



KIN KORA
STATE SCHOOL

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Term 4 – Week 2 – Tuesday 14th October 2025

Principal News

Hi everyone, welcome to Term 4!

Welcome Back!

I trust that you had an enjoyable and relaxing break. The time with family is great, not only to recharge the batteries, but also to prepare students for the last Term of the year. The partnership between home and school is critical in attaining the best possible outcomes for all children. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or Administration if you have any questions or concerns regarding their education. We look forward to another strong term working together to ensure the best possible learning environment for your children.

Class Planning for Next Year

As planning is already in progress for 2026 classes,

we ask if you would kindly email admin@kinkorass.eq.edu.au or phone the office on (07) 4971 5111 as soon as possible if you intend leaving Gladstone at the end of this year OR if you wish to enrol a student for next year.

We also remind you now to ensure all Prep 2026 Enrolment Forms are returned to the office for processing as soon as possible.

We need this information to determine class structures and staffing requirements. Please contact the office if you require additional information. Please note, the more accurate our information here, the less likely we are to have any possible class changes after the year starts.

Parking Concerns

Parking is always difficult at our school. We are seeing high numbers of parent vehicles inside the school grounds which presents a risk to students. Parents are asked to ensure that, unless picking up a sick child from the office, all vehicles remain parked on the street.

Gate times are fixed to ensure student safety,

so calls to the office to ask for gates to be opened will be politely declined. **There is no access through the Hibiscus Avenue front gates between 8.30am to 9.30am, and between 2.30pm and 3.15pm each day. Also, the school car park off Sun Valley Road is strictly for staff only.**

Thank you very much for your efforts to keep every student safe.

Before School Bell Times

- The official start of the day is 8:55am when classes commence.
- We are routinely seeing students arriving at school, unsupervised, before 8.00am. This is a long time to wait for the day to commence. It increases the likelihood of issues and accidents when children are here for a long period of time. Students arriving before Duty starts should be accessing Outside School Hours Care - School is not to be viewed as a free care facility please. For details of booking into OSHC – please see <https://www.helpinghandsnetwork.com.au/find-us/kin-kora-state-school/>
- Parents are asked to ensure that the arrival time at school, via drop off or transit, is approximately 8.30am. Students and parents are asked to wait in the covered area at the Tuckshop at this time.
- There are staff on Duty at the Tuckshop covered area from 8.30am.
- At 8.40am students will be released from the covered area at the Tuckshop. This will allow some time to prepare, unpack, go to the toilet, get a drink, etc.
- As soon as teachers open their doors, students are able to enter the room and prepare for the day. Otherwise, students are asked to wait quietly at their classroom.

QParents – Get Connected Now!

Everything in one place – excursion forms, payments, medical details, absence reporting, and early access to report cards. Fast. Easy. No follow-up texts.

Not on QParents yet? Call or visit the office today – you'll be set up in minutes!

QParents is a secure, online portal that has been created by the Department of Education to provide parents of Queensland State School students with 24-hour access to their child's information. The portal allows you to securely access information about your child and communicate directly with your child's school.

QParents provides secure, online access to student information such as:

- attendance details
- consent forms
- payment of invoices
- payment history
- behaviour
- report cards and assessment dates
- upcoming events
- timetables
- student photo

In addition to the information provided, it's important to note that the QParents portal only sends invoices to the parent/carer who is listed first. This means that if there are multiple parents or carers who share responsibility for payments, only one of them will receive the invoice through the portal. It is important for parents and carers to communicate and coordinate payment arrangements if they are sharing the responsibility for fees.



The reality is that any family not connected on QParents runs the risk of not getting information as required.

We encourage you to register for QParents. To do this, simply express your interest by emailing admin@kinkorass.eq.edu.au or by phoning (07) 4971 5111 and we will email you an invitation to register (which includes your **log-in code**) and your child's **unique EQID number**.

Goal: 90% of families signed up to QParents. Current: 72.35% families signed up to QParents.

