



GLADSTONE
REGIONAL COUNCIL

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

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

On Tuesday 3 June 2025

Commencing at 9.00am

**Leisa Dowling
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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Elected Members

Councillor N Muszkat (Chairperson)
Councillor G Churchill (via teams)
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)
M Holmes (General Manager Finance Governance and Risk)
A Moore (General Manager People and Strategy, Acting)
C Quinn (General Manager Operations)
M Francis (General Manager Assets and Environment)
K Wilson (General Manager Customer Experience)
C Irving (Strategic Program Lead - Waste)
L Steel (Forecasting Analyst)
K Marks (Manager Economic Development)
T McDonald (Principal Planning Lead)
C Henderson (Manager Contracts and Procurement)
K Ware (ICT Specialist (Service Management))
B Janson (Manager Community Partnership)
L Cattermole (Community Leasing Officer)

G/0.3.2. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Mayor Burnett was an apology with a previously resolved leave of absence (*GM/25/5432*)

GM/25/5449 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Wagner
Seconded Cr Patrick

That an apology for Cr Davis be received.

CARRIED

G/0.3.3. MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE

Nil

G/0.3.4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil

G/1. MAYORAL STATEMENT OF CURRENT ISSUES

Thank you to everyone that attended the National Volunteers Week events. Council hosted some events and there were also a number of other community organisations that had events around the region.

It's a wonderful week (National Volunteers Week). On Monday 19 May 2025 we had a breakfast at the Gladstone Bowls Club which myself and several other Councillors attended. Councillor Mellissa Holzheimer spoke at the event. On Wednesday 21 May 2025, we had another breakfast at the Tannum Sands Hotel and on Friday 23 May 2025 we went to Agnes Water at Drift & Wood at the Sandcastles Resort. Thank you very much to everyone who attended and thank you very much to all those volunteers that donate their time and passion to all the activities around our region.

We also hosted the Pest Animal and Weeds Symposium at the Gladstone Entertainment and Convention Centre (GECC). I hear that it was very interesting, with Councillor Chris Cameron attending and opening the event. Thank you very much for attending on our behalf Cr Cameron. I understand that the town was booked out as a result of this and other events in the region.

We have continued to host our community forums with the last two weeks seeing us in Benaraby. Thank you to the Councillors and Officers who attended. Then on that weekend, Friday 23 May to Sunday 25 May 2025, the region was being entertained by wonderful events. One of those was the 1770 Festival and another, the Old Station Air Show, which were also attended by a number of Councillors. Again, congratulations to all the volunteers and event organisers. It was a wonderful weekend with something for everyone in the Gladstone Region. For all those that think that there is nothing to do in the region, I hope you will visit our events page and have a look at the list of events that we hold in the Gladstone Region. Not just Council events but all the other organisations that dedicate their time to make our place a wonderful and livable region.

On the 25 May we had the SES Awards Ceremony. Cr Cameron attended and again, thank you very much for that. National Reconciliation Week finished yesterday (Monday 2 June 2025), so we had a number of events around the region. I would like to acknowledge our traditional owners of the land on which we meet today. I hope you had a very insightful reconciliation week and similarly, for all those that are not from an indigenous background, it was an opportunity to reflect and learn about our history.

From Tuesday 27 May 2025 to Thursday 29 May 2025, I, along with some of our Officers, attended the Local Government Association Disaster Management Conference in Brisbane which was well attended. There were a lot of connections and learnings had. Thank you to Emma (Disaster Response Specialist), who provided a presentation on the work that she has been doing with our Team on Tsunami preparedness. It was one of the best presentations at the conference. It was one of the first presentations of this type on this side of the country and was taken from learnings from Western Australia. Congratulations to Emma and the Team.

On the 30 May 2025, we also had the Queensland Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea with Cr Cameron again attending. Councillors have been attending lots of different events. I mentioned the 1770 Festival, Councillor Leanne Patrick attended the opening of an Arts Show and Councillor Simon McClintock spoke at the Old Station Air Show with lots of other things happening around the region.

