
  - AG Equip Pty Ltd
  - Avella Equipment
  - REMBERG PTY. LTD Avis Australia / Budget Rent a Car Australia
  - Berajondo Earthmoving and Haulage
  - Bitu-mill Pty Ltd
  - Black Wolf
  - Boyne Tannum Backhoe Hire
  - Childers Excavations
  - Coates Hire Operations Pty Limited
  - Conplant Pty Ltd
  - Ellis Stabilising Pty Ltd
  - Environmental Wastewater Catchment Services Pty. Ltd. ATF The E.W.C.S. Unit Trust trading as Enviro Sweep
  - FDH EQUIP PTY LTD
  - FlexiHire Pty Ltd
  - Georges Loader Hire Pty Ltd
  - Neverknow Holdings Pty Ltd as trustee for Neverknow Unit Trust trading as Earthworks Equipment Rental
  - Handy Hire Trading Pty Ltd
  - Hastings Deering (Australia) Limited
  - Australian Operation Training & Assessing Pty Ltd (John Jarvis)
  - JRT Civil Pty Ltd
  - KM & GJ Ahchay Dozer & Excavator Hire
  - K2 Plant Pty Ltd
  - Loftus Contracting

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- The Trustee for ND & EA Matherson Family Trust Trading as Matherson Crane Hire
- McCosker Contracting Pty Ltd
- Peck Constructions PTY LTD Trading as Miriam Vale Plant Hire
- Mt Larcom Water Truck Hire
- Onsite Rental Group Operations Pty Ltd
- Parker's Liquid Waste Pty Ltd
- Pipe Management Australia Pty Ltd
- Power Pumping Pty Ltd
- Premiar Services Pty Ltd
- Ramik Industries PTY LTD
- Reliable Hire Aust Pty Ltd
- RoadPak Industries Pty Ltd
- Rollers Queensland
- Shaw Bobcat Hire Pty Ltd
- SHERRIN RENTALS PTY LTD
- The trustee for JBM trust trading as S.S.G Construction and Fabrications
- THE STABILISING PTY LTD
- Tutt Bryant Hire Pty Ltd
- Vactec Waste Solutions
- VE Group AU Pty Ltd
- Veolia Environmental Services (Australia) Pty Ltd
- WGH Civil Pty Ltd
- WJM Excavations Pty Ltd
- Wynweld

and

2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to enter into contracts with the above service providers for an initial term of one (1) year, with the option to extend the term for (4) further periods of one (1) year each at the discretion of GRC for Tender 81-23 Hire (Wet & Dry) and Transportation of Plant, Equipment and Vehicles.

### **GM/23/4934 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Goodluck  
Seconded Cr Branthwaite

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

## **G/4.6. CONSIDERATION OF IMPROVEMENT TO MCDONALD STREET,UBOBO**

**Responsible Officer:** General Manager Strategic Asset Performance

**Council Meeting Date:** 21 February 2023

**File Ref:** CM 26.12

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**Purpose:**

To consider a request from Boyne Valley Community Discovery Centre Incorporated to upgrade and maintain McDonald Street, Ubobo.

**Officer's Recommendation:**

That in accordance with the Construction of Roads in Rural Areas Policy, Council resolves:

1. That the Boyne Valley Community Discovery Centre provides community benefit; and
2. A portion of McDonald Street, from the intersection of Hawke Street to 12 McDonald Street be sealed.

**GM/23/4935 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Churchill

Seconded Cr Goodluck

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**G/4.7. PROPOSAL TO REQUEST TO ADD INDUSTRIAL AVENUE, PRODUCTION STREET AND TRADE STREET APPROVED PLACE NAMES REGISTER**

**Responsible Officer:** General Manager Customer Experience

**Council Meeting Date:** 21 February 2023

**File Ref:** CM13.1

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**Purpose:**

The purpose of this report is to allow Council to consider a request to add Industrial Avenue, Production Street and Trade Street to the Approved Place Names Register and utilise for road naming within a new development.

**Officer's Recommendation:**

That Council:

Approves the application to include Industrial Avenue, Production Street and Trade Street to the Approved Place Names Register and utilise for road naming within a new development, DA/11/2018 and OPW/18/2022.

