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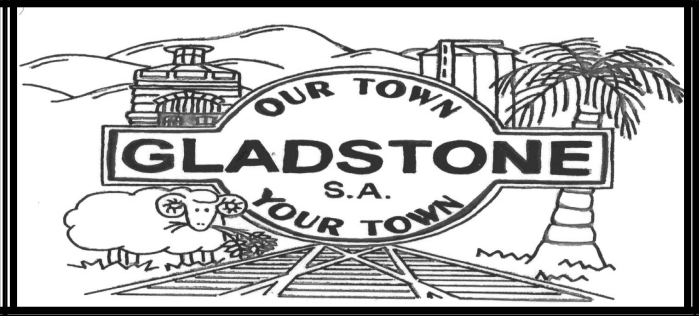
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## Gladstone Gazette August 2023

### A Well-Earned Break

After fifteen years on the GCD&TA Committee, the last ten as President, I feel that it is time I settle in the back seat and assist and let new ideas drive the Committee.

As my final write up, as President for GCDTA, I look back and consider how much has been achieved in Gladstone by so many volunteers in and out of GCDTA over this time. Without the selfless help of these people and their families, whose support allowed them to assist, so much less would have occurred in Gladstone. I will not mention names because most of these people have done so much service for the community to achieve a better community, not seeking personal recognition or fanfare.

In my ten years as President, except for the Covid years when volunteers had to take a much more careful work attitude to protect their own health, I look back at each of the sub-committees and the Committee and look at only one or two highlight achievements that they have made.

**The Art Sub Committee:** each year producing the art exhibition in Gladstone and now regularly on the Brush With Art Trail. The opening was not possible without numerous people setting up and also manning the door.

**The Caravan Park Sub Committee,** whose efforts have maintained the continuous upgrade of facilities at the park and supervised the caretakers and their efforts, especially through the tough Covid times. [Continued on page 12]

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## Finding a Justice of the Peace In alphabetical order:

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## Swimming Club News

With still a few months until the swimming pool opens, preparations are well underway for the upcoming summer swimming season. Experts are predicting a summer of extremely hot weather, compared to previous years, making the swimming pool a cheap option to keep cool. We are again, offering reduced cost season tickets for families or individuals when open to the public. Adult lap swimming is also available if individuals received basic life guard training, date yet to be organised for the training. Ongoing improvements over winter include new change room aluminium windows and soon to be installed chlorine analyser room. Planning is also in the early stages for the build of a new large storage shed and removal of the existing small storage facilities. We again, look forward to the ongoing support from our community.

Tim Zander  
President  
0427 622 355

## Spring Garage Sales Weekend

Don't forget to plan to be included in the Spring Gladstone Garage Sales Weekend. It will be on **Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd of September.**

## Grand Final at Gladstone

The Northern Areas Football and Netball Grand Finals will be held at the Gladstone Sporting Complex this year on **Saturday 16th September..** This is a big, big day for the community and a lot of work for a lot of people. But it is all worth it, highlighting the excellent facilities we have in Gladstone. Come along and enjoy the atmosphere of a grand final.

Two images of the Gladstone Gaol showing work progressing in the upgrade of the buildings



A new improvement to the entrance of the swimming pool complex



One of the remaining sections of the peppercorn tree grove in Port Street as mentioned in the Pitman Family on page 14



The rising sun was spectacular on the morning of June 26



Our young footy representatives Imogen Cunningham and Hudson Seidel. See story page 9



New owners of the Locky's Hotel Brenton and Laura Lockwood.

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Part of Locky's is The Bali Hut

Gladstone identity James Bairnsfather.

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Induction of the 2023-24 President Don Hucks at the recent Lions Dinner with outgoing President Bevan Smith



The southern end of Fifth Street was pushed for parking spots at the very popular clearing sale on May 30th





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# GLADSTONE EX-SERVICE PERSONNEL GROUP

**Korean War:** Thursday 27th July 1953 (70 years ago) the armistice was signed at Panmunjom, on the 38th parallel close to where the war began. Over 18,000 Australians fought, 340 died, 1,200 wounded and 30 became prisoners of war. Gladstone had three soldiers serve. Sergeant Maxwell Evans, Corporal Ronald Evans and private John Fleming. The three all served with the 3rd RAR.

On Friday **August 18th (Vietnam Veterans Day)**, the 50th Anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War will be held at the Vietnam War Memorial Canberra. Broadcast on the ABC starting at 10am Eastern Standard Time. Like ALL wars they never ended for the people who were affected. Gladstone had two soldiers killed. There will be a display of Vietnam War militaria at the Gladstone War Memorial. Everybody is invited, also at any time to lay a tribute at anytime during the day.

