



GLADSTONE
REGIONAL COUNCIL

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

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

On Tuesday 1 April 2025

Commencing at 9.00am

**Leisa Dowling
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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Elected Members

Councillor - Mayor M Burnett
Councillor G Churchill
Councillor K Davis
Councillor M Wagner
Councillor M Holzheimer
Councillor S McClintock
Councillor L Patrick
Councillor C Cameron

Officers

L Dowling (Chief Executive Officer)
R Millett (Executive Secretary)
T Whalley (Manager Governance and Risk)
K Lee (General Manager Community and Lifestyle)
M Francis (General Manager Assets and Environment)
C Irving (Strategic Program Lead - Waste)

G/0.3.2. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

GM/25/5416 Council Resolution:

Moved Mayor Burnett
Seconded Cr Patrick

That an apology for Councillor Natalia Muszkat be received.

CARRIED

G/0.3.3. MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE

Councillor Glenn Churchill provided the following message of condolence:

It is with deep sadness that I advise we have recently lost another one of our Region's dedicated community members, Edward 'Ed' Arthur Morris.

Known as Ed, he was a valuable volunteer, local businessman and community member who passed away recently, quite unexpectedly but peacefully. Ed's commitment to the local community extended beyond his own business - he was deeply passionate about Gladstone and surrounds, its growth and success. He was an active member of Gladstone Chamber of Commerce, held leadership roles in several key organisations, including serving as inaugural member of our Saiki Sister City International Program, fostering long time global relationships.

Ed was also the President of the Harbour City Traders and a Charter member of the Midday Rotary Club, where he formed lasting friendships well into retirement. His dedication was recognised with the prestigious Rotary's Paul Harris Fellow Aware, later elevated to Paul Harris Sapphire Fellow.

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Despite his various community roles, it was in business that Ed truly found his calling. In 1988, he and his loving wife, Marg, founded Gladstone Stationery and Office Equipment, pouring their hard work and dedication into both the business supporting the local community. Their efforts built a highly successful, award winning business, which they eventually sold in 2009 after 21 years in business.

Another of his passions was sport, in particular golf, practicing daily, playing weekends, and being an active member at our local Calliope Golf Club while enjoying golfing holidays with fellow couples. His cheerful nature and genuine interest in people then led him to spend seven years driving a local taxi, where some of us know he proudly enjoyed telling visitors about our Region and driving passengers to Auckland Hill, sharing his passion of the local area and its thriving industry.

Loved by all, our thoughts and deepest condolences are with his wife, Marg, and his family during this difficult time, and he will forever hold a special place in our hearts.

Councillor Karen Davis provided the following message of condolence:

I would like to pass on a message of condolence onto the family of Brian Stoneley. Brian sadly passed away recently on the 10 March 2025.

Brian was born in Gladstone in 1943, where he spent all of his 81 years. Growing up on Tank Street, right in front of Billy Goldings Sawmill, he attended Star of the Sea primary school and Gladstone State High School. He also played for the local Valley's football team and represented Gladstone in school rugby leave, he also went onto be on the Valley's Junior Rugby League committee, fundraising for them in Gladstone.

He was the first diesel fitter apprentice to complete his training at the Harbour Board, as it was known back then. Leaving school at 15, Brian also worked on the Calypso run to South End and Farmer Point, a name familiar to old Gladstone locals. As a young lad, he had a great love for fishing and crabbing, often camping on weekends at Curtis Island with his mates.

Brian married the love of his life, Anne, and they had three sons. Together, they bought a block of land for £650 and built their cherished family holiday home at South End over 40 years ago. They spent all their spare time there, and the locals affectionately knew Brian as the Pied Piper, often welcoming the New Year with his bagpipe music. Brian was a long-time member of the Gladstone Thistle Pipe Band and participated in many Easter Parades, Dawn Services and Anzac marches, playing his beloved bagpipes.