**GM/23/4936 Council Resolution:**

Moved Mayor Burnett  
Seconded Cr Churchill

That the application be refused and that the applicant is advised to utilise the names within Council's Approved Place Names Register.

**CARRIED**

**G/4.8. PROPOSAL TO RENAME THE PORT CURTIS FORESHORE TRAIL TO RICHARD JOHNSON FORESHORE TRAIL**

**Responsible Officer:** General Manager Customer Experience

**Council Meeting Date:** 21 February 2023

**File Ref:** CM13.1

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**Purpose:**

The purpose of this report is to allow Council to consider a request to rename the Port Curtis Foreshore Trail to Richard Johnson Foreshore Trail.

**Officer's Recommendation:**

That Council:

Approves the application to rename Port Curtis Foreshore Trail to Richard Johnson Foreshore Trail in memory of Richard Johnson.

**GM/23/4937 Council Resolution:**

Moved Mayor Burnett  
Seconded Cr Branthwaite

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## G/5. COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Glenn Churchill mentioned he had the pleasure of attending the recent 100th birthday celebration of our most recent centenarian, Mr Alf Hartridge. Cr Churchill noted that 100 years is a huge milestone and a great way to celebrate with the centenarians totem pole at Tondoon Botanic Gardens. Cr Churchill noted that Alf Hartridge's family expressed greatest appreciation to Council and the officers at the Tondoon Botanic Gardens who continually are proactive to ensure that those that reach the significant milestone are not forgotten. Cr Churchill provided a brief insight into Alf Hartridge and shared that he was born in London as the fourth and youngest child of the family, grew up through the depression years, survived the blitz in London, survived the war service in the Royal Artillery Field Airborne (6th Airborne Division) and flew gliders in the forward deployment, surviving not only that war but also in the Palestine wars and was involved with the Australian Defence Force. Cr Churchill noted that Alf Hartridge has received a letter from Mayor Matt Burnett, the Governor General, the Prime Minister, King Charles and Queen Consort. Cr Churchill thanked Terry Freyling, President of our National Seniors Australia Gladstone Branch for continuing to not only monitor and be actively involved in organising those that reach the significant milestone of 100 years and to celebrate that at the Tondoon Botanic Gardens. Cr Churchill noted that Alf Hartridge has lived an enjoyable life and continues to enjoy that life. Cr Churchill further noted that when Alf Hartridge turned 100 on 4 February 2023 it was wonderful for him to be surrounded by family and friends. Cr Churchill mentioned that while Alf's background shows as heroic and inspirational, Alf Hartridge now becomes number 33 on the totem pole which is wonderful that there is a legacy that can live for forever.

Cr Churchill mentioned additional centenarians coming up may see a need for the centenarian totem pole (which current capacity is 40) to be expanded to ensure all centenarians are continued to be recognised and celebrated. Cr Churchill mentioned that there is a community member who is approaching super-centenarian (110), Mrs McEachran and noted that there may be consideration needed for a totem pole for super-centenarians. Cr Churchill noted that a place on the centenarian totem pole is unable to be reserved until the milestone is achieved.

Mayor Burnett mentioned that the 34th name for the centenarian totem pole is Annie Mayo with Annie celebrating 100 on 30 January 2023 and the tree planting ceremony is on Wednesday 1 March 2023. Mayor Burnett noted that Annie Mayo was one of the few females in her time to attend high school, having worked and lived in harsh and remote locations throughout her life, she served as a Voluntary Aid Detachment in World War II and worked on school and church committees, as well as the Country Women's Association, and love politics and sports.

### **GM/23/4938 Procedural Motion:**

Moved Councillor Branthwaite

That the Gladstone Healthy Harbour Partnership 2022 Gladstone Harbour Report Card be tabled (refer addendum 1).

Councillor Darryl Branthwaite mentioned the Gladstone Healthy Harbour Partnership 2022 Gladstone Harbour Report card and noted that Gladstone Harbour Report follows on from the Stewardship report,. Cr Branthwaite further noted that the Gladstone Healthy Harbour Partnership is a partnership of 23 stakeholders who participate and contribute to the measurement and the independent review and monitoring of the health of the Gladstone Harbour and surrounding waterways. Cr Branthwaite mentioned that it is measured on social, cultural, economic and environmental results and is monitored by an independent science panel and covers a timeline from end of June 2021 to end of June 2022. Cr Branthwaite noted that while some results raise concern, overall the health of the harbour is incredible. Cr Branthwaite encouraged everyone to read the report which is available in hard copy or via the website.