EcoFest was held on the Sunday 1 June 2025 and I attended for half of the morning. Cr Cameron helped with MCing. It was amazing and one of my favourite events. Congratulations to our Team and everyone who attended and was part of it. It felt like a wonderful community event. There was something for everyone from little kids to our elderly population. We had lots of contributions from all our teams at Council. Everyone was so happy and it was not necessarily a place that you go to spend money consuming, it was about experiencing nature and learning about our environment. Thank you to all the sponsors and everyone that had a stall there and the food vendors.

Upcoming events in the next two weeks, I won't mention all of them, but I would like to highlight some. On the Saturday 7 June 2025, we have the Rainbow on the Reef Pride Festival and all those events that go with it. Please make sure you go and have some fun. There are a few fringe events around the Festival and make sure you engage with our queer community, which is proud, alive and well in our region. On the following day on Sunday 8 June 2025, we have the 'Picnic in the Precinct', at the Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct. Please make sure you take a look at the activities and attend if you are available. It is really great weather to attend some of these events. On Saturday 14 June we have the Agnes Water First Five Forever Fun Day and Welcome to the Region Morning Tea. First Five Forever is a State Government Program that has been run by our libraries for many years which I believe is focused on literacy in the first five years of our children's lives. Please consider attending some of these events and the many others that happen around the region.

G/2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

G/2.1. CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES FOR 20 MAY 2025

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Prepared By: Executive Secretary

Council Meeting Date: 3 June 2025

File Ref: CM7.2

Purpose:

Confirmation of the minutes of the General Meeting held on 20 May 2025.

Officer's Recommendation:

That the minutes of the General Meeting of Council held on 20 May 2025 be confirmed.

GM/25/5450 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Cameron

Seconded Cr Holzheimer

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/3. DEPUTATIONS

Nil

G/4. OFFICERS' REPORTS

G/4.1. DEFINED CLEANSING SERVICE AREA

Responsible Officer: General Manager Assets and Environment

Prepared By: Asset Planning Forecast Analyst, Strategic Program Lead - Waste

Council Meeting Date: 3 June 2025

File Ref: WM12.2

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to update the designated area within the Gladstone Regional Council local government area, known as the Defined Cleansing Service Area, where Council may conduct a general waste or green waste collection service in accordance with *Local Law No. 8 (Waste Management) 2018*.

Officer's Recommendation:

That in accordance with section 5 of *Local Law No. 8 (Waste Management) 2018*, Council:

1. Designate the area provided as Attachment 1 to the Officer's Report as the area (Defined Cleansing Service Area) in which Council may conduct general waste or green waste collection effective 1 July 2025; and
2. Adopt the frequency for domestic general waste collection to be undertaken on a weekly basis and for domestic recycling general waste to be undertaken on a fortnightly basis.

GM/25/5451 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Churchill

Seconded Cr Cameron

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

A division was called:

For the Motion: Cr McClintock, Cr Holzheimer, Cr Cameron, Cr Churchill, Cr Muszkat

Against the Motion: Cr Wagner, Cr Patrick

Absent: Mayor Burnett, Cr Davis

G/4.2. SMALL BUSINESS FRIENDLY (SBF) PROGRAM – PROGRAM ENHANCEMENTS AND RECONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL COMMITMENT

Responsible Officer: General Manager People and Strategy

Prepared By: Manager Economic Development

Council Meeting Date: 3 June 2025

File Ref: ED2.1

Purpose:

To inform Councillors of Council's work and progress of the Small Business Friendly (SBF) Program.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council receive the update showcasing progress of Council's Small Business Friendly Program.

GM/25/5452 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Patrick

Seconded Cr Holzheimer

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

G/4.3. ADOPTED INFRASTRUCTURE CHARGE RESOLUTION (NO.1) 2015 - PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 3

Responsible Officer: General Manager Customer Experience

Prepared By: Strategic Planning Officer

Council Meeting Date: 3 June 2025

File Ref: FM7.2

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider amendments to the Adopted Infrastructure Charge Resolution (No.1) 2015.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Repeal the Adopted Infrastructure Charge Resolution (No. 1) – 2015 – Amendment No. 2 effective 4 June 2025; and
2. Adopt the Adopted Infrastructure Charge Resolution (No. 1) – 2015 – Amendment No. 3 provided as Attachment 1 to the Officer's Report, effective 4 June 2025.

