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# Newsletter

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## A Word from Walking 4 Warriors

Craig Watson, President of Walking 4 Warriors (W4W), was extremely proud to announce that they raised over \$20,000 from the 2024 Endurance Challenge. From these funds, W4W will be making a \$10,000 donation to both Young Veterans CQ and Combined Services to help support our Veterans and First Responders communities.

Craig emphasized the profound impact that these donations have on the lives of our service men and women, adding that walking together also positively affects those who are currently serving or have served. Over the past four years, W4W has raised more than \$80,000—a tremendous achievement that reflects the dedication and generosity of all those involved.

A big congratulations and heartfelt thanks go out to everyone who participated or contributed. Craig and the W4W team are especially grateful for the continued support from Community Bank Calliope and Gladstone, which has played a key role in making these efforts possible.



## Message from our Chair

I am happy to present to our valued Shareholders and community members another beautiful newsletter. We take this opportunity to let you know the difference your money is making in our region, and to thank you for your support over the last 15 years.

The philosophy of the Bendigo Bank is to feed into the prosperity of our community, not from it. Thanks to you, we have been able to do just that: over 4 million dollars!

Please read through the Funding Committee Report and note the variety of NFP groups and charities that are included.

**Jo Hill,  
Chair**

# Funding Committee Report

Community Bank Calliope and Gladstone have had a bumper year, because of that, we were able to give back around \$764,744.00 in contributions back to the Community for the 2023-2024 financial year. This was made up of Sponsorships (\$83,130.00), Grants (\$661,335.00) and Donations (\$20,479.00).

We also gave \$55,000 to students in University Scholarships which consisted of \$40,000 to 2024 Scholarship Recipients and \$15,000 to the 2023 Recipients (2nd & Final Payment).

As a Community Bank, we pride ourself on supporting our local community in many different ways, that's what makes our Community Banks stand out from the rest. Community Bank Calliope and Gladstone would like to thank all of our customers for their valuable and continued support, you are the reason we are able to financially support our Community, without you banking with our Branches, none of this would be possible.

## Shares Available: Invest in Your Community with Calliope & District Enterprises Limited

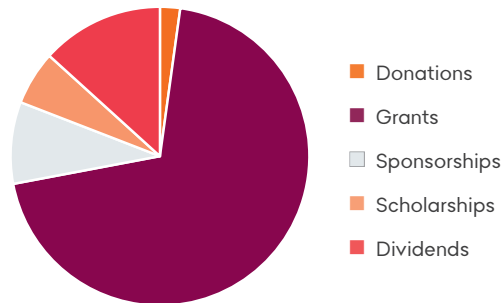
Calliope & District Enterprises Limited is the company that proudly operates the locally owned Community Bank branches in Calliope and Gladstone. We're excited to share that over 290 Calliope residents are already shareholders in this local community company, contributing to the success and growth of our region.

Our Bendigo Bank branches were established by the community, for the community, with a commitment to returning profits through sponsorships, grants, donations, and dividends to local organisations and projects. By investing in Calliope & District Enterprises Limited, you're not just buying shares—you're investing in the future of our community.

If you're interested in learning more about buying shares and becoming a part of this thriving community initiative, please visit our websites: [www.bendigobank.com.au/branch/qld/community-bank-calliope/](http://www.bendigobank.com.au/branch/qld/community-bank-calliope/)

Join us in making a positive impact and supporting the continued growth of our community.

## Community Contributions Financial Year 2023-24



## Community Contributions 2024 (Since last Newsletter)

Grants	
Gladstone Brothers Cricket Club Inc.	\$5,000.00
Gladstone Men's Shed Ass. Inc.	\$100,000.00
Walking 4 Warriors Inc.	\$10,700.00
Boyne Burnet Inland Rail Trail	\$16,558.00
Mt Larcom & District Show Society Inc.	\$10,000.00
The Scout Association of Qld Branch Inc.	\$9,532.00
Meteors Football Club Inc.	\$6,000.00
Roseberry Qld	\$29,414.51
Tannum Sands Surf Lifesaving Club Inc.	\$29,885.00
Gladstone Eisteddfod Association	\$55,000.00
	<b>\$272,089.51</b>

Sponsorships	
Gladstone Festivals & Events Inc.	\$16,500.00
Gladstone Radio Controlled Yacht Club Inc.	\$37,180.00
Calliope & District Campdraft Ass. Inc.	\$3,000.00
Gladstone Calliope Equestrian Group Inc.	\$5,000.00
	<b>\$61,680.00</b>

Scholarships 2024	
3 x Full Scholarships @ \$10,000.00	\$30,000.00
2 x Bursaries @ \$5,000.00	\$10,000.00
3 x 2nd Year Payments @ \$5,000.00	\$15,000.00
	<b>\$55,000.00</b>
<b>Donations</b>	<b>\$13,680.00</b>

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## Mt Larcom & District Show Society Inc.

