



GLADSTONE
REGIONAL COUNCIL

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

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

On Tuesday 7 April 2026

Commencing at 9.00am

Mark Francis
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, Acting

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Elected Members

Councillor - Mayor M Burnett (via teams)
Councillor G Churchill
Councillor K Davis
Councillor M Wagner
Councillor M Holzheimer
Councillor N Muszkat
Councillor S McClintock
Councillor L Patrick
Councillor C Cameron

Officers

M Francis (Chief Executive Officer, Acting)
R Millett (Executive Secretary)
T Whalley (General Manager Finance Governance and Risk, Acting)
K Lee (General Manager Community and Lifestyle)
M Holmes (General Manager Operations, Acting)
K Wilson (General Manager Customer Experience)
K Marks (Manager Economic Development)
E Noakes (Strategic Project Specialist)
M Kelly (Strategic Planning Specialist)
T McDonald (Principal Planning Lead)
S Wales (Manager Customer Solutions)

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

Cr Cameron

Councillor Chris Cameron declared a declarable conflict of interest in Agenda Item G/4.4. NAMING COUNCIL ASSET INFRASTRUCTURE - ALLEN as he has previously had a business relationship with Edgar Allen, Bruce Allen and Graham Allen and has recently entered into a building contract with a member of the Allen family.

Cr Cameron requested to remain in the room and participate in the decision as he believes he would be able to provide valuable information in relation to the Allen family's contributions to the Gladstone Region.

GM/26/5644 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Muszkat

Seconded Cr Holzheimer

That notwithstanding Cr Cameron's declarable conflict of interest, it is in the public interest for Cr Cameron to remain in the room and participate in the decision without restriction.

CARRIED

G/1. MAYORAL STATEMENT OF CURRENT ISSUES

There were a lot of events leading up to Easter. Easter in Gladstone is our largest event for the year and all centres around the Gladstone Harbour Festival, Brisbane to Gladstone Village, the events at the Yacht Club, right around the city and the 78th Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race, which was won this year by KERB, who took out the Courier Mail Cup, but the line honours went to Wild Thing. What a fantastic race it was, and I thank councillors for being involved and supporting the 78th Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race. The Yachties do very much appreciate the medallion and the carton of beer that we deliver as tradition in the Gladstone Region as we have for many years and it is great to see that tradition continue, and I thank all councillors who have participated in that.

The Governor of Queensland, the Honourable Dr Jeannette Young AC PSM, joined us for the trophy presentation as well as attending and speaking at the festival finale for the Gladstone Harbour Festival on Sunday (5 April 2026) night. The Governor also met with the amazing volunteers, not just from the festival, but volunteers from Zonta, Country Women's Association (CWA), Communities of Gladstone Supporting Youth, The Old Station Fly In and two local community champions from Bracewell in Mr and Mrs Brady. It was fantastic to take the Governor to the Tondoon Botanic Gardens (TBG) and meet with some of our local elders and then to Tannum Sands to meet with our Youth Council to hear more about some of the amazing initiatives our Youth Council are undertaking and I'm sure they very much appreciated the opportunity to meet with the Governor. The Governor remains in Gladstone today and is visiting the Gladstone Hospital, then heading to Yeppoon for a civic reception and then back to Gladstone tonight before departing tomorrow. We thank the Governor for spending three nights here in Gladstone and particularly visiting our volunteers, our local community representatives and local community champions.

We have two big events coming up. We have the Miriam Vale Rodeo on Saturday 11 April 2026 and the Ubobo Music Campout started today and goes through to Sunday 12 April 2026 in the beautiful Boyne Valley.

G/2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

G/2.1. CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES FOR 17 MARCH 2026

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Prepared By: Executive Secretary

Council Meeting Date: 7 April 2026

File Ref: CM7.2

Purpose:

Confirmation of the minutes of the General Meeting held on 17 March 2026.

Officer's Recommendation:

That the minutes of the General Meeting of Council held on 17 March 2026 be confirmed.

GM/26/5645 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Churchill

Seconded Cr Davis

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/3. DEPUTATIONS

Nil

G/4. OFFICERS' REPORTS

G/4.1. WOODERSON SOLAR FARM - COMMUNITY BENEFIT AGREEMENT

Responsible Officer: General Manager People and Strategy

Prepared By: Strategic Project Specialist

Council Meeting Date: 7 April 2026

File Ref: ED2.2

Purpose:

That Council considers entering into a Community Benefit Agreement for the proposed Wooderson Solar Farm located at 6019 Dawson Highway, Mount Alma.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to finalise and execute a Community Benefit Agreement for the Wooderson Solar Farm.

GM/26/5646 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Muszkat
Seconded Cr Holzheimer

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/4.2. REQUEST TO ADOPT THE PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT ROAD MAP 2026-29

Responsible Officer: General Manager Customer Experience

Prepared By: Strategic Planning Specialist

Council Meeting Date: 7 April 2026

File Ref: LU6.7

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider and adopt the Planning Scheme Amendment Road Map 2026-29 which is a deliverable of the 2025-26 Operational Plan.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council adopt the Planning Scheme Amendment Road Map 2026-29.

