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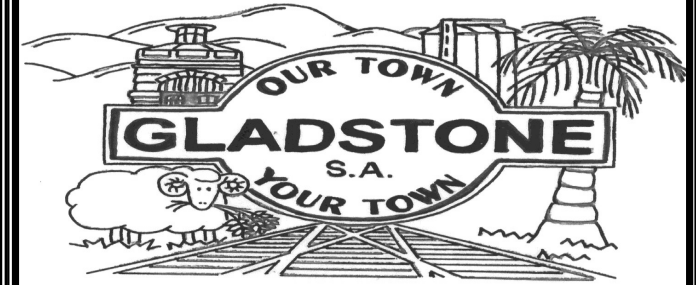
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The Committee Elected

Welcome to the latest edition of the Gazette. At the August AGM I was elected as the President of the GCD&T Association for the next year and hope to continue the improvement of our town.

The AGM on August 9th was well attended, with those present able to view and comment on a number of proposals, including the new toilet block for the main street.

Our Committee has thirteen elected members for the coming year, and I feel they will be keen to do their best.

The Committee comprises:

- David Catford: President
- Dean Male: Vice President
- Andrew Kitto: Secretary
- Tracey Cunningham: Assistant Secretary
- Dee Scown: Treasurer
- Jon Hawkins-Clarke
- Mal Strathearn
- Richard Stott
- John Hennessy
- Shaun Adams
- Marty Andrew
- Jason Hanley
- Nathan May

Regards,
David Catford
GCD&TA President

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Finding a Justice of the Peace In alphabetical order:

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|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Ms Susan GAGE, ESM | 0412576013 |
| Mr Jon HAWKINS-CLARKE | 86622663 |
| Mr Don SMALLACOMBE | 86624184 (Georgetown) |
| Mr Sam SMITH, OAM | 86622176 0427 662 217 |
| Mrs. Tracy SMITH | 0429 900 110 |
| Mrs. Chao SUN (Sunny) | 0491 150 182 |

After many years of service as a JP, Enis Marsh has retired, and we thank her for her service. She has helped many members of our community when her services were needed. It is a good time to remember that our JP's are not paid, and take on the responsibilities willingly and always act with integrity, confidentiality and enthusiasm. Best wishes Enis.

Gladstone Community Development and Tourism Association Inc. **PO Box 3, Gladstone SA 5473**

President: Jon Hawkins-Clarke
Correspondence Secretary: David Catford
Gazette Editor: Sam Smith

Deadline for next Gazette, reports and articles to be emailed to gcdta@gladstonesa.com.au by 5pm Friday November 24th. and the Gazette delivery date is Friday December 1st.

Contact Sam Smith (8662 2176) for: Advertising: \$25.00 -1/4 A5 page.
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In the Swim

Planning is well underway for pool opening day, as usual second Sunday in November. Season tickets have again remained at last year's reduced prices, due to high volunteer participation in supervision of canteen, plant room operators and ground's maintenance.

Unfortunately this season due to an unplanned illness we are in need of someone to take over lawn mowing duties of the pool surrounds, hopefully short term. If anyone can spare a couple of hours each fortnight please contact me for details.

Recent improvements at the pool include new windows throughout the upgraded change rooms, larger concrete entrance paths and new chemical resistant plant room floors. These upgrades are mostly due to successful NEOEN wind farm grants. Thank you to all again for the work put in to keep a wonderful facility available for all to enjoy.

Swim Club

Both coaches and children are eager to start Swim Club training with numbers looking good. With a long hot summer predicted, competition swimming is a great opportunity for your children to become strong competent swimmers, improving overall health and gaining lifelong friendships. After over forty years of Swim Club involvement I can highly recommend competition swimming. Training times are to be advertised soon through our school newsletters.

Tim Zander
Pool President
0427 622 355

The 15 th annual Gladstone Art Exhibition was officially opened by Bishop Jeremy James on Friday September 8 th .



Discovery Centre Chairperson Thea Smith welcoming visitors to the 20 th Anniversary celebrations on August 16 th .



Art Exhibition Coordinator Colin Raison admiring some of the excellent artwork on display.



Part of the crowd, from far and wide, at the celebrations.

Sonia's delightful artwork at the entrance to Gladstone IGA.