Another fantastic year of supporting the Mt Larcom Show, and what a success it was! Bendigo Community Bank Calliope and Gladstone proudly sponsored the Wood Chopping and Chainsaw sections of the 2024 Show.

This year, the show saw a significant increase in attendance, with over 13,000 armbands issued. This boost in patrons meant that vendors enjoyed increased trade, making it a successful event for everyone involved. The show's events also saw higher nomination numbers, and the Australian National Chainsaw Racing Titles were a standout, attracting competitors from all over Queensland and NSW. The woodchop section was fiercely competitive, featuring some of the best axemen from the Stihl Timber Sports.

In addition to sponsoring key events, Community Bank Calliope and Gladstone had a stall at the show. It was lovely meeting so many community members in person, and in true community spirit, we ran a fun competition to give back. We are thrilled to announce that we have since donated \$1,500 to organisations selected by community members.

The Mt Larcom Agricultural Show is a highlight of our community's year, embodying the spirit of a true country show. Our Community Banks are delighted to support such a beloved and family-friendly event, and 2024 proved to be another great success.



## Supporting Central Queensland 4CC Community Chest

We were proud to support the 4CC Central Queensland Community Chest once again in 2024 and give back to our local community! This year we donated \$600 to a brave lady by the name of Dianne fighting MND, alongside her dedicated and caring husband Lester.



## Main Stage – 2024 Gladstone Harbour Festival



Bendigo Community Bank Calliope and Gladstone sponsored the Sunday night entertainment on the main stage at the Gladstone Harbour Festival and what a night it was!

We were proud to support such an iconic community event once again, bringing joy and entertainment to attendees of all ages.

There were plenty of giveaways, and the highlight for many was a very special visit from Piggy, who brought smiles and excitement to the crowd.

We also want to extend a big congratulations to Mia, the winner of our colouring-in competition!

Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make this event so memorable. We look forward to continuing our support for the Gladstone Harbour Festival and our wonderful community.

# 2024 Community Bank Calliope and Gladstone Recipients



## Elle Heatherington – Full Scholarship \$10,000 1st Year – 2nd Year \$5,000 Conditionally

I am honoured to have been selected as one of the recipients of the 2024 Community Bank Calliope & Gladstone Scholarship. Having graduated from Toolooa State

High School in 2023, I am embarking on a journey to pursue a Bachelor of Dental Surgery at James Cook University in Cairns. This scholarship represents a significant opportunity for me as it will greatly facilitate my transition to far-north Queensland and support my academic endeavours. The financial assistance provided by this scholarship will play a crucial role in alleviating the various expenses associated with pursuing this degree. It will help cover living expenses, required resources, practical placements, and some of the other costs of my education. This support will undoubtedly ease some financial burdens and allow me to focus more intently on my studies. I am deeply grateful to the Community Bank Calliope and Gladstone for their generosity and belief in my academic pursuits. Their investment in my education will not only benefit me personally but also contribute to my future contributions to the field of dentistry. Thank you for this invaluable opportunity.



## Naomi Eve – Full Scholarship \$10,000 1st Year – 2nd Year \$5,000 Conditionally

I am writing to express my deepest gratitude for the Community Bank Calliope and Gladstone scholarship I have been awarded. It is an incredible honour to have been

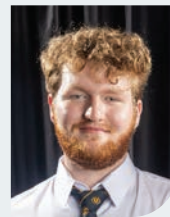
selected, and I am genuinely thankful for the opportunity it provides me to pursue my education. Accepting this scholarship means a great deal to me, and I want to assure you that I am fully committed to making the most of this support. I understand the responsibility that comes with it and would like to outline how I plan to allocate the funds to cover my fees and necessary expenses, including transportation. The primary use of the scholarship will be to cover my tuition and related fees. This financial assistance will significantly alleviate the burden of educational expenses, allowing me to focus more on my studies. A portion of the scholarship will be allocated to purchasing the required technologies. This will enable me to fully engage with my coursework and stay up to date. I recognise the importance of reliable transportation to attend classes, participate in activities, and engage with the academic community. The scholarship funds will be utilised to cover transportation costs, ensuring I can travel to and from the campus. I want to assure you that I am committed to maintaining a high level of academic excellence and will do my utmost to represent the values and expectations associated with this scholarship. Your belief in my potential has inspired me to work harder and achieve my goals.

Once again, thank you for this incredible opportunity. I am excited about the journey ahead and its positive impact on my education and future. I look forward to keeping you updated on my progress and achievements.