GM/25/5453 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Cameron

Seconded Cr Holzheimer

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/4.4. 2025-26 GENERAL SOLE SUPPLIERS

Responsible Officer: General Manager Finance Governance and Risk

Prepared By: Manager Contracts and Procurement

Council Meeting Date: 3 June 2025

File Ref: FM21.1

Purpose:

This report seeks resolution from Council to make use of the provisions in section 235 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, that allows for exceptions to the requirement for written quotes or tenders.

Officer's Recommendation:

That in accordance with Section 235(a) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council is satisfied that the below suppliers are the only suppliers reasonably available to deliver the relevant product/service for the 2025/26 financial year:

- (a) Australian Laboratory Services Pty Ltd (formerly ALS Limited); and
- (b) Ecoscope Environmental Pty Ltd.

GM/25/5454 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Patrick

Seconded Cr McClintock

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/4.5. 2025-26 GENERAL SPECIALISED SUPPLIERS

Responsible Officer: General Manager Finance Governance and Risk

Prepared By: Manager Contracts & Procurement

Council Meeting Date: 3 June 2025

File Ref: FM21.1

Purpose:

This report seeks resolution from Council to make use of the provisions in section 235 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, that allows for exceptions to the requirement for written quotes or tenders.

Officer's Recommendation:

That in accordance with section 235(b) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council is satisfied that because of the specialised or confidential nature of the services that are sought, it would be impractical or disadvantageous for the local government to invite quotes or tenders from the below suppliers for the relevant services for the 2025/26 financial year:

- Gladstone Engineering Alliance (GEA) - Specialised body established to strengthen business and industry relationships within the Gladstone Region
- Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia (IPWEA) - Specialised peak association for professionals who deliver public works and engineering services
- Technology One Pty Ltd - Proprietor of Technology One software. Enterprise resource planning (ERP) software for Council that drives accounting systems, supply chain & asset management
- ESRI Australia Pty Ltd - Proprietor of ArcGIS software, Council's online mapping system including technical support services.
- Central Queensland Media Pty Ltd t/a CQ Today and Gladstone Today - Publisher of CQ Today and Gladstone Today and provider of advertisement services
- Australian Radio Network - Provider of advertising services for 4CC and Kix Country radio (examples include monthly package, Australia Day Award Nominations, Mayor's Christmas Carols, Disaster recovery)
- Social Pinpoint - Proprietor of the Social Pinpoint Conversations Platform used for community engagement
- Southern Cross Austereo - Provider of advertising services for Hit FM 93.5 and Triple M Radio (examples include 30 second radio ads, region watch ads, ready set survive etc)
- Gladstone Animal Rescue Group (GARG) - Animal rehoming services
- Interventions Plus - Facilitator of training for Intervention Plus courses, dedicated to breaking anger, violence, and anti-social behaviour in youth and offering these courses to Youth Workers
- Jardine Lloyd Thompson Pty Ltd - Specialists in providing insurance products and services to local government e.g. Directors and Officers Liability and Environment Impairment Liability.
- Acquire Technology Solutions Pty Ltd - Proprietor of Envirosys, a specialised data management system that stores environmental and drinking water quality and wastewater data.
- Aurion Corporation Pty Ltd - Proprietor of Aurion software used for payroll management including professional services for any relevant upgrades or training.
- Civica Pty Ltd - Proprietor of Reflect and Recover software used by Roads Program Delivery for asset management and RMPC contract coordination.
- F3EE Pty Ltd - Australian-based Channel Partner of Bentley Systems for Open Flow (WaterGEMS and SewerGEMS) software. An advanced engineering software used to analyse, design, and optimise water and sewer distribution systems.