Always willing to help others, Brian volunteered at Blue Care in Gladstone after retiring, making lifelong friends who regularly met for morning teas on a monthly basis.

Brian will be deeply missed, he was a much-loved husband, father, local and a true friend to many. May he rest in peace.

Mayor Matt Burnett mentioned the passing of Tracey Bartlett. Mayor Burnett advised that the funeral for Tracey was being held today at 10am in Calliope. Tracey is the daughter of Lyn and Ray, wife to Rob, mother to Tamara, Jake, Caitlin and Ty and grandmother to many grandchildren. Tracey is most well known in the community for her amazing artwork and her very infectious smile and was a very popular local. May she rest in peace.

G/0.3.4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil

G/1. MAYORAL STATEMENT OF CURRENT ISSUES

I would like start by thanking Jeannine Butler for her 27 plus years volunteering at the Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre (GECC) and volunteering for the combined schools' musicals and community musicals. She has since directed or stage managed 21 community musicals. What an amazing effort. We had a special presentation for Jeannine at the end of the most recent community musical, Mamma Mia, where we presented some gifts to thank her very much for her efforts for our community and she will be very much missed. We also named the stage manager's desk in her honour.

We also had the Gladstone Engineering Alliance (GEA) Workforce for the Future Industry Breakfast which was held last Monday (24 March 2025). It was a huge attendance there.

The ground breaking ceremony for the Flinders Village Aged Care facility happened, which is fantastic news for our region, particularly around Tannum Sands. The facility includes 104 aged care homes and, when complete, 100 villas for retirement living. This facility was approved before COVID, but now the ground breaking ceremony has happened and the facility is being constructed as we speak.

The Central Queensland University Hydrogen Community Information Centre, Hydrogen Central, is now open. I was there for the official opening on Friday 28 March 2025. Thank you, Councillor Leanne Patrick, for speaking on the Saturday 29 March 2025 as well. Thank you, Councillor Simon McClintock for attending the Hydrogen Grand Prix. It has been a huge energy week and it hasn't ended there.

The Next Economy is hosting an energy transition update event on Thursday 3 April 2025 at the Central Queensland University at 5pm. It is a free event, but tickets do need to be booked online.

Our Community Forum in Agnes Water is on Saturday 12 April 2025 and I encourage the community to attend that. We have a Citizenship Ceremony this afternoon at the GECC. The Ubobo Music Campout on Tuesday 8 April 2025 until Sunday 13 April 2025 with more information on the event on the website and social media. And the Miriam Vale Rodeo is on Saturday 12 April 2025 with gates opening at 6am for the junior rodeo commencing at 8am and the open rodeo at 1pm. You've got rodeos, music camp outs and energy transition and a citizenship ceremony - it's all happening in the Gladstone Region.

G/2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

G/2.1. CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES FOR 18 MARCH 2025

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Prepared By: Executive Secretary

Council Meeting Date: 1 April 2025

File Ref: CM7.2

Purpose:

Confirmation of the minutes of the General Meeting held on 18 March 2025.

Officer's Recommendation:

That the minutes of the General Meeting of Council held on 18 March 2025 be confirmed.

GM/25/5417 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Davis

Seconded Cr Cameron

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/3. DEPUTATIONS

G/3.1. ELEMENTS GREEN

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Prepared By: Executive Secretary

Council Meeting Date: 1 April 2025

File Ref: CM7.6

Purpose:

For Elements Green to provide an update on the Elements Green projects.

Officer's Recommendation:

That the deputation from Elements Green be received.

GM/25/5418 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Churchill

Seconded Cr Holzheimer

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/4. OFFICERS' REPORTS

4.1. CENTRAL QUEENSLAND REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN - IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Responsible Officer: General Manager People and Strategy

Prepared By: Strategic Program Lead - Waste

Council Meeting Date: 1 April 2025

File Ref: CM9.2 / WM12.1 / GR9.1

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to provide Councillors with the Central Queensland Regional Waste and Resource Recovery Management Plan – Implementation Plan, and to seek endorsement of actions to be undertaken by Gladstone Regional Council in accordance with the Regional Governance Structure of the Central Queensland Region of Councils (CQROC).

