



GLADSTONE
REGIONAL COUNCIL

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

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

On Tuesday 20 January 2026

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 (via teams)
Councillor M Wagner (via teams)
Councillor M Holzheimer
Councillor N Muszkat
Councillor S McClintock
Councillor L Patrick
Councillor C Cameron

Officers

L Dowling (Chief Executive Officer)
D Clarke (Executive Secretary)
S Penrose (Manager Governance and Risk, Acting)
T Whalley (General Manager Finance Governance and Risk, Acting)
C Quinn (General Manager People and Strategy)
B Janson (General Manager Community and Lifestyle, Acting)
M Holmes (General Manager Operations, Acting)
M Francis (General Manager Assets and Environment)
K Wilson (General Manager Customer Experience)
H Robertson (Manager Development Services)
T McDonald (Principal Planning Lead)
A Voysey (Financial Controller, Acting)
C Henderson (Manager Contracts and Procurement)
A Layton (Contracts Specialist)
A Finnis (Manager Maintenance)

G/0.3.2. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

G/0.3.3. MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE

Nil

G/0.3.4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Mayor Burnett

Mayor Matt Burnett advised that he has a previously declared conflict of interest in relation to Agenda Item G/8.1. STRATEGIC LAND PURCHASE OPPORTUNITY as the property he owns is in close proximity to the land owned by Clava Limited.

Mayor Burnett further advised that in accordance with his prior declaration, he will remain in the room to participate in the discussions but will not vote on the matter.

G/1. MAYORAL STATEMENT OF CURRENT ISSUES

I'd like to acknowledge a few of the events we've hosted since our last council meeting. We had our New Year's Eve event, and I'd like to thank the team for putting on our New Year's Eve event again. It was a huge event at the Gladstone Ports Corporation (GPC) Marina Parklands. And the Festival of Summer, a huge event that happens for our young generation over the Christmas holidays.

Last Monday, 12 January 2026, we welcomed 15 new apprentices and trainees, which is fantastic to see our new round of recruits joining the Gladstone Regional Council team. We wish them all the very best.

Yesterday (Monday 19 January 2026) we welcomed our new Youth Council Members. Nine returning Youth Council members from last year and ten new Youth Council members, which is amazing. And for the first time, the Neighbourhood Centre Junior Youth Council with 11 members and the most exciting part about that is that we have members of our Youth Council and Junior Youth Council from right across the region including Gladstone, Boyne Tannum, Calliope, West Stowe, Agnes Water and Miriam Vale. Great to see our Youth Council members who will be able to bring the thoughts of their peers from right across the region. I'm looking forward to seeing how they present themselves and bring reports back to Council in the next 12 months. Thank you, Councillor Leanne Patrick, for being there yesterday to present their certificates and all Councillors who were able to attend to welcome our new Youth Council. I'm looking forward to attending their first meeting in March where they will appoint their chair.

Upcoming events in the Gladstone Region. We have our big Australia Day event happening at the Millennium Esplanade at Tannum Sands. It is at 10am until 1pm. There are also other events Council is supporting including the Australia Day Breakfast at Turkey Beach, in Buiyan and on Curtis Island. There are also other events happening right across the region in the Royal Hotel in Mount Larcom; Crab Races in Agnes Water; there will be events in Calliope; and the Tannum Sands Hotel is also having events. Our big event is at the Millennium Esplanade and a thousand free snags for the first thousand people and plenty of food vendors and lots of live entertainment. We'll also present our Celebrate Australia Day Primary School Art Competition Awards. That's the big events, but the night before, as we always do, we host our Australia Day Awards and Citizenship Ceremony. As I've said many times in these Chambers and many times on radio and in the media, it's a fantastic opportunity for our new citizens, the people deciding to make the Gladstone Region home, to celebrate with the people who have made our region a great place to live, work and play. It is also in the air-conditioned comfort of the Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre (GECC).

On Thursday 22 January 2026, it is the National Day of Mourning and our flags in front of the Council Chambers will fly at half-mast to acknowledge and recognise the tragedy in Bondi. That is a way of showing our respect as I'm sure that will happen in many civic buildings across the nation this Thursday in the National Day of Mourning.