- Harbour Software - Proprietor of Doc Assembler and Docs on Tap software provider
- IDEXX Laboratories Pty Ltd - OEM for IDEXX Colilert System used to detect and quantify coliforms and Escherichia coli in water and wastewater.
- Infor Global Solutions (ANZ) Pty Ltd - Proprietor of Pathway software, an end-to-end cloud solution designed to enable Local Governments to manage regulatory services, people, land and property revenue services.
- L G Solutions - Proprietor of LG Solution software used for fees and charges
- QIT Plus Pty Ltd - Proprietor of Guardian software used for disaster management
- Schneider Electric (Australia) - Proprietor of Schneider Electric GeoSCADA Software. An interface with a database that displays information collected from our sewerage and water assets, monitoring sites and sending alarms via the system. Data is also used to investigate and monitor the conditions and performance of various assets
- Redeye Apps Pty Ltd - Provider of the Redeye Drawing Management System which is a cloud-based engineering drawing management system.
- Ruswin Locksmiths and Security (Authorised dealer and billing agent for Davcor Group Pty Ltd t/a Electronic Keying Australia) - OEM for electronic keys and vaults used to access Council buildings (including replacements and upgrades) and providing the hosting, maintenance, and support of the associated Cyberlock software and database.
- Andersons Auto City - Local OEM dealership for the purchase of new vehicles, parts and servicing for vehicles
- Bill Robertson Toyota - Local OEM dealership for the purchase of new vehicles, parts and servicing for vehicles
- Curtis Coast Automotive - Local OEM dealership for the purchase of new vehicles, parts and servicing for vehicles
- Reef City Motors - Local OEM dealership for the purchase of new vehicles, parts and servicing for vehicles
- Farm and Garden Products Pty Ltd - Closest (Rockhampton) authorised agent for parts and servicing of Kioti Tractors, Bobcat Excavators, Twose Remote Track Mower, Kanga Mini Loader and Polaris Ranger UTVs
- GCM Enviro Pty Ltd - OEM of landfill compactor parts and servicing
- Hastings Deering (Australia) Pty Ltd - OEM parts and servicing for Caterpillar machinery
- Milne Bros - OEM parts and service for Hino Trucks
- Terrequip Pty Ltd - OEM for JCB Equipment parts and servicing
- Western Truck Group Pty Ltd - OEM parts for Volvo machinery and servicing
- Wideland Group - OEM parts for Iveco and Isuzu Trucks and servicing
- Superior Pak Pty Ltd - OEM parts and labour for sweeper unit
- Austeng Crematoria and Cemetery - OEM for Crematorium parts and service at Boyne Island Memorial Parklands
- J.H. Wagner & Sons - OEM for marker stones used at the Boyne Tannum Memorial Gardens
- SEEK Limited - Provider of online recruitment advertising linked to Aurion software system used for recruitment
- Nextra Valley News - Magazine and newspaper delivery and supply for Council libraries
- Mettler Toledo-Limited - OEM of weighbridge service and parts for Gladstone Transfer Station and Benaraby Landfill
- ABB Australia Pty Limited - Original Equipment Manufacturer ('OEM') of ABB water flow meters
- Sewer Equipment Company (Aust) - OEM for camera equipment used in the CCTV van
- Taggle - OEM for Taggle Smart Water Metering Solution
- Cat & Back - Provider of Central Queensland freight services
- Gladrock Transport - Provider of Central Queensland freight services
- Origin Energy - Supplier of gas and gas infrastructure at GECC
- Team Global Express Pty Ltd (includes NQX, IPEC and TOLL IPEC) - Australia wide freight services

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- Telstra - Telecommunications Infrastructure and telecommunications provider in Central Queensland

GM/25/5455 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Holzheimer

Seconded Cr Cameron

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned for morning tea at 10.32am and reconvened at 11.00am.

G/4.6. SPECIALISED SUPPLIER - THE INSTITUTE OF INTERNAL AUDITORS AUSTRALIA (IAA)

Responsible Officer: General Manager Finance Governance and Risk

Prepared By: Manager Contracts and Procurement

Council Meeting Date: 3 June 2025

File Ref: FM21.1

Purpose:

This report is for Council to consider approving The Institute of Internal Auditors Australia (IIA) as a specialised supplier to conduct an External Quality Assessment of Ethics Integrity and Audit.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council resolve that the Institute of Internal Auditors Australia (IIA) is a specialised Supplier for the purchase of services to conduct an External Quality Assessment of Ethics Integrity and Audit, in accordance with Section 235 (b) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (LGR) because of the specialist nature of the services sought it would be impractical to invite quotes.

