



GLADSTONE
REGIONAL COUNCIL



Region of Choice



The Gladstone Region

- Approx. 63,000 Residents
- Approx. 10,000 km²
- 43 localities – including multiple that become isolated during weather and disaster events
- Largest industry is manufacturing – serviced by Australia's finest natural deep-water harbour
- Friendly and diverse community; mixing rural farming, scenic beachside and one of Queensland's most significant industrial powerhouses.





November – December 2018

Deepwater

- Thursday 22 November 2018 - fire reported near Maude Hill Road, Deepwater
- “Catastrophic” and unprecedented fire conditions
- Evacuations commenced on 26 November
- 79% of residents surveyed did not evacuate when directed.





November – December 2018 Mount Larcom



- 28 November 2018 - fire reported north of Mount Larcom.
- Evacuation of the entire township.
- No loss of properties.
- Fire contained the following day.



November – December 2018 Bushfire Events summary

- Multiple fires across the region
- Approximately 101,800 Hectares lost in total, across the Gladstone Region
- 3 dwellings were destroyed/uninhabitable
- 35 other structures (sheds/vehicles) destroyed or damaged.
- 64 properties impacted
- LDMG moved to recovery on 5 December.





CQ Bushfires Video

[https://www.youtube.com/
watch?v=N_Swos3OA18
&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N_Swos3OA18&feature=youtu.be)



Local Recovery Plan

Disaster Management

2018

DISASTER RECOVERY STRUCTURE

GLADSTONE LDMG
Chair: Mayor
Deputy: Deputy Mayor (and Cr Hansen)

Local Recovery Coordinator
GRC Chief Executive Officer
Deputies:

Local Recovery Groups

Community
Chair: Cr. Rick Hansen
Responsible Officer: GM
Community Development and Events

Environment
Chair: Cr. Desley O'Grady
Responsible Officer: GM Customer Experience

Infrastructure
Chair: Cr. Glenn Churchill
Responsible Officer: GM Strategic Asset Performance

Human & Social	Economic	Health and Environmental	Building	Infrastructure
Primary Planning & Coordination: GRC Community & Wellbeing	Primary Planning & Coordination: Economic Specialist	Primary Planning & Coordination: Health and Biosecurity, Environment and Conservation	Primary Planning & Coordination: Development Services	Primary Planning & Coordination: Operations, Strategic Asset Planning



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Community Development Specialist – Recovery/Resilience





Learnings - and where to from here

- Community debriefs were held in Agnes Water, Baffle Creek and Mount Larcom





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Band Together





Learnings - and where to from here

- Embedding both Response AND Recovery Agencies in to the LDCC
- Importance of daily briefings for GRC staff and politicians
- Business continuity for GRC





Learnings – and where to from here

- The need for coordination of funding opportunities within small communities

REGIONWATCH

Your eyes across the region



- ROAD CONDITIONS
- WEATHER WARNINGS
- POWER OUTAGES
- EMERGENCY BULLETINS
- SOCIAL MEDIA FEEDS



The Dashboard provides you with automatic, live updates from:

- Local and state road conditions
- Weather warnings from the Bureau of Meteorology
- Fire incidents from Queensland Fire and Emergency Services
- Bulletins from our region's Local Disaster Coordination Centre
- Power outages, from Ergon Energy
- Council's flood cameras at flooding hotspots
- School closures from the Department of Education Queensland

Information is key to making good decisions in a disaster and knowing where to find information is as important as any other disaster preparation.

Visit regionwatch.gladstone.qld.gov.au

- Preparedness of Gladstone Regional Council and the broader communities for future bushfire events
 - GRC Bushfire Mitigation Strategy
 - Community disaster education



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