### GLADSTONE REGIONAL COUNCIL





# 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 deepwater 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



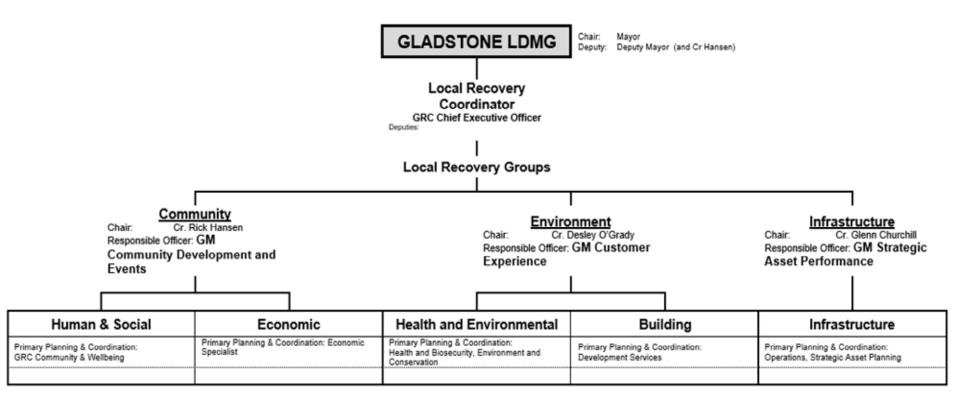
# Local Recovery Plan



Disaster Management

2018

#### DISASTER RECOVERY STRUCTURE





# Community Development Specialist – Recovery/Resilience







### Learnings - and where to from here

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





# **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





ROAD CONDITIONS
WEATHER WARNINGS

POWER OUTAGES

FMERGENCY 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



### Questions??