GM/25/5456 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Wagner

Seconded Cr Cameron

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/4.7. EXPENDITURE AND CONTRACT APPROVAL - BANKING SERVICES (STATE PANEL CONTRACT)

Responsible Officer: General Manager Finance Governance and Risk

Prepared By: Manager Contracts and Procurement

Council Meeting Date: 3 June 2025

File Ref: FM21.1

Purpose:

This report seeks resolution from Council to engage Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA) for Banking Services under the Queensland (QLD) Government Banking Services contract for a 10-year contract period commencing 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2034.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Endorse and resolve the engagement approach of Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA) for Banking Services as recommendation, under the Queensland (QLD) Government Banking Services contract for a 10-year period commencing 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2034; and
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a letter of contract under the QLD Government Banking Services contract and associated variations with Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA) for Banking Services.

GM/25/5457 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Cameron

Seconded Cr Churchill

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/4.8. EXPENDITURE APPROVAL - MICROSOFT LICENSING

Responsible Officer: General Manager Finance Governance and Risk

Prepared By: Manager Contracts and Procurement

Council Meeting Date: 3 June 2025

File Ref: FM21.1

Purpose:

This report seeks resolution from Council, in accordance with Council's Register of Financial Delegations, to approve expenditure in relation to Microsoft Licensing Subscription renewal with Data #3 (Data3) for 3 years, commencing 1 October 2025 to 30 September 2028.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Authorise the estimated expenditure of \$1,731,929 exc GST for the 3-year Microsoft licensing agreement with Data3, dated 1 October 2025 to 30 September 2028; and
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign the contract renewal and approve associated purchase orders for the Microsoft licensing agreement renewal with Data3 and associated variations necessary for provision of licensing during the term of this agreement.

GM/25/5458 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Wagner

Seconded Cr Patrick

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/4.9. EXPENDITURE APPROVAL - INFOR PATHWAY CONTRACT RENEWAL (SAAS)

Responsible Officer: General Manager Finance Governance and Risk

Prepared By: Manager Contracts and Procurement

Council Meeting Date: 3 June 2025

File Ref: FM21.1

Purpose:

This report seeks resolution from Council, in accordance with Council's Register of Financial Delegations, to approve expenditure in relation to Infor Pathway Licensing renewal with Infor Global Solutions ANZ Pty Limited (Infor) commencing 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2030.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Authorise the estimated expenditure of \$1,150,450 ex GST for the 5-year pathway licensing renewal agreement with Infor, dated 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2030; and
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to execute the contract renewal and approve associated purchase orders (PO's) for the Infor Pathway licensing agreement renewal with Infor and associated variations for provision of licensing during the term of this agreement.

GM/25/5459 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr McClintock

Seconded Cr Churchill

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/4.10. REVIEW OF INTERSECTION SIGHT DISTANCE POLICY

Responsible Officer: General Manager Finance Governance and Risk

Prepared By: Governance Business Partner

Council Meeting Date: 3 June 2025

File Ref: CM28.2

Purpose:

To propose the repeal of the Intersection Sight Distance Policy.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council repeal P-2015/37 Intersection Sight Distance Policy.

GM/25/5460 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Patrick

Seconded Cr Cameron

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/4.11. INTERIM AUDIT REPORT - 30 JUNE 2025

Responsible Officer: General Manager Finance Governance and Risk

Prepared By: Financial Controller

Council Meeting Date: 3 June 2025

File Ref: FM4.4

Purpose:

To present a copy of the Interim Management Letter and Report to ensure transparency and accountability of Council regarding audit findings.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council note the Interim Management Letter and Report in accordance with Section 213 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

GM/25/5461 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr McClintock

Seconded Cr Wagner

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/4.12. LEASE RENEWAL - GLADSTONE DOG OBEDIENCE GROUP

Responsible Officer: General Manager Community and Lifestyle

Prepared By: Community Leasing Officer

Council Meeting Date: 3 June 2025

File Ref: CP8.2

Purpose:

To allow Council to consider the renewal of the lease to Gladstone Dog Obedience Group over Lease A on Lot 225 CTN 1210, situated at William Miskin Park, 11 Morgan Street, with Council as Trustee of the reserve land.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Resolve that 236(1)(b)(ii) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* applies to the proposed lease of 11 Morgan Street, Gladstone (Lease A on Lot 225 CTN 1210) to Gladstone Dog Obedience Group; and
2. Enter into a Lease with the Gladstone Dog Obedience Group for a period of 10 years at a rental of \$1.00 per annum payable on demand.

GM/25/5462 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Holzheimer

Seconded Cr Wagner

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

G/4.13. LEASE RENEWAL - STATE OF QUEENSLAND (REPRESENTED BY PUBLIC SAFETY BUSINESS AGENCY) TANNUM SANDS AND MOUNT LARCOM

Responsible Officer: General Manager Community and Lifestyle

Prepared By: Community Leasing Officer

Council Meeting Date: 3 June 2025

File Ref: CP8.2

Purpose:

To allow Council to consider the renewal of two leases to the State of Queensland (represented by Public Safety Business Agency) for Rural Fire Brigades over Lease B on SP 271510, 50 Popenia Road, Mount Larcom and Lease A on SP 176890, 100 Tannum Sands Road, Tannum Sands, with Council as Trustee of the reserve land.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Resolve that 236(1)(b)(ii) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* applies to the proposed lease of both Lease B on SP 271510, 50 Popenia Road, Mount Larcom and Lease A on SP 176890, 100 Tannum Sands Road, Tannum Sands, to the State of Queensland (represented by Public Safety Business Agency); and
2. Enter into a Lease with the State of Queensland (represented by Public Safety Business Agency) for a period of 10 years at a rental of \$1.00 per annum per lease payable on demand.

GM/25/5463 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Cameron

Seconded Cr McClintock

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/4.14. LEASE RENEWAL - GARY LARSON OVAL ENHANCEMENT GROUP

Responsible Officer: General Manager Community and Lifestyle

Prepared By: Community Leasing Officer

Council Meeting Date: 3 June 2025

File Ref: CP8.2

Purpose

To allow Council to consider the renewal of the lease to Gary Larson Oval Enhancement Group over Lease B on Lot 54 FD 651, situated at Larson Street, Miriam Vale, with Council as Trustee of the Reserve Land.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Resolve that 236(1)(b)(ii) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* applies to the proposed lease of Larson Street, Miriam Vale (Lease B on Lot 54 FD 651) to Gary Larson Oval Enhancement Group; and
2. Enter into a Lease with the Gary Larson Oval Enhancement Group for a period of 10 years at a rental of \$1.00 per annum payable on demand.

GM/25/5464 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Churchill

Seconded Cr Wagner

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

G/5. COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Leanne Patrick tabled reports on the following activities:

1. National Volunteers Week (refer Addendum 1);
2. Small Business Friendly 2025 Commitment (refer Addendum 2);
3. 1770 Art Show and Agnes Water Quilters Exhibition (refer Addendum 3).

Councillor Chris Cameron mentioned that he attended the Central Queensland State Emergency Services (SES) Awards held recently and highlighted that the Gladstone Team received a special award recognising their quick response to incidents.

G/6. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

G/7. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

G/8. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil

There being no further business the Acting Mayor formally closed the meeting.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 11.45am.

ATTACHMENTS

Addendum 1

Council General Meeting Report – Reflections on National Volunteer Week Events

Presented by: Cr Leanne Patrick

Date: General Meeting – 3rd of June 2025

I'd like to take a moment to reflect on the recent events held across our region during National Volunteer Week, where I had the privilege of attending several of our community breakfasts and other recognition events. These gatherings were not only heartfelt and enjoyable but also deeply inspiring, as they highlighted the invaluable contributions of volunteers from all walks of life.