Current Percentages by Year Level

Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
88.57%	90.47%	85.84%	90.09%	92.80%	87.96%	98.24%

Jorgen Neilson
Principal



Deputy Principal (Year 3 to Year 6)

2026 Class Placement Request Forms

If there are specific issues that may impact your child's learning and need to be considered during class placement decisions for 2026, you are welcome to complete a Class Placement Request Form.

Please note:

Teacher requests will not be considered.

Forms are available from the school office or can be requested via email: admin@kinkorass.eq.edu.au

Completed forms must be placed in an envelope marked: "CONFIDENTIAL to the Principal" Deadline: Friday 31st October by 3:00pm

Forms submitted after this date will not be processed.

Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us make informed class placement decisions.

High School Enrolments

A reminder that these are due now. Students must be enrolled at a High School to attend transition and orientation days.

Term 4 Class & Enviro Captains

Congratulations to the following students for their leadership role in Term 4.

Class Captains

6A – Aaliyah

6B – Rocco

6C – Sorhen

6D – Jennifer

5A – Adella

5B – Kaili

5C – Zara

5D – Illah

5/6E – Clara

4A – Layla

4B – Addison

4C – Frankie

4D – Danakah

4E – Sophia

3A – Scarlett

3B – Kate

3C – Abigail

3D – Evalyn

3E – Phoenix

Enviro Captains

6A – Orlando

6B – Allie-May6C – Brynden

6D – Scarlett S

5/6E – Jacob M

5A – Max

5B – Delilah

5C – Harper

5D – Lily

4A – Amaya

4B – Zahra

4C – Eden

4D – Charlotte

4E – Skyler

3A – Alexandra

3B – Elijah L

3C – Jonathan

3D – Dean

3E – Ryder

2A – Thea

2B – Abel

2C – Jaxson

2D – TJ

2E – Jaxon

1A – Elsie

1B – Carter C

1C – Olivia

1D – Ella

1E – Helix

Prep A – Saynt

Prep B – Sloan

Prep C – Reuben

Prep D – Hudson

Prep E - Lane

Year 7 Enrolment Packs for 2026

The 2026 Year 7 Enrolment Packs are now available to collect from the Toolooa State High School & Gladstone State High School office. If you have a current Year 6 student heading to TSHS or GSHS next year, please collect, complete and return your Enrolments direct to the High School.



**2026
Year 7 Enrolments**

Enrolment packs for 2026 will be available in Week 2 of Term 3

Completed packages are due back to the office by the end of Term 3 - Friday 19th September.

Please visit our office to collect an enrolment package

Like us on Facebook for other information

Please contact the office if you have any questions.
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Year 7 Transition 2026



**YEAR 7
TRANSITION
2026**

Toolooa State High School

- Complete enrolment forms and return to Toolooa SHS Office by 19th September
- Provide proof of address and birth certificate to process enrolment
- Attend an information session Either 19th August or 4th November
- Students attend transition days - 1st and 2nd December
- Follow the school's Facebook page for any updates and extra information

Contact information for enrolment officers:
Phone: 49 714 333
Email: 2152_enrolment@eq.edu.au



**2026 YEAR 7
ENROLMENTS OPEN**

Enrolment Packs are now available!

PLEASE COLLECT YOUR ENROLMENT PACK FROM

- GLADSTONE WEST SS
- CLINTON SS
- GLADSTONE CENTRAL SS
- GLADSTONE SHS OFFICE

Please bring your completed enrolment paperwork and any other documents back to **ONE** of the information nights below.

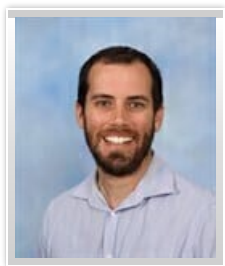
Wednesday August 20th
5.30pm - 7.30pm

Thursday September 4th
3.30pm - 5.30pm

Please register which session you will be attending via the links in this post, or QR code above.

After the information session your paperwork will be checked during an interview with one of our staff.