Today is the first opportunity we have to acknowledge the recent retirement of one of Council's longest serving employees, Dean Batterham. Dean commenced employment with Gladstone City Council on 18 September 1984. The majority of Dean's time at Council was spent working on the region's extensive road network which increased in size following the amalgamation in 2008. Dean held various roles throughout his time at Council including working at various depots, including Lyons Street and Calliope, taking on roles such as Roller Operator, Grader Operator, Ganger and Leading Hand. Dean's final role with Gladstone Regional Council was Leading Hand within the Western Roads Program Delivery Team. His final day at Council was Friday 19 December 2025.

On behalf of the entire Gladstone Regional Council and on behalf of our entire community, thank you Dean for your 41 years of service.

G/2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

G/2.1. CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES FOR 16 DECEMBER 2025

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Prepared By: Executive Secretary

Council Meeting Date: 20 January 2026

File Ref: CM7.2

Purpose:

Confirmation of the minutes of the General Meeting held on 16 December 2025.

Officer's Recommendation:

That the minutes of the General Meeting of Council held on 16 December 2025 be confirmed.

GM/26/5607 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Churchill

Seconded Cr Patrick

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/3. DEPUTATIONS

Nil

G/4. OFFICERS' REPORTS

G/4.1. EXTENSION APPLICATION TO DA/94/2009 PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OVERRIDING THE PLANNING SCHEME FOR THE HUMMOCK HILL ISLAND DEVELOPMENT AT LOT 3 HUMMOCK HIGHWAY, FORESHORES QLD 4678

Responsible Officer: General Manager Customer Experience

Prepared By: Strategic Planning Specialist

Council Meeting Date: 20 January 2026

File Ref: DA/94/2009

Development Application:

Application Number:	DA/94/2009
Applicant:	Eaton Place Pty Ltd
Owner:	Queensland State Government
Date Of Receipt:	11 September 2024
Location:	Lot 3 Hummock Highway, Foreshores QLD 4678
RPD:	Lot 3 FD 841442
Area:	1,163 hectares
Current Use Of Land:	Vacant
Zoning:	Rural
Proposal:	Extension Application for an additional eight years (new lapse date of 2 November 2032)
Submissions Close Date:	N/A
Number Of Submissions:	N/A

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to consider an Extension Application seeking an additional eight years (new lapse date of 2 November 2032) to DA/98/2009 relating to the Hummock Hill Island Development (the Development).

Officer's Recommendation:

That the Extension Application seeking eight additional years (new lapse date of 2 November 2032) lodged by Eaton Place Pty, given a Council reference DA/98/2009, and approved by the Coordinator General on 2 November 2018 be refused for the reasons detailed in Attachment One to the Officer's Report.

GM/26/5608 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Churchill
Seconded Cr Cameron

That an extension of eight years (new lapse date 2 November 2032) be granted to Eaton Place Pty for DA/98/2009 relating to the Hummock Hill Island Development approved by the Coordinator General on 2 November 2018.

CARRIED

Statement of Reasons (s254H of the Local Government Regulation 2012): To provide the appropriateness of extending the currency period to facilitate an orderly and coordinated timeline for the progression of the development as originally proposed and to provide sufficient time to secure a lease agreement with the Queensland Government.

A division was called:

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

Against the Motion: Cr Muszkat, Cr Davis, Cr Wagner, Mayor Burnett

G/4.2. CONTRACT AND EXPENDITURE APPROVAL - TENDER RPQS 08-26 ROAD WORKS AND ASSOCIATED SERVICES

Responsible Officer: General Manager Finance Governance and Risk

Prepared By: Manager Contracts and Procurement (Tender Process) and Manager Roads Program (Technical Review)

Council Meeting Date: 20 January 2026

File Ref: FM21.1

Purpose:

This report seeks resolution from Council to enter into agreements for the provision of Road Works and Associated Services under a Register of Pre-Qualified Suppliers (RPQS).