This year, we turned our attention to the theme for 2025: *"Connecting Communities."* It's a fitting theme that truly captures the essence of what volunteering does best—bringing people together. Whether it's through a simple act of kindness, a committed service to a local cause, or a quiet presence offering support in times of crisis, volunteers are the threads that help weave the fabric of a connected and compassionate community.

On a personal note, I consider it an incredible privilege to volunteer. It's an experience that offers so much more than we often expect—it gives us purpose, connection, and a deeper understanding of the challenges and strengths within our community. I often say that volunteering is the quiet engine behind some of our region's most impactful outcomes.

From supporting our seniors, to mentoring young people, to helping at cultural and sporting events—volunteers are there, quietly making a difference.

Here in Queensland, the statistics tell an impressive story:

- In 2023 alone, volunteering contributed \$117.8 billion to the state's economy.
- That's equivalent to over 113,000 full-time jobs, with a direct value of \$31.3 billion.

But beyond the numbers, the benefits of volunteering are profound:

- **Strengthening Regional Areas:** Volunteer-led services such as the Rural Fire Brigades, SES, and community transport are essential to the safety and wellbeing of regional Queensland.
- **Bridging Gaps:** Volunteering connects communities across generational, cultural, and socio-economic divides, addressing disadvantage and building unity.
- **Powering Events:** Our festivals, cultural celebrations, and sporting carnivals simply wouldn't happen without the dedication of volunteers.
- **Boosting Resilience:** Volunteers are often at the heart of our disaster response, aged care, mental health, and social support systems, especially in our more remote communities.
- **Fostering Inclusion:** Volunteering reduces social isolation, promotes cross-cultural understanding, and supports the integration of migrants and refugees.
- **Improving Mental Health:** There is strong evidence linking regular volunteering with reduced stress, lower rates of depression, and greater overall happiness.

- **Supporting Growth:** It offers skill development and personal growth opportunities, particularly for young people, job seekers, and retirees looking to remain engaged and purposeful.

No matter how large or small the contribution may be, every act of volunteering counts. Each volunteer is, in their own way, helping to shape a stronger, kinder, and more connected region.

In closing, I'd like to express my deepest thanks to every volunteer in our community. You are seen. You are valued. And you are essential.

I'd also like to thank our team at Council and our partners and venues who helped organise and host this year's Volunteer Week events.

Addendum 2

Councillor Report - Gladstone Regional Council General Meeting Tuesday 3rd of June 2025.

Supporting Small Business – A Wrap-Up from the 2025 Small Business Friendly Conference

I recently had the opportunity to represent Gladstone Regional Council at the 2025 Small Business Friendly Conference, hosted by the Queensland Small Business Commissioner in Brisbane. It was a fantastic two-day event full of practical ideas, shared success stories, and big conversations about how councils and communities can better support local small businesses.

I was also proud to be joined by a great local crew – **Samantha Devers President GCCI** and **Allison Perry (Ally) Manager of GCCI from the Gladstone Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc.**, along with **Madisyn Richards, Kristy Marks**, and our **CEO Leisa Dowling** from Gladstone Regional Council. It was a great show of unity between Council, our business sector, and community leaders – all working together with a shared goal of helping our small businesses thrive.

Day One – Getting Stuck In

Day one was very hands-on – not just sitting and listening, but actively working together on key areas where we can make a difference.

We rolled up our sleeves and tackled five focus areas:

1. **Uplift Small Business capability (Helping Small Businesses Build Their Skills)**
Supporting local businesses to grow through training, digital tools, and mentoring.
2. **Foster Thriving Ecosystems (Creating Stronger Business Communities)**
Helping businesses feel connected and supported through local networks.
3. **Promotion of Vibrant Economics**
Finding ways to bring energy back to our streets through events, planning, and local promotion.
4. **Enable Development and success.**
5. **Working together for Small Business** Building strong partnerships between councils, chambers, community groups, and business owners.

Day Two – Stories and Ideas from Across Queensland

The second day brought together people from all over the state to share their experiences and ideas. Some highlights for me:

- **“Local Legends” Keynote** – This reminded us that small businesses succeed when locals support each other and work together for shared goals.
- **“Beyond Rates, Roads, and Rubbish”** – This session highlighted how councils, especially in remote and regional areas, are stepping up creatively to help their local economies grow.