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Councillor Desley O'Grady announced that the Rides for Lives Suicide Awareness Ride on Saturday 13 May 2023 registration opens today. Cr O'Grady noted that Rides for Lives is a local non-profit organisation established in 2017 to assist in creating awareness around suicide intervention, training and suicide awareness and bereavement support in our local community and the Central Queensland area. Cr O'Grady advised that for \$50 you will get a shirt, breakfast, lunch and dinner. Cr O'Grady noted that there is a road bike route and dirt bike route and that at the end of the ride at Ubobo Discovery Centre with 8 Ball Aitken will be performing with a local band. Cr O'Grady encouraged everyone to get the registrations early to avoid missing out.

Councillor Rick Hansen mentioned that he attended the Local Authority Waste Management Action Committee (LAWMAC) meeting held in Mackay last week with Council's Manager Waste Program Delivery. Cr Hansen advised that LAWMAC is a waste management group of members from the Local Government areas of Torres Shire in the north to Gladstone and Banana Shire Regions in the south and extending inland to Mount Isa, Burke and Cloncurry Shires. Cr Hansen noted that during the meeting, the group visited Mackay's magnificent recycling facility and waste management facilities and hoped that one day our region can have a similar facility. Cr Hansen noted that the main topic of the meeting was the Regional Waste Plan and will provide a formal report at the next General Meeting.

Cr Churchill mentioned the upcoming Dine Wine and Song evening on Saturday 25 March 2023 at the Calliope Community Centre. Cr Churchill noted that tickets cost \$30 which include a roast dinner with dessert and the beneficiaries are local not for profit organisations with information and tickets on Facebook.

### **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.

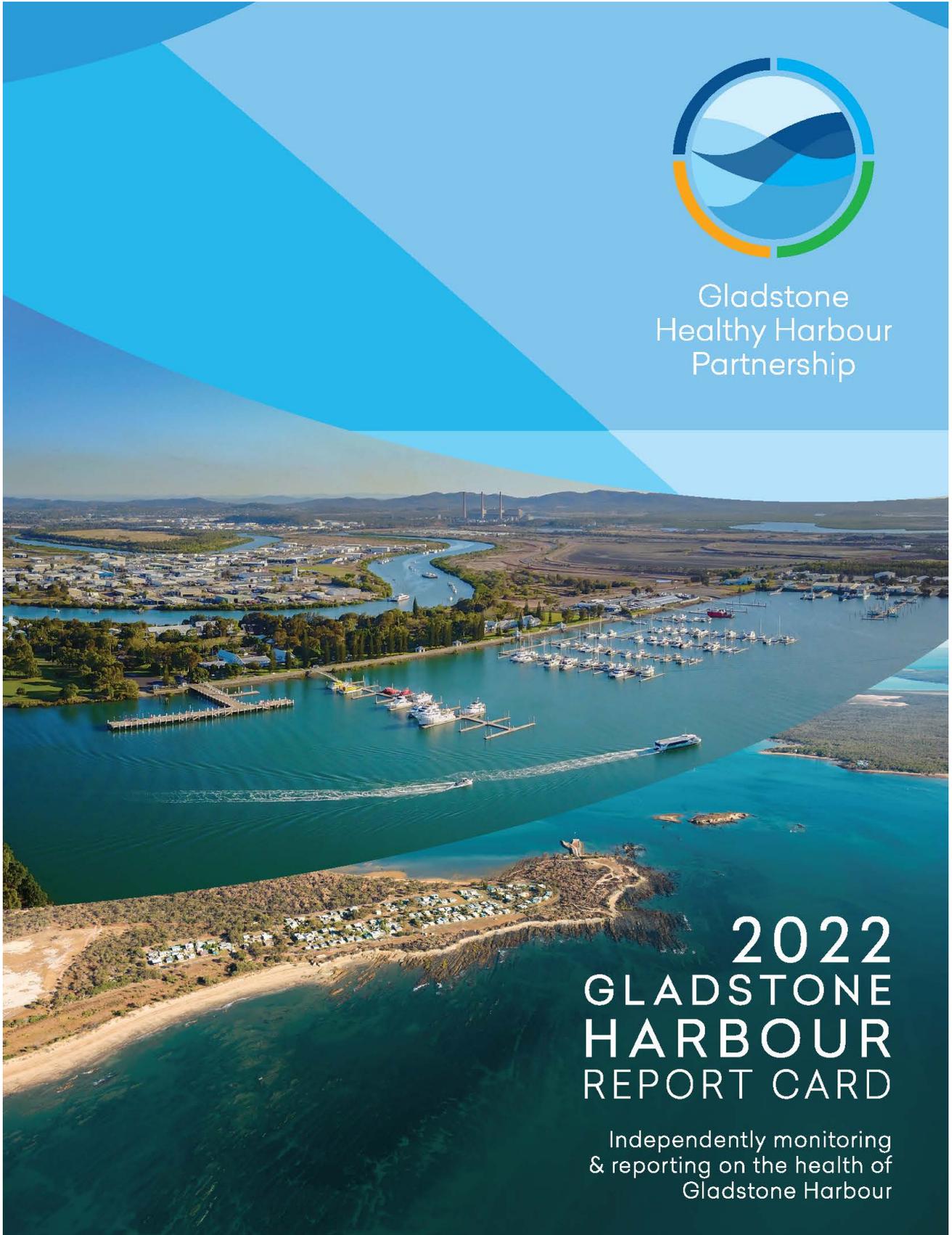
**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10:50am.**

