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# GAZETTE

## Gladstone Gazette February 2024

### A Positive 2024 Beckons

Welcome to 2024 from all at the GCDTA. I hope everyone has had a good holiday season and feel refreshed to take on the new year. I think 2024 could be a year which sees some good things happen in our town.

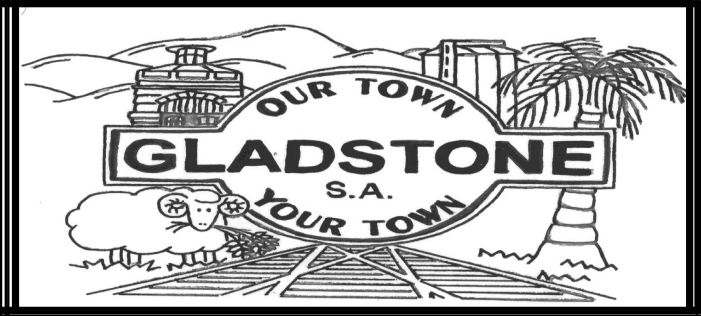
The National Trust "Silver to Seaway" initiative is to see the Gladstone Gaol come to life with a sound and light show and is set to begin this year. It will be a great tourist attraction.

Dee Scown and I were lucky enough to see the first trial of the Light Show. It was spectacular!!!

Stories for it will be created by the company "Illuminart".

We also met with members of the Department of Environment and Water (DEW) in January. They are the Government body which oversees the Gaol. They want the GCDTA to be a part of a working group which will include DEW, Northern Areas Council, Tourism SA and Regional Development Australia. Together, I hope we can create a solid future for the site.

David Catford  
President GCDTA



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

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## In the Swim

Swimming Season 2023-24 has been the busiest for many years. Up until December 31st over 3500 patrons have used the pool in the first seven weeks. This includes vac swim, school swimming, club training and competition as well as general public usage.

With warm weather continuing throughout January and February attendance records may be broken this season.

New upgrades have included front perimeter fence replacement and clean up. Thank you to a successful NEOEN Energy Wind Farm grant. Northern Areas Council have been busy purchasing and will soon be installing a new compliant chlorine building inside the plant room compound. This will enable freeing up space inside our existing building for storage and a safer and tidier plant room.

An ongoing "Thank You" goes to the many volunteers who keep the pool gates open. The canteen volunteers, gardeners and maintenance people all play a very important role in keeping our pool viable and open.

Tim Zander  
President  
Gladstone Swimming Pool

## Gladstone Garage Sale Weekend

Plan ahead for the next Garage Sale Weekend, **March 2nd and 3rd** .

**Phone 0417 849 441** to book in for the garage sale map by **February 29th** . Advertising will be by social media.



The poles are now in place for the new fencing at the tennis courts. The original courts were poured on Ash Wednesday, 16th February in 1983, and completed the next day. The first day was in the middle of a severe dust storm. Those courts had a distinct brown colour, and the second day courts were black. Luckily they were all painted green.



The gravel base has been laid at the 6 court complex at Ewart Oval. This is now ready for the laying of the hot mix surface for the courts.

Happy Rock Bakery

Winner of the Christmas lights competition

See winners on pg 13



The newly erected Silver-to-Seaway signage in the Parklands opposite the Discovery Centre.



On the top of the sign is the metal cut out of the Y class locomotive, with "The Cat" having a ride on top of the engine cabin. Check it out !!!

This large stack of baled hay was located in a paddock just West of Gladstone on the road to Port Pirie.



One of the signs erected each year on the main roads radiating out of Gladstone. The signs help in defining the differences between crops.

Lions and helpers collecting the pine trees for the main street at Christmas. We see Peter Smallacombe, Greg Wheeler and Wayne Hanley hard at work



On November 19th. The convoy is parked in Park Tce prior to taking the baled hay to Orroroo to help farmers in that district feed their stock during the prolonged dry spell. All farmers and truckies are to be commended for their generosity in time and money to help out.





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## A Brief Gaol History

The Gladstone Gaol, built between 1879 and 1881, was first used for 'inebriates, debtors and other prisoners'. During the early years of World War II, it was an internment camp for Italian and German nationals and later as a military detention barracks. The Gaol was also used as a medium security prison for prisoners on good behaviour. The Gaol officially opened on 8th June 1881. Mr. Charles McCarthy of Adelaide, was the first prisoner to be incarcerated in the Gaol. The first female prisoners were admitted on 8th August 1881. The Gaol was closed in 1975 because of its outdated facilities. It opened again in 1978 as a tourist attraction. It was then leased to various people to operate as they saw fit. It is currently closed so that essential repairs can be made. We are awaiting the news of a re-opening date. There are continuing enquiries on a regular basis being received at the Discovery Centre from people keen to visit our Gaol.