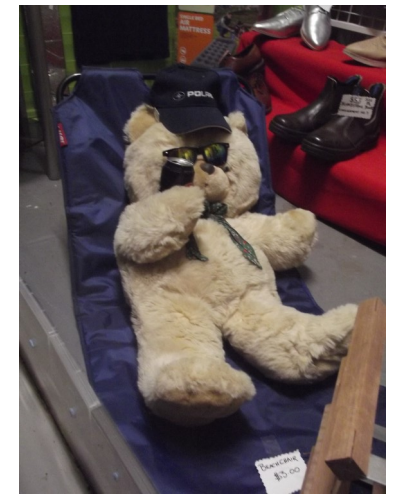
The cake made by Sue Peryman for the SFDC 20th Anniversary Celebrations





A huge crowd attended the Northern Areas football and netball grand-finals at Ewart Oval on September 16th. This is part of the huge crowd witnessing one of the netball matches.

Part of Karen's window display at the Opp Shop during September.



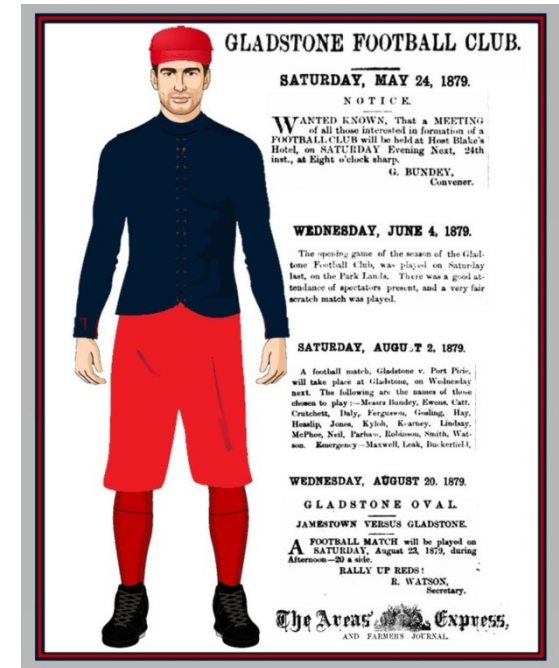
Two huge cranes were used to erect the 14metre-high communication tower on Midstate Hardware's block.



Graeme Smith and Tim Zander inspecting the site for the new sheltered area at the Bowling club. Luke Frost is operating the digger.



The original Gladstone football uniform, as described in the article on page 11



Part of the Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station adjacent to the Town Hall on Cross Street.





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GLADSTONE EX-SERVICE PERSONNEL GROUP

WW2 1943

During 1943 Gladstone had three men killed:

BURNLEY Bernard. RAAF Service No.407097, born at Gladstone 1st January 1911. Flight Lieutenant. KIA 1st June 1943. Aged 32. RAAF 495. Awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for sorties in the Western Desert, Ceylon and Burma.

LEESUE Clarence Melville. Pilot Officer. 417649. Born at Gladstone on 2nd April 1914. Died Aircraft Accident Tasmania 11th July 1943, aged 29.

STEWART James. Private. NX37746. Unit 2/12 Field Ambulance. KIA 14th May 1949. James was on the Hospital ship Centaur when it was sunk by a Japanese submarine torpedo. Of the 332 persons on board, only 64 survived. The survivors spent 35 hours on rafts before being rescued. James was 27 years old.

Operation Jaywick 26th September 1943

On the night of 26th September 1943, 14 commandos and sailors from the allied Z Force Special Unit paddled fold-up kayaks into Singapore Harbour, blowing up and severely damaging seven Japanese ships. They used a confiscated Japanese fishing boat (renamed Krait after a deadly snake) that had threaded its way from Exmouth WA to Singapore.

The Gladstone Ex-Service Personnel Group thank the GCD&TA Inc for donating the protective tint film that was applied by Adelaide Window Tint on Thursday 21st September. Thanks to the two men who pulled the gun out and put it back in the shelter. Some of the items on display were fading and are now protected from the sunlight and UV rays.

REMEMBRANCE DAY: 11th November this year falls on a Saturday. Please look for posters closer to the event.

Richard Stott
Chairman
Gladstone Ex-Service Personnel Group

The Bowls Season Begins

With the start of a new season we welcome several new male and female members. With good numbers throughout all teams we are hopeful of again being competitive each week.

Congratulations Duane Woods for again taking on the presidents role, David Rodger secretary and 'money man' Mathew Cadzow treasurer.

Kevin Tobin and crew have this season got our greens looking spectacular and will be very popular within the region, unfortunately, sometimes bringing out the best from visiting teams!

Recent building upgrades are progressing well, with stage one of our BBQ area completed. Planning is well under way for stage two, the extension of shades and viewing areas. The build will start early next year.

Good luck to all players, let's have another enjoyable year.

Mr IM Bias
0427 622 355

Our Champs!!!

In the next week our Liam and Daisy Coe are travelling to Perth WA as State representatives in the Under- 18 National Bowls Championships. They will be playing their matches at the Sorrento Bowling Club. We wish them both a successful and enjoyable trip and bring the bacon home to South Australia.