ATTACHMENTS

Addendum 1



Gladstone  
Healthy Harbour  
Partnership



2022  
GLADSTONE  
HARBOUR  
REPORT CARD

Independently monitoring  
& reporting on the health of  
Gladstone Harbour

*Healthy Harbour, Healthy Future*

# REPORT CARD MONITORING EVOLUTION

Monitoring since 2014 has shown that some indicators are stable from year-to-year. Due to this stability, some indicators will only be assessed every third or fifth year. For this reason, Indigenous cultural heritage and mangroves were not assessed for the 2022 Report Card. For these indicators, the 2018 and 2019 results have been carried forward to the 2022 Report Card.

SOCIAL RESULTS

SOCIAL	SCORE	GRADE
<b>OVERALL SOCIAL</b>	0.68	B
<b>HARBOUR USABILITY</b>	0.62	C
• Satisfaction with harbour recreational activities	0.73	B
• Perceptions of air and water quality	0.59	C
• Perceptions of harbour safety for human use	0.55	C
<b>HARBOUR ACCESS</b>	0.68	B
• Satisfaction with access to the harbour	0.75	B
• Satisfaction with boat ramps and public spaces	0.67	B
• Perceptions of harbour health	0.63	C
• Perceptions of barriers to access	0.69	B
<b>LIVEABILITY AND WELLBEING</b>	0.71	B
• Liveability and wellbeing	0.71	B

The overall grade for the Social component has been good (B) since 2016, indicating that the Gladstone community continues to enjoy the harbour. The grades for all indicator groups—harbour usability (C), harbour access (B) and liveability and wellbeing (B) were consistent with previous years. The highest indicator scores were satisfaction with access to the harbour (0.75) and satisfaction with harbour recreational activities (0.73).

CULTURAL RESULTS

CULTURAL	SCORE	GRADE
<b>OVERALL CULTURAL</b>	0.61	C
<b>SENSE OF PLACE</b>	0.68	B
• Place attachment	0.61	C
• Continuity	0.65	B
• Pride in the region	0.76	B
• Wellbeing	0.62	C
• Appreciation of the harbour	0.84	B
• Values	0.68	B
<b>CULTURAL HERITAGE (2018 scores)</b>	0.54	C
• Physical condition	0.56	C
• Management strategies	0.52	C

There was no new assessment of Indigenous cultural heritage in 2022 so the results from 2018 have been repeated. Sense of place was assessed in 2022 and this new data has been used. The overall grade for the Cultural component was satisfactory (C), consistent with results from 2018 onwards. The score for appreciation of the harbour has been consistently good over a nine-year period, indicating the importance of the harbour to the people of Gladstone.