Please read the next articles. They may help with understanding the Pride, History and Tradition we have in the Australian armed services.

The Crown and the Australian Defence Force. Section 68 of the Australian Constitution says, "The commander in chief of the naval and military forces of the Commonwealth is vested in the Governor-General as the King's (Monarch's) representative.

On Channel 7 on the 8th July, they showed the 1st Australian Armoured Division along with Abrams tanks and Bushmaster vehicles marching along King William Street to Torrens Parade Ground. Leading the parade were three chaplains. They interviewed several people about what they thought. Some thought it was like North Korea, some wanted to know why the clergy marched in front of the soldiers and some thought it scared their children. One said it was disgusting and very scary.

St.Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide. July 8th at 9.00am. All welcome to attend-Laying up of devices – 10am on the same day.

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Today we welcome current service serving members, veterans, families and friends of the 1st armoured Regiment, Australian Army, for a service to complete the movement of their Guidon and First Standard, currently in Lone Pine Chapel, Robertson Barracks, Northern Territory. We are honoured to receive the Guidon and First Standard, which will hang in perpetuity inside the Cathedral.

For more than 121 years, the Cathedral has been a safe resting place for a number of Guidons, Standards, Colours and Banners, all distinctive forms of Honourable Insignia that are the symbol of the spirit of a regiment. For on them are borne the battle honours and badges granted to the unit in commemoration of gallant deeds performed by members of the unit from the time the unit was raised. The insignia are not disposed of or destroyed when their appearance has deteriorated beyond recognition. They are meant to be left to turn to dust as the bodies of the fallen soldiers who served them.

On June 6th 2023. With the coronation of the new monarch earlier this year, the 6th Battalion Royal Australian Regiment has become the first to receive its new King's and Regimental colours. The new colours were paraded in front of hundreds of current and ex-serving 6 RAR personnel at Gallipoli Barracks to mark its 58th birthday. On June 7th 6RAR's old Queen's and Regimental Colours were laid up in St.John Cathedral, Brisbane.

Local History. Colonel H.T. Harslett laid up the 23rd Light Horse Guidon in St.Peter's Cathedral on June 7th 1942

Some members of the Royal Family are Colonels-in-Chief of the Australian Regiments. In 1994 the now King Charles said, he would be the defender of the faith but also defender of faiths. This was to defend the right to worship whatever religious denomination you choose. The chaplains led the parade in Adelaide because they play a very important part in army life. They are a confidant, family councillor and hold Church Parades. They are there with the troops in peace time and stationed with units during war time. The Salvation Army are also held in high regard by service personnel, especially in the front lines. We must remember and honour all the different nationalities and beliefs of the people who have served and died and are continuing to keep Australia a free country.

Richard Stott  
President  
Gladstone Ex-Service Personnel Group

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## Town Hall Management

The Gladstone Town Hall Management Committee are currently seeking an additional two or three committee members, for the ongoing running of the Gladstone Town Hall. We currently operate with six committee members, holding six meetings per year. Our duties include working with Northern Areas Council to notify of any repairs or needed upgrades. Small repairs etc are done in-house when our skills allow. We record and co-ordinate bookings for hall usage. We also upgrade fixtures and fittings as money allows.

We are currently looking at restoring and displaying more historical photos and suitable artefacts. Please contact me if you are interested or have any questions.

Tim Zander  
President  
Town Hall Management Committee  
0427 622 355

## Discovery Centre turns 20

The Discovery Centre, proudly, turns 20 years on August 16th . A morning tea for current and former volunteers at the Centre will be celebrating this milestone.

This is a very special milestone as operating continuously by volunteers for that time is something of which the people of Gladstone can be proud. Well over fifty people in that time have volunteered at the Centre to promote Gladstone, the surrounding towns and the Southern Flinders region. It is an action of love for the area and its people and that image is passed on to the many visitors that call into the Centre.

Many people use the free internet service that we offer. Our Gladstone history display is also popular with locals, former residents and visitors to the town. Between 3,000 and 4,000 call each year. The Centre is financed by the sale of local and regional products and we thank all those producers who have been a part of this success story. May it continue.

## Did You Know?

Stressed spelt backwards is Desserts.

The collective noun for a group of ferrets is a business.

When they got back from the moon the Apollo astronauts had to go through customs.

The first pair of high heels were made for male soldiers in the 1500's.

Your thumb is the same size as your nose. (Thankfully, they serve different purposes)

Sea otters hold each other's paws when they sleep so they don't drift apart.

The biggest litter of Dalmatians consisted of 19 puppies, born in Albury NSW.

Ketchup was sold in the 1830's as medicine.