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council endorse the actions to be undertaken by Gladstone Regional Council under the Central Queensland Regional Waste and Resource Recovery Management Plan – Implementation Plan.

GM/25/5419 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Holzheimer

Seconded Cr McClintock

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

4.2. COUNCILLOR APPOINTMENT - PHILIP STREET COMMUNITIES AND FAMILIES PRECINCT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Prepared By: Manager Governance and Risk, Acting

Council Meeting Date: 1 April 2025

File Ref: CM7.1

Purpose:

For Council to consider Councillor appointments to the Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct Advisory Group Committee.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council appoint Councillor _____ and Councillor _____ to the Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct Advisory Group Committee from 2 April 2025 to replace the existing councillor appointments.

GM/25/5420 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Churchill

Seconded Cr McClintock

That Council appoint Councillor Patrick and Councillor Cameron to the Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct Advisory Group Committee from 2 April 2025 to replace the existing councillor appointments.

CARRIED

G/4.3. COUNCILLOR APPOINTMENT - CAPRICORN PEST MANAGEMENT GROUP

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Prepared By: Manager Governance and Risk, Acting

Council Meeting Date: 1 April 2025

File Ref: CM7.1

Purpose:

For Council to consider Councillor appointments to the Capricorn Pest Management Group.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council appoint Cr _____ and Cr _____ to the Management Committee of the Capricorn Pest Management Group Inc from 2 April 2025 to replace the existing councillor appointments.

GM/25/5421 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Patrick
Seconded Cr Wagner

That Council appoint Cr Wagner and Cr Cameron to the Management Committee of the Capricorn Pest Management Group Inc from 2 April 2025 to replace the existing councillor appointments.

CARRIED

**G/4.4. COUNCILLOR APPOINTMENT - GLADSTONE REGIONAL COUNCIL STATE
EMERGENCY SERVICE (SES) MANAGEMENT GROUP**

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Prepared By: Manager Governance and Risk, Acting

Council Meeting Date: 1 April 2025

File Ref: CM7.1

Purpose:

For Council to consider a Councillor appointment to the Gladstone Regional Council State Emergency Service Management Group.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council appoint Cr _____ to the Gladstone Regional Council State Emergency Service Management Group from 2 April 2025 to replace the existing councillor appointment.

GM/25/5422 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Wagner

Seconded Cr Holzheimer

That Council appoint Cr Cameron to the Gladstone Regional Council State Emergency Service Management Group from 2 April 2025 to replace the existing councillor appointment.

CARRIED

G/4.5. COUNCILLOR APPOINTMENT - GLADSTONE REGIONAL ROADS AND TRANSPORT GROUP

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Prepared By: Manager Governance and Risk, Acting

Council Meeting Date: 1 April 2025

File Ref: CM7.1

Purpose:

For Council to consider and appoint Councillor representation to the Gladstone Regional Roads and Transport Group.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council

1. Appoint Cr _____ and Cr _____ to the Gladstone Regional Roads and Transport Group from 2 April 2025 to replace the existing councillor appointments; and
2. Appoint Cr _____ as an alternate delegate to the Gladstone Regional Roads and Transport Group from 2 April 2025 to replace the existing councillor appointment.

GM/25/5423 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Churchill

Seconded Cr Holzheimer

That Council

1. Appoint Mayor Burnett and Cr McClintock to the Gladstone Regional Roads and Transport Group from 2 April 2025 to replace the existing councillor appointments; and
2. Appoint Cr Cameron as an alternate delegate to the Gladstone Regional Roads and Transport Group from 2 April 2025 to replace the existing councillor appointment.

CARRIED

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 10.16am.