



GLADSTONE
REGIONAL COUNCIL

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

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

On Tuesday 18 July 2023

Commencing at 9.00am

**Leisa Dowling
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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Elected Members

Councillor - Mayor M J Burnett
Councillor G G Churchill (via teams)
Councillor K Goodluck (via teams)
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)
Ms V Hankinson (Manager Governance and Risk, Acting)
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 J Tumbers (General Manager Operations)
Mr M Francis (General Manager Strategic Asset Performance)
Ms A Moore (General Manager Customer Experience, Acting)
Ms B Janson (Manager Community Partnerships)
Ms D Clarke (Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer)

G/0.3.2. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

G/0.3.3. MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE

Councillor Kahn Goodluck delivered a message of condolence for Neville Maxwell Ricketts, affectionately known as Max. Cr Goodluck advised that Max passed away on 3 July 2023 with his farewell held last week. Max was a life member of the Boyne Island Tannum Sands (BITS) Bowls Club, the BITS RSL Club, the BITS Mens' Shed, the Indoor Bowls Club and received the 2007 Premiers Award for Seniors. Max is survived by two daughters and four sons, with 19 grandchildren and 26 great grandchildren. Cr Goodluck noted that he would often catch up with Max at ANZAC Day events at the RSL and Max always had an infectious, positive outlook on life and will be dearly missed. Cr Goodluck expressed condolences to Max's family and friends. 'Rest in peace, we will miss you dearly.'

G/0.3.4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Mayor Burnett

Mayor Matthew Burnett advised that he has a prescribed conflict of interest in Agenda Item G/4.2. EXPENDITURE APPROVAL - INSURANCE SERVICES as the report proposed to enter into a contract with Local Government Mutual Assets (LGM Assets). LGM Assets is a subsidiary of the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) of which Mayor Burnett is a close associate as a member of the Board and Policy Executive.

Mayor Burnett left the meeting for the consideration of Agenda Item G/4.2.

G/1. MAYORAL STATEMENT OF CURRENT ISSUES

I would like to start by acknowledging that we just celebrated NAIDOC week in the Gladstone Region and right around the country. Congratulations to the NAIDOC Committee for putting on some fantastic events across the NAIDOC week celebrations, including a celebration at the front of Council Chambers with a Flag Raising Ceremony, the Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct Expo and the art exhibition at the Gladstone Regional Art Gallery and Museum (GRAGM). Well done to the Committee and everything they organised for NAIDOC Week.

We also celebrated a 100th birthday for Mavis Penrose, unfortunately weather wasn't kind, so we had the celebration here at the Council Chambers. Happy 100th birthday to Mavis.

We welcomed 95 new Australian Citizens on Wednesday 5 July 2023 at our Citizenship Ceremony at the Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre (GECC). Welcome to all of our new Australians who have chosen to make the Gladstone Region their home.

Luminous - if you didn't go to Luminous, you missed out. I have heard nothing but great reports from Luminous, including some fantastic feedback we've received via email about our events team, headed up by Bridgette James, Events Specialist and all the volunteers that put in so much effort to make the three day event such a huge success. To the point where Councillors might need to consider making it a four day event next year with 30,000 people going through this year. Well done to Kylie Lee, General Manager Community Development and Events, who heads up the events team. A fantastic event with 30,000 people participating in the event over three days.

People may have noted that Exercise Talisman Sabre is getting underway in the Gladstone Region and right across Queensland. It is a biennial event and the largest bilateral training activity between the Australian Defence Force and the United States military. They expect approximately 30,000 participants in the event this year and officially taking place from Saturday 22 July 2023 to Friday 4 August 2023, but people would have noticed the increased military presence in the Gladstone Region at the moment. Thirteen nations are taking part directly in Talisman Sabre 23 and others are attending as observers. France, Indonesia, Fiji, Japan, the Republic of Korea, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Tonga, the United Kingdom, Canada and Germany will all attend as participants along with Australia.

Also coming up we have National Tree Day on Thursday 20 July 2023. We have the Mayors Youth Breakfast, with nominations closing on Sunday 23 July 2023. Nominate online, if you know a young person in the Gladstone Region that is doing something amazing, whether it's in sport, culture, volunteering or whether it is just being an all out good person, they should be nominated for the Mayors Youth Breakfast. Get in and do those nominations as soon as possible.