Penguins only have one mate their entire life and propose by giving their mate a pebble. (Cheaper than diamonds)

(More words of wisdom out of a Libra pack)

## The Pine Creek Bridge Upgrade

The Pine Creek bridge is located between Laura and Appila and caused a problem due to the weight limit it can handle. Most grain trucks now exceed that limit. Council has advised that McMahon Services has won the contract to undertake major upgrade works. Work is expected to begin in August/ early September and includes strengthening the existing structure, widening of the deck and increasing the capacity for larger trucks. This is a significant freight route and has been closed to heavy vehicles for several years.

Council has secured just over \$2.9 million in Federal funding and \$340,000 from the state government. Council has committed to fund the balance of the project. "While drivers will be inconvenienced for a few months, our goal is to get the big vehicles back on this important route as quickly as we can." Mayor Scarman said.

## Lions Skin Cancer Unit Report

The Lions Skin Cancer Unit was stationed at Laura over the two days, July 11th and 12th. The response by the public was good with all available screening appointments taken up. There were 137 screenings, with 75 females and 62 males. Total referrals from the screenings was 25, that's 18.2%, nearly 1 in 5. Of interest 76 people were screened who had not been screened before. It is strongly advised that people should ask their GP on a regular basis for a skin cancer test.

Of note, the operation of the Lions Skin Cancer Unit is carried out totally by volunteers who volunteer their time and expertise and Lions Club members. This is an outstanding effort by everyone who give back to the community. Rocky River Lions have donated \$3,000 towards the cost of operating the unit and accommodation costs for those who are generous with their time and expertise. We were fortunate to be included in the program. We look forward to having the unit in our district in two years time. And remember to have a check-up when you next visit your doctor.







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## **Young Local Representative footballers**

Imogen Cunningham represented South Australia U/15 girls at the State Football Carnival in Ballarat this month. The SA team was placed fourth, losing the Bronze medal match to NSW. with Imogen playing well.

Hudson Seidel played for the North Adelaide country U/15 team in Adelaide, winning the match against Sturt but losing against a strong Central District team and narrowly losing to Glenelg. Hudson also played well in his games.

See the photos on page 22

## Gladstone Art Exhibition.

The Gladstone Art Exhibition will open on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September and close 4 weeks later on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October.

A formal Opening will take place at 7.30pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September at which the Exhibition will be declared open and prize winners will be announced, **All contributing artists and friends and members of the public are invited to attend. There will be a small charge for entry and a light supper will be served.**

Art work from all artists, new and established, is welcome. Entries may be in the disciplines of Fine Art, Photography, Sculpture, Applied Art, Fibre Art and Patchwork and Quilting. Entry Forms are available from the Southern Flinders Discovery Centre, Gladstone or on line at [www.gladstonesa.com.au](http://www.gladstonesa.com.au) the closing date for entries is Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August.

If you have any questions or require further information please do not hesitate to call either me on 0417 844 481 or Jon Hawkins-Clarke on 0417 849 441 or Virginia Ferguson 0410 414 264.

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## James in the Spotlight

Long-time Gladstone identity James Bairnsfather has been the focus of a documentary being produced over the past weekend. Former resident Mark Cadzow, James' step-brother, has journeyed from Gladstone Qld with his son Max, to film the documentary for Max's university studies. The work entailed involves interviews with many of James' accomplices in and around Gladstone and finally James himself.

The focus has been on James' outstanding "career" as the dedicated scoreboard attendant at football matches in Gladstone since 1981, where in that time he has missed just seven matches due to holidays or ill-health.

Amazing!!! We wish James well in his continuing duties and we look forward to viewing the documentary.

## See You at Locky's Bar

The new owners of the former Commercial Hotel (Schacky's), Brenton and Laura LOCKWOOD are busy renovating and seriously upgrading the facilities at this hotel. Most equipment is brand new, with large screen televisions already in situ. Major renovations have been made. The opening business will be bar trade with a wide range of beverages available. Food will initially be pizza, coming in six different sizes. In-house dining will then follow.

Plans are to open during August.

Along with the happenings on the hotel side, an accompanying business is the Bali Hut, selling a large range of items. If you get the chance, check out the huge elephant that any self-respecting family would want!!!

We wish Brenton and Laura every success.

## Support Your Locals

A reminder of the Annual General Meeting of the Gladstone Community Development and Tourism Association being held in the former Senior Citizens building in High Street at **7pm Wednesday 9th August**.

Doors will open at 6.30pm for membership payments if you wish to vote.