- **“Nine Simple Hacks”** – A fun and practical talk on how small businesses can survive and thrive by being resourceful, connected, and community-focused.

A New Look for the Small Business Friendly Program

One of the key announcements from the event was an exciting update to the **Small Business Friendly (SBF) Program**.

After lots of feedback from councils and members (including Gladstone!), the old Charter has been replaced with a more practical and modern **Small Business Friendly Commitment**. It's all about setting clear expectations, improving collaboration, and staying accountable as we work to better support our small businesses.

Gladstone Regional Council is already a proud SBF member, but we're now being invited to **reconfirm our commitment** by signing the updated document. Doing so will reinforce our dedication to small business and align with our goals to be a leader in this space.

Small businesses are the heart of our region. They create jobs, support local events, and help give our towns their unique character. Making sure they feel heard, connected, and supported is key.

The conference gave us some great tools and ideas – and reminded us that we're all in this together.

If you're a local business owner and have thoughts, questions, or ideas on how we can keep building a strong business community here in Gladstone – I'd love to hear from you.

Warm regards,
Leanne Patrick
Gladstone Regional Councillor
May 2025

Addendum 3

Council General Meeting Report – 2025 1770 Art Show & Quilters Exhibition

Presented by: Cr Leanne Patrick

Date: 3rd of June 2025

I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the remarkable success of the **2025 1770 Art Show and Quilters Exhibition**—two vibrant celebrations of creativity, talent, and community spirit that once again demonstrated the incredible cultural richness of our region.

The 1770 Art Show drew an outstanding **244 entries** across a diverse range of categories, showcasing the depth and breadth of artistic talent that exists within our community and beyond. This event continues to grow each year, thanks to the passionate leadership of **Prue**, President of the 1770 Art Show Committee, and the dedicated team of volunteers and supporters who bring it all together.

Their tireless work in curating, organising, and delivering an event of such high calibre deserves our heartfelt thanks and congratulations.

The show's theme, inspired by the quote *"The purpose of art is to wash away the dust of daily life,"* was powerfully reflected across entries that provoked thought, inspired imagination, and celebrated the connection between art and environment.

Please join me in congratulating the winners of this year's categories:

- **Easel Work:** *Ping Carlyon*
- **Works on Paper:** *Jo Williams*
- **Three Dimensional & Fibre Works:** *Christine Holden* for *"There's Plastics in the Water"*
- **Digital Works:** *Kai Price* for *"The Sun"*
- **High School Winner:** *Teylah Rowlands* for *"Red-Footed Bootie"*
- **Primary School Winner:** *Lincoln Bergamashi* for *"Life with Monsters"*
- **Local Artist Award:** *Katie McAuliffe* for *"The Dance"* (acrylic on canvas)
- **Emerging Artist:** *Alix O'Neil* for *"Surface Tension"*
- **Marine Environment Award:** *Jen Hollstein* for *"Neptune's Delusion"*
- **Hanger's Choice Award:** *Kairen Kerr*
- **Second Overall:** *Dan Carlyon* for *"Afraid? Knot!"* – a stunning recycled rope and stainless steel piece
- **Overall Winner:** *Marlies Oakley* for her breathtaking hand-cut collage installation *"Australian Story"*

The companion **Quilters Exhibition** was equally impressive. It offered a heartfelt and technically brilliant showcase of textile artistry, with this year's **Quilters Award** going to **Letitia Quirk** for her delicate hand-stitched work titled *"Welcome to My Garden."*

Events like these are about more than showcasing talent—they bring people together, celebrate creativity in all its forms, and help foster a stronger sense of identity and pride in our region. They also align perfectly with the 2025 Volunteering Week theme, *"Connecting"*

Communities,” as these shows would not exist without the commitment and collaboration of artists, volunteers, sponsors, and organisers.

In closing, I extend sincere congratulations to all participating artists, and to each of the winners whose works stood out in a field of exceptional quality. Most of all, I want to acknowledge **Prue** and the 1770 Art Show Committee for delivering an event that continues to inspire, elevate, and connect our creative community.