ECONOMIC RESULTS

ECONOMIC	SCORE	GRADE
<b>OVERALL ECONOMIC</b>	0.76	B
<b>ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE</b>	0.90	A
• Shipping activity	0.90	A
• Tourism	0.90	A
• Commercial fishing	0.41	D
<b>ECONOMIC STIMULUS</b>	0.64	C
• Employment	0.45	D
• Socio-economic status	0.74	B
<b>ECONOMIC VALUE (recreation)</b>	0.77	B
• Land-based recreation	0.79	B
• Recreational fishing	0.73	B
• Beach recreation	0.77	B
• Water-based recreation	0.77	B

The overall Economic grade has been good (B) since the pilot Report Card in 2014. Economic performance has received very good scores (A) since 2016 owing to the continuing strength of shipping activity (A) and tourism (A). However, commercial fishing received a poor score (D) for the seventh consecutive year. Economic stimulus was satisfactory (C) a grade that has not changed since 2018. The score for economic value (recreation) was good (B) and has been since the pilot Report Card.

For more detailed information see the 2022 Technical Report and Fact Sheets available at [www.ghhp.org.au](http://www.ghhp.org.au)

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ENVIRONMENTAL RESULTS

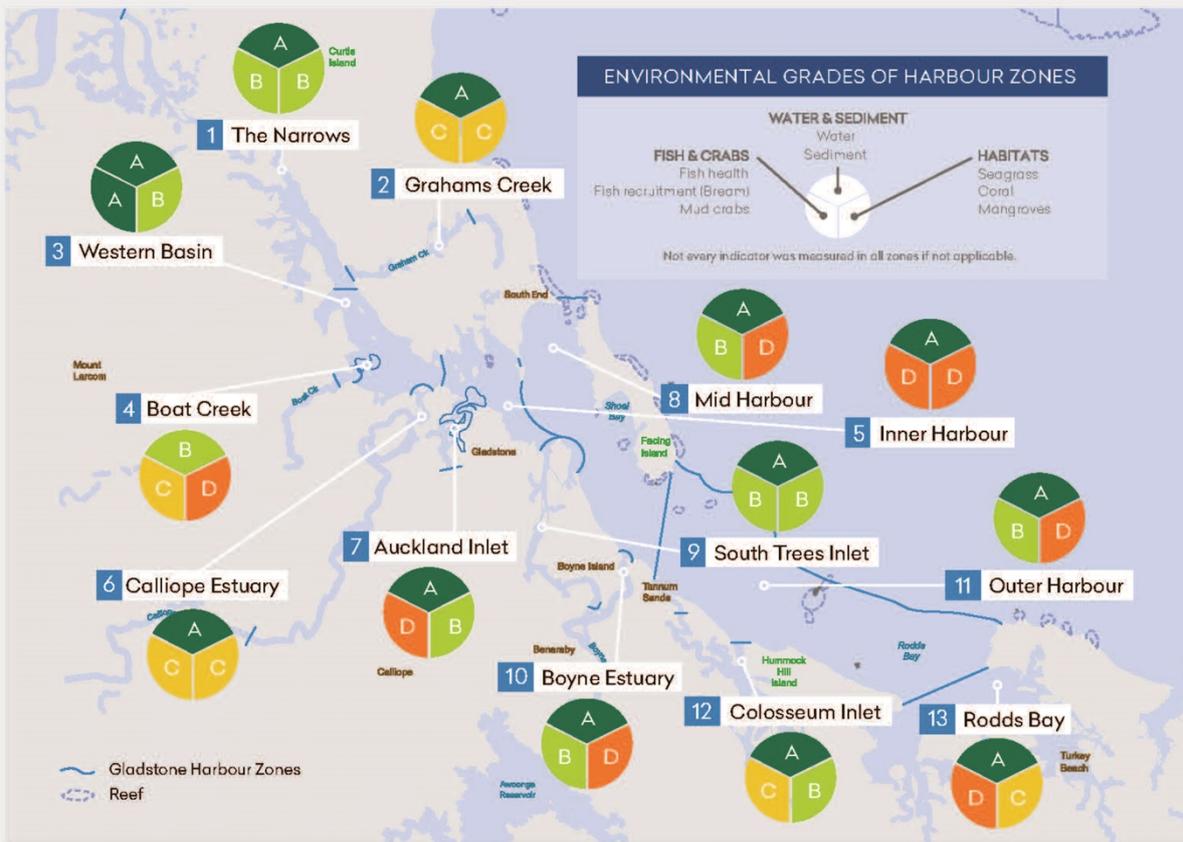


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ENVIRONMENTAL	SCORE	GRADE
<b>OVERALL ENVIRONMENTAL</b>	<b>0.64</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>WATER AND SEDIMENT QUALITY</b>	<b>0.89</b>	<b>A</b>
• Water quality	0.81	B
• Sediment quality	0.96	A
<b>HABITATS</b>	<b>0.48</b>	<b>D</b>
• Seagrass	0.70	B
• Coral	0.15	E
• Mangroves	0.57	C
<b>FISH AND CRABS</b>	<b>0.55</b>	<b>C</b>
• Fish health	0.80	B
• Fish recruitment (Bream)	0.57	C
• Mudcrabs	0.39	D

The overall Environmental grade was satisfactory (C) in 2022 after receiving a good grade (B) in 2021. Of the three indicator groups, water and sediment quality received the highest score of 0.89 (A). This score was a result of good water quality (0.81) and very good sediment quality (0.96) scores. The overall score for the habitat indicator group was 0.48 (D). The poor habitats score was due to a very poor score for corals (0.15). Seagrass received a good score (0.70), and mangroves received a satisfactory score (0.57) in 2019.

This is the third year in a row that seagrass has received a good score and the fifth consecutive year coral has received a very poor score. The overall score for the fish and crab indicator group was satisfactory (0.55). The fish health score was good (0.80), the fish recruitment score was satisfactory (0.57) and the score for mud crabs was poor (0.39).