## Boden Jinnette – Full Scholarship \$10,000.00 1st Year – 2nd Year \$5,000.00 Conditionally

My name is Boden Jinnette and I completed year 12 at Toolooa State High School. I would like to thank Bendigo Bank Calliope and Gladstone for their generous support in providing scholarships to the community. I will be studying at the University of Sunshine Coast, undertaking a Bachelor of Computer Science with a minor in cyber security. My future on completion of this degree will be to continue in my studies to complete a master's degree in cyber security. This will enable me to work in the cyber security field. I am very thankful to be given this opportunity to receive the scholarship money as it will assist me with my study related expenses including accommodation, course related fees and study related materials and expenses.



## Luke Haken – One Off Bursary Payment of \$5,000

By receiving this bursary, I will be able to complete my studies to a high standard and will be able to transition to a whole new world without the worry of financial burdens. I thank the Bendigo Community Bank of

Calliope & Gladstone for providing this bursary, I will be sure to put it to great use towards funding my accommodation away from home at Cromwell College at the University of Queensland.



## Rebecca Battye - One Off Bursary Payment of \$5,000

I am beyond grateful to have received this bursary payment to assist with the expenses incurred in relation to my Bachelor degree of Secondary Education course. This is an incredible opportunity that will have a profound impact on my educational journey. As a student with a medical condition that entails additional disabilities, I face unique challenges that come with extra costs.

This Bendigo Community Bank Calliope and Gladstone scholarship money will be instrumental in alleviating the financial burden that these circumstances bring, allowing me to focus on my studies and pursue my academic goals.

This bursary payment is more than just financial assistance; it represents an investment in my future. I am immensely grateful for the generosity and support provided through this scholarship and I am determined to make the most of this opportunity.



## Kookaburra Creek Kindergarten

Have you seen the new fence at Kookaburra Creek Kindergarten?

As part of our community investment program, we proudly donated over \$41,000 towards the installation of a new fence to provide a safer environment for the kindy kids.

“The fence has enhanced both the view of our kindergarten and the safety of our children. The new drainage area has alleviated the pressure staff had when we had heavy rain. Children have a new inviting area for imaginative play”, said Tara Bernie Educating Assistant.

Look at those smiling faces!

## Supporting Local Success: \$5,000 Sponsorship to Gladstone Calliope Equestrian Group Inc.

We are excited to extend our heartfelt congratulations to the Gladstone Calliope Equestrian Group on their recent successful Championship event! This achievement marks another milestone for a dedicated local organisation, and we are proud to have played a part in their journey.

Through our Community Investment Program, we were thrilled to support the Gladstone Calliope Equestrian Group with a \$5,000 donation. This contribution helped ensure the success of their Championship event, providing resources and support where it was needed most.

The Gladstone Calliope Equestrian Group has always been a shining example of community spirit, bringing together riders and enthusiasts to celebrate the sport and foster a sense of camaraderie. Their commitment to excellence and passion for equestrian sports continues to inspire us, and we're honoured to be a part of their ongoing success.

At Community Bank Calliope and Gladstone, we believe in the power of community and are dedicated to supporting organisations like the Gladstone Calliope Equestrian Group.



Together, we can achieve great things and continue to build a vibrant, thriving community.

Here's to many more successful events and a strong partnership in the years to come!

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## ARTmatters: A Dream Realized with Community Support

At Community Bank Calliope and Gladstone, we are thrilled to have played a part in transforming ARTmatters into a safe and hygienic creative space. This project has been a long-held dream for Jennifer Hansen, President of ARTmatters, and it has been incredibly rewarding to see it come to fruition.

Jennifer shared her excitement, saying, "It has been a personal dream and goal for ARTmatters to have safe and hygienic facilities in which to create. I am thrilled with how the team at ARTmatters has worked closely with the Bendigo Community Bank Calliope and Gladstone to achieve this."

The transformation has been nothing short of amazing. Teri Maunder, a recent visitor, remarked, "Wow! What a transformation. Having seen the previous roof and kitchen, the difference is amazing."

Michael McMahon, a dedicated volunteer, echoed this sentiment, stating, "Well done. A massive effort."



We are proud to support Creative Gladstone Region Inc. in making ARTmatters a welcoming and inspiring place for artists and community members alike. This project reflects our commitment to fostering creativity and community spirit, and we look forward to seeing the continued positive impact of these new facilities.

## Gladstone Auto Club: Enhancing the Speedway Experience

At Community Bank Calliope and Gladstone, we're proud to support local initiatives that make a real difference in our community. One such project we're excited to be part of is the recent upgrades at Benaraby Speedway, facilitated by our funding for 600 grandstand seats and a racing timing board.

These enhancements not only provide additional seating and increased capacity for the speedway community but also contribute to the growth of tourism in our region. The new grandstands and timing board are helping to elevate the experience for race fans and participants alike, making the speedway an even more exciting and welcoming venue.

Our support for the Gladstone Auto Club aligns with our commitment to fostering community growth and development. We believe that by investing in projects like these, we can help build a stronger, more vibrant region that benefits everyone.