The Flourish Festival is this Saturday 22 July 2023 from 2:00pm until 8:00pm at the Gladstone Ports Corporation's Marina Parkland. It is a free multicultural event to celebrate culture and diversity, so make sure you get involved in that event on the weekend. I will certainly be attending.

Finally, I would like to mention our delegation with the Premier to Japan just recently. Day one we saw meetings with Sumitomo Corporation, ENEOS and Mitsubishi Gas Chemical who are all at different stages of projects within Gladstone. You would have seen, while we were there, and thank you to Deputy Mayor Kahn Goodluck for attending, Sumitomo Corporation and Rio Tinto made the final investment decision for their hydrogen electrolyser facility at the Rio Tinto Yarwun Alumina Refinery, which is fantastic. Supported of course, by Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA), which is a Federal Government Agency. Sumitomo Corporation, a new and exciting industry for Gladstone, working with Rio Tinto, an existing long term industry in Gladstone, partnering with the Federal Government to bring about real investment in our community which will potentially see Rio Tinto's investment in Gladstone continue on for decades to come.

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The following day we met with 180 Japanese businesses, I can tell you when the Premier introduced Gladstone, about 70% of the delegation looked over at us, and then I ran out of business cards. The interest in Gladstone, particularly in Japan, is phenomenal. They know Gladstone, they know us, our partnership with Japan has been going for 50 years through our Port and of course 25 years or more with our Sister City relationship. And as I've previously said, Japanese investors make decisions based on relationships. If they know they can trust you, and they know they can rely on you, they will invest here. They've invested in energy in Gladstone for over 50 years and they will continue to invest in Gladstone because of our relationships and partnerships and the trust and loyalty that we have with our partners in Japan.

On the third day we went to Osaka and met with the consortium members partnering with Stanwell Corporation in the CQH2 project, which is another hydrogen project planned for the Gladstone Region. This will be a huge investment in the Gladstone Region should it proceed, and I'm confident it will proceed. When you see partnerships like that with Stanwell Corporation which is a state owned organisation and Itawani and their consortium members it shows that Gladstone certainly is the place to invest.

I think the Rio Tinto, Sumitomo Corporation investment is just the very beginning of what is to come. Absolutely well worth going to the trade delegation and I've invited some of those members that I've met and we've received invitations already for people to come to Gladstone and talk to us about investments. An exciting time for the Gladstone Region and also for Central Queensland. A green hydrogen and renewable energy superpower is what the Gladstone Region will be.

G/2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

G/2.1. CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES FOR 4 JULY 2023

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Prepared By: Executive Secretary

Council Meeting Date: 18 July 2023

File Ref: CM7.2

Purpose:

Confirmation of the minutes of the General Meeting held on 4 July 2023.

Officer's Recommendation:

That the minutes of the General Meeting of Council held on 4 July 2023 be confirmed.

GM/23/5045 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Hansen
Seconded Cr Trevor

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/3. DEPUTATIONS

G/3.1. GLADSTONE REGION ENGAGING IN ACTION TOGETHER (GRT)

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Prepared By: Executive Secretary

Council Meeting Date: 18 July 2023

File Ref: CM7.6

Purpose:

For Gladstone Region engaging in action Together (GRT) to provide an update on the GRT initiative in the Gladstone Region.

Officer's Recommendation:

That the deputation from Gladstone Region engaging in action Together (GRT) be received.

GM/23/5046 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Hansen

Seconded Cr Branthwaite

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/4. OFFICERS' REPORTS

G/4.1. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30 JUNE 2023

Responsible Officer: General Manager Finance Governance and Risk

Prepared By: Management Accounting Specialist

Council Meeting Date: 18 July 2023

File Ref: FM15.1

Purpose:

This report seeks Council adoption of the Monthly Financial Statements for the year 2022-23 to date, for the period ended 30 June 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 30 June 2023 as required under Section 204 Local Government Regulation 2012.

GM/23/5047 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Cameron

Seconded Cr Trevor

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/4.2. EXPENDITURE APPROVAL - INSURANCE SERVICES

Responsible Officer: General Manager Finance Governance and Risk

Prepared By: Manager Contracts and Procurement

Council Meeting Date: 18 July 2023

File Ref: PE1.1

Mayor Burnett (prescribed Conflict of Interest) left the room for Agenda Item G/4.2. Expenditure Approval - Insurance Services and did not participate in the decision.
(refer G/0.0.3. Disclosure of Interest section of the minutes - page 3)

Deputy Mayor Kahn Goodluck chaired the meeting for Agenda Item G/4.2.