Plan ahead.....

The summer Gladstone Garage Sale will be held over the weekend of **December 2nd and 3rd**.

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Discovery Centre Celebrates

August 16th saw many current and former volunteers get together at the Centre to celebrate 20 years of continuous service to locals, visitors, producers and importantly, tourists. The “20 year” cake was made by Sue Peryman and was enjoyed by those present. Chairperson Thea Smith welcomed all present and thanked them for their service to the promotion of our town and the Southern Flinders Ranges.

One of the driving forces in the establishment of the Centre, Margaret Arbon now of Port Broughton, presented a “history” of the early days. Here is a snap-shot of her report.

“It was never in my thinking in 2003 to envisage we would be attending the 20th Anniversary. We committed to a cause then without a thought to its longevity.

Focus on tourism in the area began in the late 1990’s. The Flinders Ranges was so vast and difficult to market, with Hughes Gap being the divide between the Mount Lofty and Flinders Ranges. The Southern Flinders Ranges was not a designated area, being neither Mid North nor Flinders Ranges, so there was a push to create an identity and establish it as a destination.

Gladstone was classed as the southern gateway to the Flinders Ranges, and the privately owned, award winning, Southern Flinders Discovery Centre, was established in the former National Bank building in Gladstone Street. Following the closure of that Centre due to ill health, the GCDTA was offered ownership of the business name. At that time this building, owned by the Association, was the home of the Gladstone Youth Centre whose numbers were declining. As there were side doors to the rear section, the decision was made to convert the front section of this building into a tourism outlet using the business name “Southern Flinders Discovery Centre.”

The doors opened on August 16th 2003. Residents were invited to submit days and time that they would be able to spend keeping the doors open. In collaboration with TourismSA a comprehensive display of brochures from all regions was displayed for the public. It was a huge learning curve for us all.

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When the Youth Group disbanded, the GCDTA was instrumental in providing funding and many hours of commitment to upgrade and turn that area into an extension of the SFDC.

Also at that time, computer funding for Seniors was available, and with the aid of the Mobile Library personnel, a station was set up to cater for those seniors wishing to learn computing skills. A website was created which served the Association, Discovery Centre, History and Art Exhibition Groups.”

Margaret then listed many of the displays, especially the Booyoolee Panels which were commissioned for the very successful ‘Farmcog Festival’ of 2002. There are School Admissions and Cemetery lists available to the public and many photographs of the railways, a major feature of Gladstone.

She concludes with, “My congratulations and thank you to everyone, past and present, who have maintained this successful enterprise for the promotion of Gladstone and The Southern Flinders Ranges. Long may it continue!!!”

Positions Vacant

Northern Areas Council is seeking enthusiastic and motivated individuals to assist in providing lifeguard and customer service assistant at Council’s Gladstone, Jamestown and Spalding Swimming Pools for the 2023/24 season.

Successful applicants can choose to work at one or multiple locations. Successful applicants will need to attend a training session at Jamestown on 27th and 28th October. The training will provide you with:

- Life Guard Qualification (16 years and over)
- Senior First Aid Certificate

You will also need to provide a Working With Children Check and a National Criminal History Clearance Certificate. Position description is available on Council’s website www.nacouncil.sa.gov.au for further info.

Post your application to PO Box 120, Jamestown 5491, closing on 18th October 2023.

Lions Club News

Lions Club members have been busy making and selling donuts at Gladstone and Laura home games of netball and football, raising funds for allocation for various causes. The donut van has also been used by our Crystal Brook Lions at their home games.

Funds are raised through the sale of donuts, Lions Cakes and Lions Mints. We are fortunate to be a part of the sample grain collection at the Gladstone Silo Complex. The grain collected during the sampling process is sold and the proceeds are generously donated to Rocky River Lions. These funds must be spent on projects within the Rocky River region.

Recent donations by Lions have included Lifeline \$200, Emergency Information Booklets \$110, Lions Skin Cancer Unit \$3,000 (screenings held at Laura 11/12th July) Gladstone Tennis Club Courts \$2,000, Kabyur Domin Timor Leste \$250, Laura Events \$500 (Country Music Festival).

Club members are currently investigating the manufacture and purchase of a new emergency relief unit to replace the current donut van. The current unit was formerly a Highways Dept vehicle, converted to its current use by our 1980 Club President, Ted Osborn. It has served our community very well in those 43 years, but is now feeling its age.

Grand Final at Gladstone

Ewart Oval hosted the 2023 Northern Areas football and netball Grand Finals on September 16th and what a huge day it turned out to be. As most Northern Areas clubs were represented in both sports, the perfect weather and the central location of Gladstone, it was a Monty to draw a huge crowd. An attempt by our club officials to clear traffic from the highway by gaining approval to park vehicles on the High School oval proved ineffective! All roadways adjacent to the oval were thick with parked cars.