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Endorse the Tender Evaluation Panel's recommendation to appoint the following 23 service providers on RPQS 08-26 Road Works and Associated Services:
 - A1 Highways Pty Ltd
 - Aestec Services Pty Ltd
 - Austek Spray Seal Pty Ltd
 - Berajondo Earthmoving and Haulage Pty Ltd
 - Colas Queensland Pty Ltd
 - Cooper McCullough Group Pty Ltd
 - Cutting Edge Grader Pty Ltd
 - Doval Constructions (Qld) Ltd
 - Durack Civil Pty Ltd
 - Fulton Hogan Industries Pty Ltd
 - Horn Graders Pty Ltd
 - Indiji Civil's
 - JRT Civil Pty Ltd
 - A.J Brennan & M.B Brennan T/A MB Plant Hire
 - McCosker Contracting Pty Ltd
 - Peck Constructions Pty Ltd T/A Miriam Vale Plant Hire
 - RMS Engineering & Construction Pty Ltd
 - RoadPak Industries Pty Ltd
 - RPQ Spray Seal Pty Ltd (Downer Group)
 - Stabilcorp Pty Ltd
 - Stabilised Pavements of Australia Pty Ltd
 - The Trustee for SuperSealing Unit Trust T/A SuperSealing
 - WGH Civil Pty Ltd
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to enter into the RPQS panel arrangements for an initial term of one year with an option to extend a further two periods of two years each for the above service providers with an estimated spend of \$25,000,000.00 ex GST as the total contract value.

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GM/26/5609 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Muszkat
Seconded Cr Cameron

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/4.3. CONTRACT AND EXPENDITURE APPROVAL - TENDER RPQS 04-26 TRADES SERVICES

Responsible Officer: General Manager Finance Governance and Risk

Prepared By: Manager Contracts and Procurement (Tender Process) and Manager Maintenance (Technical Review)

Council Meeting Date: 20 January 2026

File Ref: FM21.1

Purpose:

This report seeks resolution from Council to enter into agreements for the provision of Trade Services under a Register of Pre-Qualified Suppliers (RPQS).

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Endorse the Tender Evaluation Panel's recommendation to appoint the following 39 service providers on RPQS 04-26 Trade Services:

- 1onegroup Pty Ltd
- AC Aire
- Acrow Energy and Infrastructure Services (Gladstone) Pty Ltd
- Aestec Services Pty Ltd
- Ausino Projects Pty Ltd
- Jatim Pty Ltd T/as Barnes Electrical Service
- Calliope Plumbing Pty Ltd
- Central Electrical Pty Ltd t/as Central Electrical Group
- Comlek Group Pty Ltd
- Connell Enterprises Pty Ltd
- CQ Diesel Fitting
- Cutuli Electrical Pty Ltd
- Dreampour Pty Ltd t/a Kerb Placers
- Eckhold Technologies Pty Ltd
- Electroco Pty Ltd
- G.M.E Industries PTY LTD T/A Gladmac Electrical
- Staycool Refrigeration Australia Pty Ltd trading as Gladstone Refrigeration & Airconditioning and Gladstone Sheet Metal
- GS Electrical & Thermal Imaging Pty Ltd trading as Gray Electrical and Air-conditioning
- Industrial CQ Pty Ltd
- JK Waterproofing
- KNL Engineering and Mechanical Pty Ltd
- Loftus Contracting Pty Ltd
- Loftus Transport and Engineering Pty Ltd
- Pantib Pty Ltd T/a Mick Mannion Fabrications
- Peck Constructions PTY LTD Trading as Miriam Vale Plant Hire
- Oakcrest Group Pty Ltd trading as Oakcrest Electrical
- CPJ Electrical Pty Ltd trading as Platinum Electricians Gladstone

- Pacific Construction Group Pty Ltd T/A Pructon
- Purcell's Engineering Pty Ltd
- Roadpak Industries Pty Ltd
- SCAE Pty Ltd Trading as SE Plumbing
- Simmons Civil Pty Ltd
- T & C Services Pty Ltd (Programmed)
- Darsax Pty Ltd as the trustee for Gygar Family Trust trading as Andersens Carpets Gladstone
- D&S Supplies Pty Ltd as The Trustee for Humphrey Business Trust
- The Trustee for Shine Family Trust - t/as City Power and Air
- The Trustee for the Jasbell Trust (Wellsteed Constructions)
- Xtreme Engineering Pty Ltd
- Young Contractors Pty Ltd

2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to enter into the RPQS panel arrangement for an initial term of one year with the provision to extend a further four periods of one year each for the above service providers with an estimated spend of \$15,700,000 ex GST as total contract value.