Andrew Shonhan



Deputy Principal (Prep to Year 2)

Hour of Power

It's been a great start to Term 4, with students quickly settling back into strong learning routines. Each morning from 9:00 – 10:00 am is our school's 'Hour of Power' a dedicated block for structured literacy. During this time, every class is focused on reading, spelling, writing and vocabulary through our evidence-based literacy model.

This hour is one of the most important parts of the school day. When students arrive on time and are settled, they can take part in the full lesson and build the skills they need to keep progressing in reading and writing. Even a few minutes late means missing valuable instruction that can be hard to catch up on later.

We really appreciate families making that extra effort each morning to have students at school, ready to learn, by 8:50 am so they can make the most of the Hour of Power.

Year 1 Pevan and Sarah - Excursion - 23rd October, 2025

A huge thank you to our amazing P&C for fully funding our upcoming excursion to see Pevan and Sarah at the Gladstone Entertainment Centre. The cost of the show and bus transport has been completely covered, allowing all students to take part in what will be a fun and engaging learning experience.



2026 Prep Students

We're also busy preparing to welcome our 2026 Prep families. If you have a child starting Prep next year and haven't yet submitted your enrolment paperwork, please contact the school office as soon as possible. Early enrolments help us plan classes, transition events and ensure every child has a smooth start to their first year at Kin Kora.

Term 4 Success

Over the next few weeks, teachers will continue to build on learning from earlier in the year while beginning to gather end-of-year assessment evidence. Our message to students is simple - finish the year the way you started: working hard, showing kindness, and giving your best effort every day.

Thank you to our families for helping students start each day ready to learn. Your support with routines, reading at home, and consistent attendance makes a real difference.

Do you have a child starting Prep in 2026?

If your child was born between 1st July 2020 and 30th June 2021, they are eligible to enrol for Prep next year. Enrol now for your chance to win! Collect an Enrolment Pack from the office and return it before the end of Term 3 to go into the draw to win a school uniform. Feel free to share this with your family and friends to spread the word.

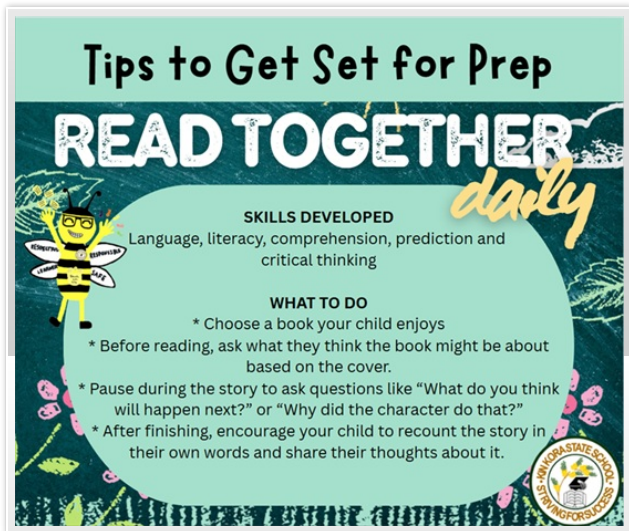
Our Step into Prep transition sessions have now begun! These sessions give your child the chance to explore classrooms, meet teachers, and make new friends, helping them feel confident and excited about starting school. If you have any questions about Prep 2026, please contact our Prep Transition Officer Kahlee McCarthy, at kcoll193@eq.edu.au. As we prepare to welcome our 2026 Prep students,

we are going to share some tips to help your child feel confident and ready for school.

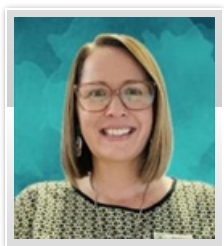
[Click here to download the Saver Plus Guide for Eligible Savings Goals](#)

[Click here to download the Participant Information](#)

Amy McDonald
Guidance Officer



Erin Morgan
Prep-2 Deputy Principal (Acting)



School Dental Van



The School Dental Service is offering free dental care for the students of Kin Kora State School.

If you would like your child to be seen by the dental team, please complete and return your medical and consent form as soon as possible.

This consent form can be completed via the issued paper format or online using the QR code below.



