

Gladstone Regional Council Local Recovery Plan



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Recovery narrative

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Council vision statement

The Gladstone Region is back in business and will rapidly rebuild as a stronger, more resilient community.

Council values

- Safe – We are uncompromising in our commitment to safety, which is reflected in our attitude, our decisions and our actions.
- Ethical – We operate with transparency, openness and accountability at the fore.
- Responsive – We respond by being present, proactive and solutions-focused, and we deliver on our commitments.
- Visionary – We plan as futures-thinkers and opportunity seekers and we have the courage to shape a better future for our community.
- Inclusive – We create and value diversity and we actively demonstrate our commitment to equality and inclusivity.
- Community – We care about each other and our environment and we recognise that community is the core of our business.
- Efficient – We deliver; we challenge the status quo and we continually find better ways to reduce cost and improve services.

Local Recovery Group

Established 2 December 2018
Chaired by Mayor, Cr Matt Burnett
Three sub groups: Community, Environment, Infrastructure

Lines of Recovery

Community (including Economic), Environment (including Building), Infrastructure (including Roads and Transport)

Key stakeholders

Lead State government agencies and community groups

Recovery objectives

1. Habitable environment for all affected residents via existing or temporary structures.
2. Clean tank water for all residents.
3. Refuse management for affected residences including increased service availability.
4. Animal welfare and control in lieu of structures and assistance personnel.
5. Wildlife management and welfare.
6. Building structure safety assessment.
7. Health and Wellbeing preparation of residents returning to homes.
8. Road transport network – coordinated restoration of road furniture and removal of debris and hazards on state and local controlled roads to assist in road user safety.
9. Restoration of irrigation plots at Agnes Water WWTP and improved resilience to future fires.
10. Installation of firebreaks on Council owned land.
11. Alternative evacuation road link between Baffle Creek and Agnes Water established.
12. Empower local businesses and residents to improve their resilience to disasters.
13. Identify community needs and develop localised community recovery plans.
14. Engage with agencies and organisations to implement flexible and adaptable programs and services to meet the needs of the affected communities.
15. Identify and communicate financial assistance options.
16. Provide timely and easily accessible public information to encourage two way conversations.

Damage and impacts

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Community

- The November 2018 Bushfires impacted many communities, including but not limited to Deepwater, Baffle Creek, Rules Beach, Oyster Creek, Round Hill, Mount Larcom, Ambrose and Captain Creek.
- 3 dwellings were destroyed/uninhabitable
- 35 other structures (sheds/vehicles) destroyed or damaged
- 64 properties impacted.

Environment

- Impacts to land utilized by primary producers, such as fencing and stock welfare
- Concern regarding condition of building materials impacted by fire e.g. asbestos
- Possible impact to domestic animal welfare of inaccessible properties, in lieu of usual care
- Forecasted impact of animal based nuisance as a result of property damage e.g. roaming stock, dogs
- Vastly increased waste created, requiring timely disposal.

Infrastructure

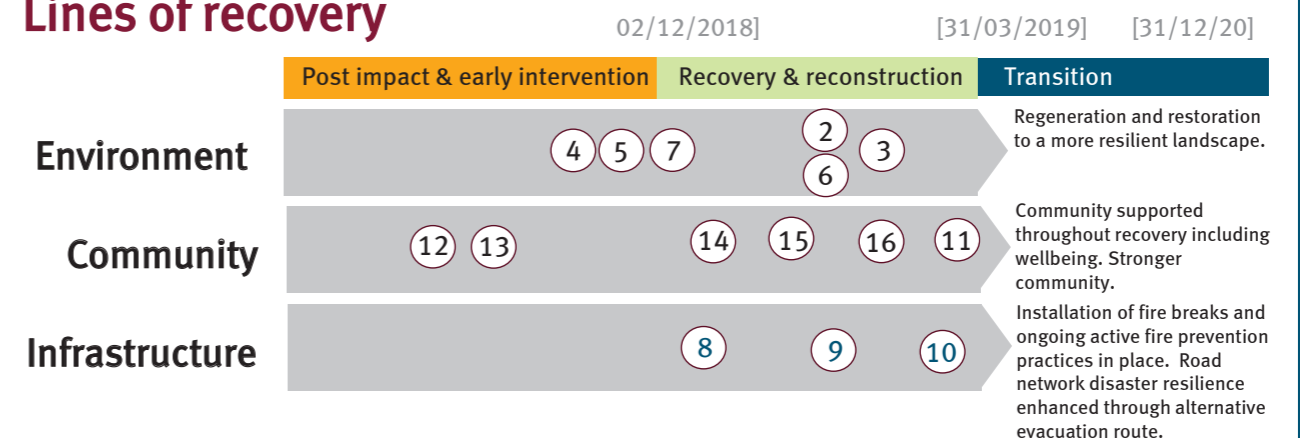
- A number of roads were closed by QPS due to fire threat during the event.
- All roads were reopened post event once fallen and at risk vegetation had been removed.
- Vegetation requiring removal:
 - 3 on Ambrose-Bracewell Road
 - 3 on Capricorn Drive
 - 3 on Deepwater Road
 - 1 on King George Street
 - 1 on Matchbox Road
 - 1 on Maude Hill Road
 - 1 on Norton Road
 - 1 on Oceania Court
 - 1 on Pacific Drive
 - 2 on Wreck Rock Road

- Increased risk to public health through potential contamination of household water tanks
- Community wellbeing: stress of forced evacuations, in particular leaving animals behind.

- Sewerage treatment plant structure impacted by fire, but remained 100% operational.

- Road signage requiring replacement:
 - 24 guideposts Ambrose-Bracewell Rd
 - 1 guidepost on Coast Road
 - 19 items on Deepwater Road
 - 1 guidepost on Emery Road
 - 3 items on Fernfield Road
 - 31 items on Gentle Annie Road
 - 1 sign on John Clifford Way
 - 1 sign on Kate Avenue
 - 5 guideposts on King George Street
 - 1 depth gauge on Matchbox Road
 - 11 items on Maude Hill Road
 - 1 guidepost on Taylor Lane
- Minor damage to effluent irrigation plots at Agnes Water WWTP.

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