### Life in the Gladstone Gaol.....

Life for a prisoner was not meant to be easy in the 19th century, for a person who had broken the laws of the land had a debt to pay to society. A prisoner was incarcerated for punishment, not as punishment.. Unlike modern gaols, no effort was made to rehabilitate prisoners. Female prisoners were given no special treatment. They were required to observe the same rules as the men and could expect the same severe punishments if they broke those rules. The prison offered inmates training in a number of different trades. Prisoners made garbage cans, mop buckets and steel mugs in the sheet metal workshop. There were large vegetable gardens and an orchard, which provided prisoners with an abundance of fresh fruit and vegetables. Produce from these activities was used in the Gaol and the surplus was sent to the Port Augusta and Adelaide Gaols.

## Concrete Disposal

Northern Areas Council have advised that they now accept concrete at all three waste transfer stations. Gladstone's Transfer Station opens 9am to 11am on Wednesdays and 1pm to 4pm on Sundays

## CFS Captain's report

As we roll into the 2024 season, I hope you all had a great Holiday Season and all back to normality with the kids at school and back into the work routine.

Again I would like to thank those who turned out to the Christmas Eve Incident south of Gladstone in the hills. Excellent outcome with the tough conditions faced at that Incident.

This week will see the return of the Cadet training program commencing for 2024. Can't wait to get them back into learning and developing their skill sets.

Good luck to the two Members heading off to complete their BF1 course this weekend and becoming Rural Fire-Fighters. If you have ever had a thought of joining the CFS please don't hesitate to drop in on one of our training nights and have a chat to one of our members or contact myself on 0428457026 as our doors are always open to up and coming members to lend a hand to help the local and neighbouring communities when needed.

Training Nights are the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday night of each month @ 18:00, You will hear the siren sound as a test,

Finally I would like to thank all Members that have been turning out the Appliances and doing what we are trained to do, Putting Wet Stuff on Hot Stuff!

Also, to the families of the members giving up their valuable time to help the community.

Kind regards  
Hayden Prior  
Gladstone CFS Brigade Captain

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## Court Complex News

Work is continuing on the renewal of the tennis court complex. The six-court complex was built in 1983 encompassing tennis, netball and basketball courts. After 41 years the surface is in need of renewal. The poles and netting for the fencing is being renewed, the light towers and lighting renewed, the court surface enclosed by a concrete barrier and the courts will be a high-quality hot-mix surface. The upgrade is being funded by many sources including a state government grant, Council contribution, various local sporting groups and Combined Sports Association. The court upgrade enhances the outstanding community assets we have in Gladstone with the Sports Stadium, a high-quality oval surface, the new playground and the Ewart Oval surrounds. Well done to everyone involved in the court upgrade and the maintenance of this sporting complex. Thank you.

## Sthn Flinders Health Advisory Council News

The Advisory Council's AGM was held on 26th October 2023. Gladstone is represented by Bev Harris and Kathy Webb. There have been Aged Care upgrades in Laura and Crystal Brook Hospitals. Crystal Brook extended the garden area and improvements to all residents' rooms. The refurbished 'Room 19' is a 4-bed bay and used for Palliative Care, Maternity Care and Second Stage Recovery. Nearing completion in April at Laura Hospital includes three new bedrooms, five ensuites and upgrades to all rooms. The upgrade has removed the need for shared rooms and all rooms have ensuite facilities.

## Opp Shop News

Have you checked out the window display at the Opp Shop? On display is an outstanding display of Australian-authored books on sale for very reasonable prices. A treasure-trove!!! Well done to those involved with the presentation. The Opp Show re-opens on 5th February after the Christmas break.

## Our First Principal

Edward William Stephens arrived in Gladstone in September 1874, with his wife Maria Jane and five children, to take up his role as first schoolteacher at Gladstone Public School, on James Street.

He continued as Head Teacher until 1877, when he resigned and took up business as an auctioneer. In 1876 Edward organised the meeting which saw the ultimate erection of St. Albans Anglican Church in Sixth Street, with works completed by May 31 st 1876.

While in Gladstone, Maria gave birth to two children, Gladys in 1876 and Maud in 1880. Unfortunately, Gladys passed away in 1877, aged 10 months from infantile 'remittent' fever.

Edward was also a Councillor with the Gladstone District Council and Secretary of the Gladstone Institute. In March 1881 the Stephen's Family sold up and moved to Tasmania.