If you experience difficulty scanning the QR code with your phone the link below can be clicked: <https://forms.office.com/r/teXMFxcRAW>

Thank you.

Guidance Gossip

The Smith Family Saver Plus

[Click here to download the Saver Plus flyer](#)



Book Club Issue 7 is out now!

Your child will have recently brought home a book club catalogue. Inside you will find award-winning books and bestsellers, as well as old and new favourites. The books span a wide range of children's reading levels and interests, with some books costing as little as \$3. Each order helps earn free books for our school library.



TO ORDER: The Book Club LOOP platform for parents allows you to pay by card. Your child's order is submitted directly to the school and students will receive their order from the library when they arrive.

You can place your child's order at scholastic.com.au/LOOP or use the LOOP app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.

Please note: No cash or cheque payments are taken at school. You can only order via the LOOP App.

Orders are due by Friday 24th October

Happy reading!

Nadia Winning
Librarian – Resource Centre

SOFTBALL GLADSTONE

2025/2026 SUMMER SEASON

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2026 DEVELOPMENT SQUAD TRIALS

Clinton FC's 2026 Development Squad Talent ID trials are being held on Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd October at 4.30 pm at Clinton Park.

The club is excited to be offering girls only Development Squads in 2026.

Age group details are listed on the flyers.

Expressions of interest are to be completed at the below link prior to the trials.

Click here to view more information

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeJqzEsiUVz_43hpELJ8FzPFc33z1stDndZRf9ex4J0iN894A/viewform?usp=header&usp=embed_facebook

It is requested that no Development or Premier team kits be worn for the trials.

Enquiries can be sent via message to the Clinton Facebook page.

Clinton looks forward to another fantastic year of player development and encourage all interested players to attend the trials.



Robbie Peters
4-6 HPE Teacher

Welcome to the Kin Kora Arts Department

Instrumental Music 2025

RECRUITING for 2026

By now, all students from Grades 2 and 3 have received a recruitment package for our 2026 intake. Interested students from year 4 also received a package. If you wish for your student to be considered for the recruiting process, please do not hesitate to contact our friendly Music dept. All forms need to be returned **by Friday 17th OCTOBER!**



BENEFITS OF LEARNING A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT:

Increased ability to focus and concentrate on tasks
Increased ability to retain and remember information
Increased social awareness skills
Increased emotional regulation skills

Make new friends across multiple year levels and make new friends at workshops with other schools in the Gladstone, Calliope, Tannum Sands and Miriam Vale area.

*Parent INFO night – Tuesday November 18th CQ University
(for all new students enrolling in 2026)

* Music Tradeshow Night – Tuesday 25 November – Toolooa SHS

(for all interested in purchasing musical wares – violins/violas/trumpets/glockenspiels/cellos/clarinets/flutes/spar e reed/strings/cleaning equipment/tuition books etc)

Ms Rackemann, our Strings instructor, will be teaching every Thursday afternoon and all-day Friday.

Junior Orchestra (for all 2025 recruits rehearse Friday morning with the continuing students - 7:45am.

Seniors Strings rehearse every Thursday 2nd break – DON'T FORGET YOUR INSTRUMENT!!!

Mr Chris Allen continues in 2025 for Brass, Woodwind and Percussion tuition.

Mr Allen visits Kin Kora SS every Tuesday, all day and Wednesday from midday.

Concert Band rehearsals are held every Tuesday morning 7:45am and now include the BEGINNER Woodwind, Brass and Percussion students!

Thank You to those students who REGULARLY attend these early morning rehearsal!!!!

All lessons for term 4, are now displayed outside the instrumental music classroom. Students should also have a copy displayed in their classroom. **Attendance** to our group rehearsals **and** lessons is important and formed part of the **agreement** parents signed at the beginning of tuition! Please let your child's tutor know when you will be unable to attend.