Purpose:

This report seeks resolution from Council, in accordance with Council's register of financial delegations, to approve expenditure for insurance services.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council approve the expenditure of \$845,882.91 ex GST for insurance services provided by Local Government Mutual Liability (LGM Liability).

GM/23/5048 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Churchill
Seconded Cr O'Grady

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/4.3. EXPENDITURE APPROVAL - PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR DISASTER RECOVERY WORKS

Responsible Officer: General Manager Finance Governance and Risk

Prepared By: Manager Contracts and Procurement

Council Meeting Date: 18 July 2023

File Ref: PE1.1

Purpose:

This report seeks resolution from Council, in accordance with Council's Register of Financial Delegations, to approve expenditure for project management services supporting the delivery and reporting phase of funded disaster recovery works.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council approve the expenditure of \$772,400 ex GST for project management services, provided by Orion Project Services, for the delivery and reporting phase of funded disaster recovery works.

GM/23/5049 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Hansen
Seconded Cr Branthwaite

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/4.4. COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCES 2022/23

Responsible Officer: General Manager Finance Governance and Risk

Prepared By: Executive Secretary

Council Meeting Date: 18 July 2023

File Ref: CM6.1

Purpose:

To allow Council to nominate Councillor attendance at two conferences being held outside of Queensland during 2023.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Nominate Cr _____ to attend the 2023 Parks and Leisure Australia National Conference; and
2. Nominate the Mayor, Cr _____ and Cr _____ to attend the 2023 National Local Roads, Transport and Infrastructure Congress.

GM/23/5050 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Trevor

Seconded Cr Cameron

That Council:

1. Nominate Cr O'Grady to attend the 2023 Parks and Leisure Australia National Conference; and
2. Nominate the Mayor, Cr Branthwaite and Cr Muszkat to attend the 2023 National Local Roads, Transport and Infrastructure Congress.

CARRIED

G/4.5. REQUEST FOR INCREASED DONATION TO PUBLIC HALLS IN BOYNE VALLEY

Responsible Officer: General Manager Strategic Asset Performance

Prepared By: General Manager Strategic Asset Performance

Council Meeting Date: 18 July 2023

File Ref: PR4.2

Purpose:

This report provides Councillors an opportunity to consider a request to increase the donation provided to Nagoorin Community Shed, Builyan and Many Peaks Community Development Association and Ubobo Progress Association.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council continue to support the Ubobo Progress Association Inc., Nagoorin Progress Association Inc., Builyan/ Many Peaks Community Development Committee and Lowmead Hall Committee for making their hall toilets available to the public, increasing the contribution in line with CPI, including a back payment of \$1,208.60 for cumulative inflation since 2015.

Proposed motion:

Moved Cr O'Grady
Seconded Cr Branthwaite

That Council increase the annual donation to Ubobo Progress Association Inc., Nagoorin Progress Association Inc., the Builyan / Many Peaks Community Development Committee to \$5,600 to recognise the cost of cleaning toilets available to the public.

Amendment to the proposed motion:

GM/23/5051 Procedural Motion:

Moved Mayor Burnett
Seconded Cr Goodluck

That Lowmead Hall Committee be included in the proposed motion.

CARRIED

GM/23/5052 Council Resolution:

Moved Mayor Burnett
Seconded Cr Trevor

That Council increase the annual donation to Ubobo Progress Association Inc., Nagoorin Progress Association Inc., the Builyan / Many Peaks Community Development Committee and Lowmead Hall Committee to \$5,600 to recognise the cost of cleaning toilets available to the public.

CARRIED

Councillor Muszkat and Councillor Hansen voted against the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12am for morning tea and reconvened at 11:35am.

G/4.6. STRUCTURE AMENDMENT

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Prepared By: Chief Executive Officer

Council Meeting Date: 18 July 2023

File Ref: HR15.2

Purpose:

This report seeks Council approval to amend the organisational structure.

Officer's Recommendation:

That, in accordance with section 196 (1) of the *Local Government Act*, Council adopts the proposed organisational structure presented in this report, to take effect from 22 July 2023.



GM/23/5053 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Churchill

Seconded Cr O'Grady

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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 11:40am.