## The Peppercorn Trees of Port Street

Albert and Sarah PITMAN decided in 1883 to leave England for a better life in Australia, sailing in the Romsdal for Port Adelaide, at a total cost of 12 pounds. Sarah was fortunate to survive the voyage. The ship ran into some very stormy weather which blew it off course and delayed its arrival. It was during heavy seas that a wave broke over the deck sweeping Sarah off her feet. Fortunately, one of the deck-hands saved her by grasping her by her long hair. On their arrival the family decided to settle in Gladstone, where another 3 children were born, making six.

Albert was offered a position as Warder of the new gaol in Gladstone which was completed in 1881. He was later employed by the Gladstone District Council and during this period was responsible for the planting of the numerous **peppercorn trees** which now grace the streets of Gladstone.

Albert died in 1888, aged 47 and Sarah tendered for the Railway Station Catering Services which she retained for 25 years. The family lived opposite the Railway Station near the Booyoolee Hotel. Food was prepared daily for the train travellers and carried in baskets to the Station. The tea, carried in an urn, was not brewed until the train's driver signalled his approach to the Town by blowing the train whistle.

Sarah later set up business in the main street of Gladstone as a fruiterer until she became ill and died in 1916, aged 62 years.

*(We still have descendants of the Pitman Family living in Gladstone)*

## Council Forum

A reminder of **the** Northern Areas council Forum on **Wednesday August 30th at 7pm** in the former Senior Citizens building in High Street. Issues raised relate to our Gladstone and district, so please come and show your support.

## It's Time for Dog Registration

Dog registration renewals are due to be paid by 31st August 2023. Renewals can be paid through the DACO system. If you have already registered an animal in the DACO system please ensure that additional animals are added to that profile and a new profile isn't created.

All dogs and cats must be microchipped and those born after 1st July 2018 must be also desexed (exemptions apply to working dogs and animals owned by registered breeders) and as an owner you must ensure that microchip details are entered in **[www.dogsandcatsonline.com.au](http://www.dogsandcatsonline.com.au)** This is the State-wide dog and cat register for animals and breeders.

Although it is a legislated requirement for dogs and cats to be microchipped, it is important to realise that this does not replace Council registration. Council does not charge registration fees for cats but encourages cat owners to register their cats on DACO.

A dog registered and wearing identification can be returned to its rightful owner much quicker which means that there is less stress on both the animal and owner. The original discs issued with dog registrations are lifetime discs and owners are encouraged to ensure the dog wears the appropriate disc or wears a collar or metal tag with the dog's registration number printed on it.

(President's report continued from page 1)

**The Town Hall Committee** which took on official running of the Hall and its maintenance from the Council. The refurbishment of the hall floor and toilets has been very successful.

**The History Group Sub Committee** which has developed and retained the historical records of the community and found and reproduced the original W.E. Gladstone photograph donated to the community by his family.

**The Ex-Service Personnel Group** which has stalwartly continued the development of the Memorial areas to be a notable feature of Gladstone, with information signs going up to inform everyone of the military involvement of our town and area. The Service Women's Garden is looking particularly attractive.

**The Southern Flinders Discovery Centre**, whose efforts to inform tourists of the town and the region and its attractions have assisted so much to promote and publicise the community.

**The Committee**, whose efforts to raise money through the wood-gathering and sale as well as the house purchase, upgrade and sale have allowed so many more projects to be achieved that were not possible within the grant and Council funding framework. These people particularly, have given time and effort to make sure the projects have been achieved in Gladstone, decided on by GCDTA.

To everyone of the volunteers involved in each of these areas, and all the rest of you who have made your quiet contribution to the prosperity and pleasure of our community, I would like to extend a big 'Thank You!' I look forward to seeing what the new committee achieves.

I also look forward to seeing all GCDTA members at the next **AGM** which is at **7pm on Wednesday 9th August** in the former Senior Citizens rooms on High Street.

There will be a **Northern Areas Council Forum** at the same venue on **Wednesday 30th August at 7pm.**

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## Flinders Mobile Library

The library truck will be visiting Gladstone on the following dates during August and September:

August 2nd , 16th , 30th

September 13th , 27th

The Library truck is parked in front of the Town Hall from 1pm to 4.30pm on each of the days.

A "returns" box is located at The Gladstone Council Office, so you can return items at any time.

The Library is part of the statewide One Card network and offers access to a wide range of physical and electronic services.

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Please make an effort to be there to listen to the Council and air any concerns you may have. The Council is making better efforts to deal with Gladstone issues. We even have the shade for the Main Street playground on next year's Council budget.

Have a great August, a successful harvest to our farmers, a successful sporting run to the sports types and a fire free season to all of us, especially our CFS volunteers.

Jonathan Hawkins-Clarke  
President GCDTA