



GLADSTONE  
REGIONAL COUNCIL



*Region of Choice*



# The Gladstone Region

- Approx. 63,000 Residents
- Approx. 10,000 km<sup>2</sup>
- 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.





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# 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

Primary Planning & Coordination:  
GRC Community & Wellbeing

### Economic

Primary Planning & Coordination: Economic Specialist

### Health and Environmental

Primary Planning & Coordination:  
Health and Biosecurity, Environment and Conservation

### Building

Primary Planning & Coordination:  
Development Services

### Infrastructure

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](http://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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# Questions??