VERDI Strings tour – Wednesday October 21st (week 3)

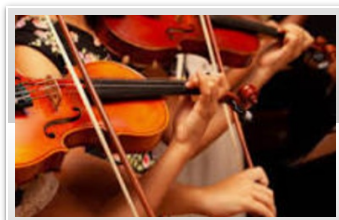


Kin Kora Students from year 2 and 3 will be excitedly attending the **Verdi Strings Concert** in the COLA from 10 – 10:30am, Wednesday 21st October.

We are lucky to have 6 of our students in this group of advanced musicians! We look forward to seeing Caleb, Max, Charlie, Kaili, Lilly and Emily touring all schools for the day.

CHOIR - Term 4

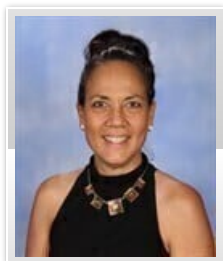
Students are now busily preparing for



1. Grandparents Day -
Monday 27 October
2. Mayor's Carols sound
check – Thursday 4th
December
3. Mayor's Christmas
Carols – Friday 5th
December
4. Kin Kora Carols
Evening –
Wednesday 10th
December

Our rehearsals are now TWICE a week: Tuesday FIRST break and FRIDAY 2nd break.

Maree Maitland
Music Specialist



P&C Operations



P&C would like to thank Side by Side for their continued partnership with our daily Breakfast Club in 2025. Their support helps us in providing access for our whole school to start the day on a full stomach and ready to learn.

Thank you to everyone that supported our Father's Day Stall and Disco. Both events were extremely successful and couldn't have happened without all our incredible volunteers. We are a step closer to our new water bubblers.



Tuckshop:

The Tuckshop is open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for lunches. **Cut off is 8:40am on the day it is ordered for.** Flexischools can be used to order for both Breaks.

Please Note:

Iceblocks are no longer available on Tuesday 2nd Break.

[Click here to download the Term 4 Menu](#)

Uniform Shop:

Uniform Shop Open **TUESDAY'S 8:30am – 10:00am**
Cash / Eftpos / Flexischools available

(Please allow for 1 week turn-around on all Flexischool orders).

Email uniformshop@kinkorass.eq.edu.au with any uniform shop related queries.

Nadia Horsten

Tuckshop/Uniform Coordinator

P & C Association

Lost Property Box

The school's big red Lost Property Box out the back of the Administration building is overflowing with un-named lost property. There are lunch boxes, plastic containers, drink bottles, hats, jackets, jumpers etc. Please ensure to come and check for your student's missing things as soon as possible as due to the volume of items we will have to start disposing of un-named articles shortly.

School Calendar – Term 4 – 2025

DATE	EVENT
Week 2 – Monday 13 th October 2.00pm to 2.30pm	Whole School Parade Class Captain & Enviro Captain
Monday 13 th October	Swimming Prep A, B, C & D
Tuesday 14 th October	Swimming 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 2E & Prep E
Tuesday 14 th to Wednesday 15 th October	Prep Vision Screening
Wednesday 15 th October 9.00am to 10.30am	Little Bee's Playgroup in Prep A Classroom
Wednesday 15 th October 2.00pm – 3.00pm	Step into Prep
Thursday 16 th October	GSHS Frist Nations Transition
Week 3 – Monday 20 th October	Prep to Year 2 – Live in the COLA Year 3 to Year 6 – Virtual

Monday 20 th October	Swimming Prep A, B, C & D
Tuesday 21 st October	Swimming 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 2E & Prep E
Tuesday 21 st October	Verdi Strings Performance
Tuesday 21 st October From 4.30pm	P & C Meeting Resource Centre
Wednesday 22 nd October 9.00am to 10.30am	Little Bee's Playgroup in Prep A Classroom
Wednesday 22 nd October 2.00pm – 3.00pm	Step into Prep
Thursday 23 rd October	Year 1 Pevan and Sarah Exxcursion
Thursday 23 rd October	GSHS Students with additional needs Transition
Friday 24 th October	Gladstone Robotics – Material Collection Event
Friday 24 th October	Touch Football Gala Day
Saturday 25 October 10.00am to 11.30am	Healthy Brains for Parents and Caregivers Gladstone City Library. Free event, bookings required
Week 4 – Monday 27 th October	Grandparent's Day
Monday 27 th October	Swimming Prep A, B, C & D
Monday 27 th October	Prep to Year 2 – Virtual Year 3 to Year 6 –Live in the COLA
Tuesday 28 th October	Swimming 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 2E & Prep E
Wednesday 29 th October 9.00am to 10.30am	Little Bee's Playgroup in Prep A Classroom
Wednesday 29 th October 9.30am – 10.00am	Prep 2026 School Tour
Thursday 30 th October	Bandana Day
Thursday 30 th October 2.00pm – 3.00pm	Step into Prep