A special mention must go to members of the sporting community for their thoroughness in planning and preparation for this event. So much so, that everything worked to perfection. Well done to everyone involved.



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Gladstone Art Exhibition.

Fourteenth Gladstone Annual Art Exhibition

On Friday 8th of September the Annual Gladstone Art Exhibition opened in the Town Hall and was attended by over 50 local art enthusiasts and visitors. The evening opened with a welcome to country by Ms Judy Crosby. Exhibition coordinator Colin Raison extended thanks to all the Sponsors and volunteers without whose help the event would not be possible.. The formal launch of the exhibition was conducted by Bishop Jeremy James who urged all viewers to pause before each of the pieces of art work in order to appreciate the skills of the individual artists. The evening was celebrated with a tasty offering of savouries and drinks.

This year the exhibition has a full catalogue of artwork in the categories of Junior and Open Fine Art, Photography, Sculpture, Applied Art Fibre Art and Patchwork and Quilting. Entries were received from well-known local artists as well as others from across the State and illustrated many styles and media.

Our four judges had a difficult task selecting the Section awards and this year the winners are:

Open Fine Art- Glen Cannon. Laura. "Morning Greetings" Ink and Stipple.

Junior Fine Art- Alana Bunting. Laura. "Ananka" Digital Art.

Junior Encouragement Award. Henry Prest, "Pixel City" Digital Art.

Photography- Sandra Sears, Gladstone. "Roos Abound".

Sculpture- Maitie Hitchcock, Peterborough. "Scruffy Dog" Chicken wire.

Fibre Art- TRL POM POM Group. Tanunda. "Catch me if you Can" Knitting wool.

Applied Art- Tony Scown. Gladstone. "Leopard wood bowl" Wood and opal.

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Patchwork & Quilting- Julie Nettle. Laura. "Recycled Denim Clam Shells"

After the first two weeks over 400 visitors have viewed the Exhibition. Most have been local or South Australian but we have also seen visitors from Interstate and some from overseas coming from UK, NZ and South Africa.

The Exhibition Raffle will be drawn on Friday 6th Oct and the winners will be notified by telephone. The Exhibition will be open from 10am to 4pm until 5th October and close at noon on the 6th Oct.

Exhibition Committee

Trina Barber, , Jon Hawkins-Clarke, Virginia Ferguson, Rosslyn Fordham, Colin Raison, Cheryle Gericke-Syta, Chrissie White.

A Big Thank You

Much of what goes on in our communities, especially country communities, is motivated and carried out by volunteers. The success of the 15th Gladstone Art Exhibition has been led since its inception by Colin Raison. The Exhibition is part of the annual "Flinders – a Brush with Art" with around a dozen communities holding similar events. Gladstone's is noted for being one of the largest with the number of entries and the broad scale of art forms. The Brush with Art event is held over September-October and communities hosting this year range from Wilpena to Gladstone and places in between.

Many volunteers have also played their part in the setting up and closing down of the event and in particular, the many volunteers who supervise the event from 10am to 4pm everyday over the four week period. Of particular note is the quality of entries by students from the four schools in our area.

If you have not visited the exhibition, just a reminder that it closes on Friday 6th October.

Thank You Colin.

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RAA EV Charging Station

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The RAA network throughout the State is building daily. It is good that Gladstone has been included in the network.

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Game 2 - v Port Pirie, Wednesday August 6, 1879

Score - Pt Pirie 3.4 - 22 Gladstone 2.5 - 17

Game 3 - v Jamestown, Saturday August 23, 1879

Score - Jamestown 1.1 - 7 Gladstone 0.0 - 0

From Gladstone's "The Areas Express and Farmers' Journal" 1879

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CFS Report

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Welcome your new Captain Hayden Prior, Hayden has taken on the challenge of Brigade Captain. He has support all around him and will bring a fresh approach to Brigade.

Lieutenants are,

- Lt 1 Roger Phillips
- Lt 2 Jesse Philps
- Lt 3 Andrew Kitto
- Lt 4 Paul (Grim) Kruger

We also welcome two extra Cadet Supervisors in Lachie Hansen and Shakira Spencer, extra help for Cadet program. Our Cadets are going from strength to strength, at last training there were 18 young future leaders in our communities in attendance.

Weather conditions are changing quite rapidly unfortunately, with Total Fire Bans having been put in place recently. Have you got your Bush-fire Ready Plan in place? If not, why not? We are here to help or guide you through it, or go to www.cfs.sa.gov.au and have a look around.

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