GM/26/5647 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Davis
Seconded Cr McClintock

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/4.3. DA/67/2025 - INFRASTRUCTURE CHARGE REBATE REQUEST - 45 FRENCH STREET, SOUTH GLADSTONE

Responsible Officer: General Manager Customer Experience

Prepared By: Strategic Planning Officer

Council Meeting Date: 7 April 2026

File Ref: FM7.2, DA/67/2025

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to allow Council to consider a request from Zone Planning Group (on behalf of the Shelter Collective Group) to apply for a Rebate under the Infrastructure Charges Rebate Scheme Policy (P-2019-28) for a Multiple Dwelling (20 units) and Caretakers Accommodation approval located at 45 French Street, South Gladstone.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council refuses the request for a reduction in the Infrastructure Charges for DA/67/2025 - Multiple Dwelling (20 units) and Caretakers Accommodation use at Lot 16 CTN1409 as the application does not meet all of the required criteria of Council's Infrastructure Charges Rebate Scheme Policy.

GM/26/5648 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Holzheimer

Seconded Cr Patrick

That Council approves the request for a reduction in the Infrastructure Charges for DA/67/2025 - Multiple Dwelling (20 Units) and Caretakers Accommodation use at Lot 16 CTN1409 with a rebate of \$172,841.00 (100%) applied thereby resulting in a total Adopted Infrastructure Charge of \$0 subject to the applicant entering into an infrastructure agreement with Council.

CARRIED

G/4.4. NAMING COUNCIL ASSET INFRASTRUCTURE - ALLEN

Responsible Officer: General Manager Customer Experience

Prepared By: Manager Customer Solutions

Council Meeting Date: 7 April 2026

File Ref: CR13.1

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to allow Council to consider a request to add the name 'Allen' to the Approved Place Name Register.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council approves the application to add 'Allen' to the Approved Place Name Register.

GM/26/5649 Council Resolution:

Moved Mayor Burnett
Seconded Cr Wagner

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

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

Against the Motion: Nil

G/4.5. REGIONAL MEETINGS 2026

Responsible Officer: General Manager Finance Governance and Risk

Prepared By: Executive Secretary

Council Meeting Date: 7 April 2026

File Ref: CM7.2

Purpose:

To consider a regional meeting location for the General Meetings scheduled for Tuesday 16 June 2026 and Tuesday 6 October 2026.

Officer's Recommendation:

That:

1. The General Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 16 June 2026 be held at the Ambrose Queensland Country Women's Association (QCWA) Hall commencing at 10.00am.
2. The General Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 6 October 2026 be held at the Rosedale Memorial Hall commencing at 10.00am.

GM/26/5650 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Patrick

Seconded Cr Churchill

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/5. COUNCILLORS REPORT

G/5.1. WOMEN OF THE VALLEY PROJECT - A SNAPSHOT IN TIME

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Prepared By: Cr Mellissa Holzheimer

Council Meeting Date: 7 April 2026

File Ref: CM7.2

Purpose:

To share an update with Council on the Women of the Valley project and the outcomes it has delivered for our community, and to explore opportunities to preserve and showcase this work.

Councillor's Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Notes the outcomes of the Women of the Valley project.
2. Recognises the value of supporting community led initiatives that strengthen connection and inclusion across our region.

GM/26/5651 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Holzheimer

Seconded Cr Patrick

That Council:

1. Notes the outcomes of the Women of the Valley project.
2. Recognises the value of supporting community led initiatives that strengthen connection and inclusion across our region by purchasing the Women of the Valley book and including the books in Council's library collection and contacting the organiser of the event for an exhibition at either Council's library or art gallery.

CARRIED

G/5.2. QUEENSLAND WASTE MANAGEMENT SYMPOSIUM

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Prepared By: Cr Mellissa Holzheimer

Council Meeting Date: 7 April 2026

File Ref: CM7.2

Purpose:

Councillor Mellissa Holzheimer submits the following report.

Councillor's Recommendation:

That the report from Councillor Holzheimer regarding the Queensland Waste Management Symposium be received.

GM/26/5652 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Wagner
Seconded Cr Churchill

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

Councillor Glenn Churchill mentioned that he attended, on the Mayor's behalf, the Avurudu Festival, which is the Gladstone Aus Lanka Association's annual festival. Cr Churchill noted that the festival was predominantly held at The Glen Cricket Club with the Honourable Local Member, Glenn Butcher also in attendance. Cr Churchill thanked Chathu and Saj (noting that Saj also works for Council). Cr Churchill highlighted that Avurudu is a vibrant cultural festival celebrated in April every year marking the beginning of a new year and the festival was attended by not only people from Sri Lanka but the broader community as well. Cr Churchill further highlighted that it was a festival with community, family and traditional practices which both he and Glenn Butcher MP had the opportunity to participate in. Cr Churchill noted that the festival was proactive in blending Australian type activities as part of a joint multicultural approach and it was wonderful that families from other regions had travelled to participate, highlighting that the Rockhampton and Gladstone Aus Lanka Associations have a very strong alignment. Cr Churchill commented that it was a great day and thanked the Gladstone Aus Lanka Association for everything they do in the multicultural diversity of the Gladstone Region.

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 10.25am.