Friday 31 st October	World Teacher's Day
Friday 31 st October	Day for Daniel
Week 5 – Monday 3 rd November	Prep to Year 2 – Live in the COLA Year 3 to Year 6 – Virtual
Monday 3 rd November	Swimming Prep A, B, C & D
Tuesday 4 th November	Melbourne Cup
Tuesday 4 th November	Swimming 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 2E & Prep E
Wednesday 5 th November 9.00am to 10.30am	Little Bee's Playgroup in Prep A Classroom

Community Events & Notices

Young Engineers Program

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Gladstone Women's Health



October workshops and programs

Events
 Reclaim the Night March
 27.10.25
 5:15pm to 7:30pm

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 PUBLIC HOLIDAY CLOSED	7 Roots of Empowerment Workshop 10am - 11:30am 44 Roseberry Street	8 Healthy Gut Happy Mind Workshop - Part 1 9:15am - 10:30am 44 Roseberry Street	9 Healing Pages - The Journey Worksheet Workshop 10am - 12pm 3 Pitt Street	10	11	12
13	14 Mindfulness Workshop 10am - 11:30am 44 Roseberry Street	15 Understanding Trauma 9:15am - 11:45am 44 Roseberry Street	16 Show up with Confidence Workshop 10am - 12pm 136 Goodenough Street	17 WOW Festival	18 WOW Festival	19
20	21	22 Puberty Chats Workshop 5:30pm - 7pm 44 Roseberry Street	23 Empower your Waller Workshop 10am - 11:30am 44 Roseberry Street	24	25	26
27 Anger Management - Session 1 9:15am - 11:15am 44 Roseberry Street	28 Mind-Kind Candles Workshop 10am to 12pm 44 Roseberry Street	29 Healthy Gut Happy Mind Workshop - Part 2 9:15am - 10:30am 44 Roseberry Street	30 Anger Management - Session 2 9:15am - 11:15am 44 Roseberry Street	31		

For more information Email: info@gladstonewomenshealth.org.au, Phone: 4979 1456 or visit our socials and website

Gladstone Regional Council



Gladstone Get Ready Photo Competition

Entries open 8 September | Close 30 September 2025

Are YOU disaster ready? Show us how you're preparing and have chance to WIN 1 of 5 generators!

Let's show what resilience looks like in our region! Submit a photo that captures what preparedness looks like in your life. Upload photo and a short caption via QR Code.

Categories include:

- Best emergency-ready pet
- Most creatively prepared
- Best household evacuation kit
- Funniest 'must have' emergency item
- Most resilient property

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GET READY QUEENSLAND WEEK

6-12 OCTOBER 2025

getready.qld.gov.au

The aim of the week is to encourage Queenslanders to begin preparing for extreme weather, build community resilience and provide simple, actionable tips about how to get ready.

Visit Council's website to view the three simple steps to get ready and make sure you, your family, pets and household are disaster ready.

www.gladstone.qld.gov.au



first5forever Healthy Brains for Parents and Caregivers

Our brains have an incredible ability to change and adapt throughout life. The experiences we have and the environments around us shape our brain health and that of our children and communities.

Learn how small, meaningful changes in your daily routine can make a big difference in supporting your own wellbeing.

Guest Speaker Sheryl Batchelor is a proud Aboriginal woman with over 30 years of experience in teaching, training, and leadership. Sheryl is the CEO of Yiliyapinya a not-for-profit Queensland organisation dedicated to brain health and healing for children, families, and the workforce. Yiliyapinya means "brain" in the Wankumara (Gala) language.