GRADING, CONFIDENCE & TRENDS

Grades for this Report Card were calculated using 33 indicators derived from 107 different measures of the Environmental, Social, Economic and Cultural health of Gladstone Harbour. The components and indicator groups were graded A, B, C, D or E based on the scores and measures specific to each component.

Confidence levels for the component grades were measured on a three-point scale. Changes in grades for components from the 2021 Report Card are presented as improved, declined, unchanged or uses previous results.

- GRADING SYSTEM**
- A Very good (0.85-1.00)
  - B Good (0.65-0.84)
  - C Satisfactory (0.50-0.64)
  - D Poor (0.25-0.49)
  - E Very poor (0.00-0.24)

**CONFIDENCE**

low → high

- CHANGE (2021 - 2022)**
- improved
  - declined
  - unchanged
  - uses previous results

## REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

The 2022 Gladstone Harbour Report Card had several noteworthy highlights.



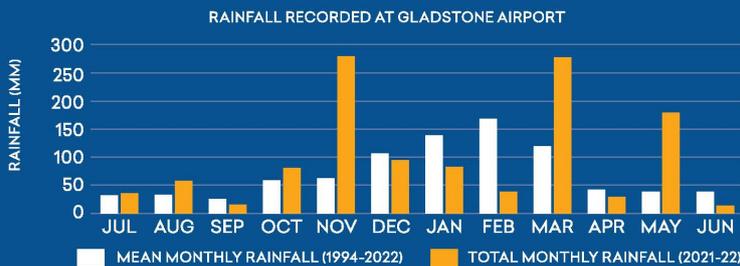
The overall grade for seagrass was good for the third consecutive year after five consecutive years of poor or satisfactory grades. Ten of the 14 monitored seagrass meadows showed an improved score—four of which showed a marked increase—when compared to the previous year, while health in four meadows declined.



Social, Cultural and Economic health were assessed for the first time since 2019. Results were consistent with the previous assessment with economics receiving a good grade owing to strong performances in the shipping and tourism sectors. In Cultural health, the sense of place indicator group also received a good grade with 'appreciation of the harbour' receiving a score of 0.84, the highest of the measured scores.

## GLADSTONE RAINFALL

Large rainfall events and extended dry seasons can impact the health of the harbour. In the 2021–22 reporting year, annual rainfall at Gladstone Airport was above the 28-year average for the first time in four years, with monthly rainfall in November, March and May being greater than twice the monthly average. The increase in rainfall may have contributed to the slightly lower scores for the water quality sub-indicators for turbidity and nutrients compared to the previous year.



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The Gladstone Healthy Harbour Partnership (consisting of the following partners) independently monitors and reports on the health of Gladstone Harbour, and in doing so provides this annual Report Card.



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