Richard Gilmour, Secretary of the Gladstone Auto Club, highlighted the impact of this partnership, noting that our funding has been instrumental in bringing these improvements to life.

We're thrilled to see how these upgrades are enhancing the speedway experience and look forward to continuing our support for the Gladstone Auto Club and other local organisations that contribute to the vitality of our community.



## Building a Stronger Community: Gladstone Men's Shed Construction Underway

We're excited to share that construction is underway for the new Gladstone Men's Shed, a project that's set to become a cornerstone of community support and engagement. With a \$110,000 donation from our Community Investment Program, we are proud to help make this much-needed facility a reality.

The Gladstone Men's Shed has long been a vital space for men in our community to come together, share skills, and support one another. This new shed, once completed, will provide even more opportunities for fellowship, learning, and community involvement. While the construction is still in progress, the anticipation for the finished product is growing, and we can't wait to see the impact it will have.

This project represents more than just bricks and mortar, it's about building connections, fostering well-being, and creating a space where members can thrive. We're thrilled to contribute to such a meaningful initiative and look forward to the grand opening soon.

Stay tuned for further updates as construction continues.

# Anticipation Builds for IOM World Championships 2024: A Sneak Peek with Our Board Chair Jo Hill

As the countdown to the IOM World Championships - Gladstone 2024 reaches double digits, excitement is in the air! This prestigious event, which will bring world-class sailing to our beautiful region, is fast approaching, and we couldn't be more thrilled to be a part of it.

In the spirit of the upcoming competition, our Board Chair, Jo Hill, took the opportunity recently to head down to the Marina and try her hand at navigating the course. It was a fantastic way to get a feel for the excitement and challenge that this event will bring to Gladstone. With the event taking place right here in our own backyard, the enthusiasm is unmistakable, and we can't wait to see it all come together.

As proud sponsors of the IOM World Championships, we are honoured to support an event that will not only showcase top tier sailing talent but also shine a spotlight on our vibrant community. This championship is set to attract competitors and spectators from around the globe, making it a landmark event for Gladstone.

Stay tuned as the excitement builds—we'll be sharing more updates as we get closer to the big day. We look forward to seeing you at the Marina for what promises to be an unforgettable event!



## Port Curtis Scouts Association Inc.: New Bunks for a Better Camping Experience

The Port Curtis Scouts Association Inc. is excited to announce a fantastic upgrade to their campsite facilities—brand new bunks! These bunks are a great size for both youth and adults, and they're incredibly comfortable, making camping even more enjoyable, especially during the cold weather.

Jennifer Neilsen, Cub Scout Leader of the Kareeba Scout Group in Gladstone, shared her enthusiasm "They make camping more fun in the cold weather, and now we can welcome school groups, Guides, and other youth organisations to stay at our campsite with the new bunks in place."

With these improvements, the Port Curtis Scouts Association is better equipped than ever to provide a comfortable and inviting environments for all their campers. We look forward to seeing more young people and community groups enjoy the benefits of this wonderful new addition.



## Meals on Wheels Expansion: A New Hub for Community Support



Meals on Wheels has recently completed an exciting expansion of their kitchen area, thanks to a generous grant of \$100,000 as part of our Community Investment Program. This new space is more than just an addition—it's a hub for fostering community, collaboration, and care.

The expanded area provides volunteers with a dedicated room to congregate before and after their delivery routes. This space allows them to discuss any issues that may arise, share experiences, and strengthen the bonds that make Meals on Wheels such a vital service in our community.

In addition to serving as a gathering place for volunteers, the new area offers a fantastic venue for regular organisational meetings and networking opportunities. It's a place where ideas can be exchanged, and where the future of the organisation can be shaped.

The new training room meets all health and safety requirements and provides a perfect setting for training both kitchen and delivery volunteers. Moreover, this space is also available to other small local community groups, making it a versatile asset for the entire community.

We're proud to support Meals on Wheels with this grant and excited to see how this new space will enhance their ability to serve those in need while also supporting the broader community.

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## Celebrating Community Progress: Roseberry Qld Hub Opening



Recently our team and board members attended the grand opening of the Roseberry Qld Hub. This incredible project is now officially open, and we couldn't be prouder to have played a part in bringing it to life.

Through our Community Investment Program, Community Bank Calliope and Gladstone contributed over \$29,000 to this initiative. The Roseberry Qld Hub is designed to support local families by providing access to essential everyday needs, creating a welcoming space where everyone can find the resources they need to thrive.

This project is a shining example of what can be achieved when we work together, and we're thrilled to support such a meaningful addition to our community. The Hub will undoubtedly have a positive impact on many lives, and we're honoured to have been part of its journey from concept to completion.

Together, we're making a real difference in our community, and we look forward to seeing the positive outcomes that the Roseberry Qld Hub will bring.