GM/26/5610 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr McClintock
Seconded Cr Patrick

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/4.4. MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2025

Responsible Officer: General Manager Finance Governance and Risk

Prepared By: Management Accounting Specialist

Council Meeting Date: 20 January 2026

File Ref: FM15.1

Purpose:

To present the monthly financial report outlining the progress made in relation to Council's 2025/2026 budget for the period ending 31 December 2025.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council receive the Monthly Financial Report for the period ended 31 December 2025 provided in accordance with s204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

GM/26/5611 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Muszkat

Seconded Cr Holzheimer

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

**G/4.5. AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY 3
DECEMBER 2025**

Responsible Officer: General Manager Finance Governance and Risk

Prepared By: Principal Internal Auditor

Council Meeting Date: 20 January 2026

File Ref: CM26.2

Purpose:

To present a report about the matters reviewed at the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held 3 December 2025, pursuant to section 211 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council receive the report on the matters reviewed at the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held on 3 December 2025.

GM/26/5612 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Churchill

Seconded Cr Patrick

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/5. COUNCILLORS REPORT

Nil

G/6. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

G/7. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

The meeting was adjourned for morning tea at 10.19am and reconvened at 10.48am.

GM/26/5613 Procedural Motion:

Moved Cr Cameron
Seconded Cr McClintock

That the meeting be closed in accordance with Section 254J(g) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 to discussion G/8.1. STRATEGIC LAND PURCHASE OPPORTUNITY as the report will discuss negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.

CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Natalia Muskat chaired the meeting for the discussion and voting of Agenda Item G/8.1.

The item was discussed, with consideration given to the opportunities and risks presented by different options related to the potential purchase of strategic land.

GM/26/5614 Procedural Motion:

Moved Cr Cameron
Seconded Cr Wagner

That Council re-open the meeting to the public.

CARRIED

G/8. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

G/8.1. STRATEGIC LAND PURCHASE OPPORTUNITY

Responsible Officer: General Manager People and Strategy

Prepared By: General Manager People and Strategy (Acting)

Council Meeting Date: 20 January 2026

File Ref: CP2.1

Mayor Burnett (declarable conflict of interest)
participated in the discussion for Agenda Item G/8.1. but did not vote on the decision.
(refer G/0.3.4. Declaration of Interest section of the minutes - page 3)

Deputy Mayor Muszkat chaired the meeting for Agenda Item G/8.1.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council decline the proposal received for the purchase of land comprising up to four lots - (Lot 127 CTN2158), (Lot 2 RP859452), (Lot 2 RP613530) and (Lot 128 SP148359) - collectively known as the Gladstone Gold Club, from Clava Ltd (Yaralla) and cease working on further exploration of the opportunity.

GM/26/5615 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr McClintock

Seconded Cr Holzheimer

That Council delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the negotiation of the proposal to purchase the land comprising up to four lots – (Lot 127 CTN2158), (Lot 2 RP859452), (Lot 2 RP613530) and (Lot 128 SP148359) from Clava Ltd (Yaralla).

CARRIED

Statement of Reasons (s254H of the Local Government Regulation 2012): To further negotiate the proposal to purchase a significant strategic land opportunity in Gladstone.

For the Motion: Cr Patrick, Cr McClintock, Cr Cameron, Cr Holzheimer, Cr Churchill, Cr Davis, Cr Wagner, Cr Muszkat

Against the Motion: Nil

Ineligible: Mayor Burnett

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

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 11.55am.