Picture of Edward and Maria Stephens with Gladstone born daughter Maud (Original photo from [amphiredeb.wordpress.com](http://amphiredeb.wordpress.com))



## The Job Board

On display in the window of the Discovery Centre is a notice that informs you of jobs that are available in the local area. Just pass your mobile phone over the notice to obtain the information.



## Lions Club News.....

Lions Christmas Cakes have been selling well over Christmas, adding to the money raised towards Lions projects within our Rocky River area and beyond. Thank you for your support. The Club is always looking towards bolstering the Club with new members to help others within our community. If you are interested in becoming a Rocky River Lions member talk to a current member. We suggest you talk with President Don Hucks (0428 912 085) Immediate Past President Bevan Smith (0400 782 544), Lions John Kitto (0429 096 971) or any other Lion.

## Christmas Event Cancelled

Unfortunately, due to bad, wet weather the Christmas Party was cancelled. A huge "Thank You" to all the girls on the Gladstone Fundraising Committee, who quickly re-organised this event to be on Tuesday night for the town to still enjoy some Christmas spirit. We were overwhelmed by the turnout. The Yiros, Hotdogs and steak sandwiches were a big hit. Kids still got to enjoy a visit from Santa, with lolly bags for every child to enjoy, thank you to Jenny Galpin and Simmo for donating these for the kids to enjoy. There was also face painting and crafting which was donated by members of the Fundraising Committee. Thank you to Golden North for donating little ice cream cups. We thank everyone who chipped in to help out.

Sarah Brougham, Kandice Prior, Kimmie Pitman, Renee Brace, Kaitlin Davidson  
(Members of Gladstone Fundraising Committee)





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## Gladstone Annual Art Exhibition.



An entry for your Diary – The 2024 Gladstone Annual Art Exhibition will open on Saturday 14th September and close on Friday 11th of October. Note that this is a week later than in the past so that the Exhibition can be open for the duration of the school holiday.

Closing date for entries of artwork will be Friday 30th August.

Entries in the fields of Fine Art, Photography, Sculpture, Applied Art, Fabric Arts and Jewellery are welcome and cash prizes are awarded to outstanding works in each category.

Displays of Junior Art from Rocky River Schools are a popular feature of the Gladstone Exhibition.

Details regarding entry and receipt of art works will be available on line and from the Southern Flinders Discovery Centre from the beginning of March.

Gladstone Art Exhibition Committee

## Volunteer Awards

Nominations are open for the 2024 South Australian Volunteer Awards with the invitation to nominate an outstanding individual or group. There are a number of categories and information can be gained by visiting [www.vsant.org.au/savolunteerawards](http://www.vsant.org.au/savolunteerawards).

Nominations close March 10th .

## Discovery Centre News

During January the Centre opened from 10am to 2pm. Whilst most tourists have ended up at the beach over the summer holidays we had visitors call in from most states and even International tourists. From February 1st opening hours have reverted to the normal 10am to 3pm. Thank you to the volunteers who 'work' to promote our town and region.

## Bowls Report

As we find ourselves edging closer to the last few weeks of bowls, my previous predictions are spot on. Our Saturday top division team are well entrenched in the top four and will have a good chance of winning the division Two shield. Our division three team although not finals bound have kept in touch with most teams and hold a very impressive percentage. Not a bad effort considering a large number of these players are new to bowls.

Thursdays ladies bowlers have also new bowlers learning the sport and although will not play finals, are having very close games ( and are celebrating accordingly ). As I have noted in the past the average age and years of experience in the sport of our players is many years below our opponents each week.

Congratulations to one of our young stars Daisy Coe. As reported previously Daisy competed in the Australian under 18 championships in Perth late last year and came home as an Australian bronze medallist in the triples. Not bad for a thirteen year old in her second year of taking the sport seriously. Accordingly Daisy has swept all aside this season to win Gladstones woman's club championship. Daisy will be a crowd favourite to win the association championship later this season as big brother Liam did in the men's competition last year. Well deserved Daisy and Liam.

Mr I M Bias.  
Club correspondent.

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## Coffee ,Craft & Chat 2024

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April 3rd  
May 1st and 15th  
June 5th and 19th.  
10 AM - 12PM

Bible study is also held on these days from 9 AM -10 AM.

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## Gladstone's Christmas Tree Competition:

First Prize: Bianca Broome  
Second Prize: Ellen Glenn  
Third Prize: Gladstone Playgroup

Congratulations to the winners and well-done to all who decorated the street trees.

## Gladstone Christmas lights competition

We have winners. Wow Gladstone, what an amazing job everyone has done, with putting lights out this year. Keep up the amazing work .

It was a very close vote, with lots of new houses that came close to winning the prize.