10–11.30am, Saturday 25 October
Gladstone City Library
Free event, bookings required.



Magpie Season Information

Council urges the community to stay safe during swooping bird breeding season from July to November, with peak swooping activity taking place from **August to October**.

While being swooped can be scary, there are simple steps that can be taken to reduce safety risks to young children and the community.

Some native bird species, including magpies, plovers, butcherbirds, and crows, are well known to swoop during the spring breeding season. Swooping may occur from July to November, peaking between August and October. When native bird species have eggs or young in their nest, a small percentage can become protective and may swoop people entering their nesting territory. Research suggests aggressive swooping occurs when the birds have had previous negative interactions with humans, for example, had stones or sticks thrown at them, their chicks, or their nests.

Some ways to manage swooping bird interactions during the breeding season are to:

- **Avoid** swooping hotspots and find an alternative route by consulting the 'Gladstone Regional Council Swooping bird hotspot web map' (<https://www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/wildlife>) Or <https://www.magpiealert.com/>
- Ensure children wear appropriate headwear (helmets, hats, umbrellas), eyewear (glasses, sunglasses) and clothing to help protect them from unwanted swooping risks.
- Ensure children avoid threatening or scaring nesting birds, as this will increase the intensity of swooping.
- For more information about swooping birds and tips to avoid being swooped, a 'Living with Magpies' fact sheet and an interactive swooping bird hotspot map, jump on Council's website <https://www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/wildlife#swooping>.

Additionally, Council manages swooping birds by providing community awareness and information, undertaking swooping bird assessments, and implementing an appropriate response on Council-controlled land. If your establishment has a problem with a swooping bird, you may contact a licensed wildlife contractor to assess the bird for relocation. Please note that Council is unable to respond to swooping bird complaints on private or state-controlled land.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, please contact the Environment & Conservation team on 07 4970 0700.



Waste Education ♻️

Be a Recycling hero... STOP Wishcycling! Wishcycling is putting items in the recycling bin in the hope that they will be recycled. Usually these items are not, which leads to contamination in the recycling stream while also increasing costs for sorting and processing. To stop wishcycling, always check local recycling guidelines to confirm what is accepted, as well as rinse containers, scrape out food, and never put items like plastic bags or greasy pizza boxes

in the recycling bin. Our Tip Shops at Gladstone and Benaraby are now open three days a week from 8am to 4pm to make it easier to donate your pre-loved goods. Find more Super heroes at our Transfer stations and at our upcoming PopCon festival!

Here are some ways you can be a Recycling hero:

♻️ **Recycling Bin Sticker:** Use our Bin Sticker as a guide to confirm what is accepted in your recycling bin. If you don't have one, email us and we'll have them sent out to you.

Recycle Mate: Another handy tool is Australia's first community supported app - Recycle Mate. Go to our page <https://www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/recycle-mate> available on our website with a handy AI Chatbot to answer all your recycling questions.

Website: Council's waste pages on our website on <https://www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/waste> lists information on specialised goods like gas bottles and e-waste items that can be recycled at our Waste facilities.

Recycling Bin Sticker Program

Recycling Bin Stickers to tell you what you can place in your yellow-lid bin.

- From May 2025 to August 2025 Council ran the Recycling Bin Sticker program with the aim to provide the stickers to kerbside residents.
- 25,080 stickers were delivered to kerbside residents, the libraries, handed out at community events and schools and at our Waste Facilities.
- The recyclables that you place in your yellow bin are collected fortnightly by our Recycling trucks and brought to the recovery holding facility at the Benaraby Landfill.
- From there the material is loaded and transferred to the MRF (Materials Recovery Facility) - a state-of-the-art facility located at Nambour on the Sunshine Coast.
- This MRF is currently utilised by all the CQ Councils and has the capacity to process over 60,000 tonnes of material a year.
- Recycling properly helps reduce waste going to landfill as the materials be reused and turned back into new products, helping our environment.

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