2026 Edition



# Newsletter

Community Bank · Calliope and Gladstone

COMMUNITY $5 million INVESTMENT

## Letter from the Chair

Dear shareholders, customers and community members,

Welcome to the 2026 edition of the Community Bank Calliope and Gladstone newsletter.

As another financial year comes to a close, I'd like to thank our customers, shareholders, staff and volunteers for your continued support. Every time you choose to bank locally, you're helping create lasting benefits for our community.

Thanks to your support, Community Bank Calliope and Gladstone has now returned more than $5 million to our local communities over the past 16 years through our Community Investment Program. From schools and sporting clubs to community events, scholarships and local organisations, these investments are helping make our region an even better place to live, work and grow.

In this edition, you'll read about some of the incredible projects we've recently supported, along with updates from across our Community Bank.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for being part of our Community Bank story. We look forward to continuing to support our region and the people who make it such a great place to call home.

Kind regards,

**Rick Hansen**
**Chair**
**Community Bank Calliope and Gladstone**

## Investing in the future of our community

At Community Bank Calliope and Gladstone, we believe that investing in education is an investment in the future of our region. Through our annual Scholarship Program, we're proud to support local students as they take the next step in their education, training and career journeys.

In 2026, we awarded five Community Bank Scholarships and two Bursaries to outstanding local students. These awards recognise not only academic achievement, but also community involvement, leadership and a commitment to making a positive contribution to our region.

Our Scholarship Program helps ease the financial pressures associated with further education, allowing recipients to focus on achieving their goals while remaining connected to their local community.

### Recipient spotlight



Georgia McCready was awarded a 2026 Community Bank bursary and is currently studying a Bachelor of Behavioural Science (Psychology) at the Queensland University of Technology.

"I am incredibly grateful to receive this scholarship. It has eased the financial pressure of moving to Brisbane and beginning university by helping cover essential living expenses and study materials. This support allows me to focus on my studies as I work towards my goal of becoming a clinical psychologist. Thank you to Community Bank Calliope and Gladstone for investing in my future."

Stories like Georgia's demonstrate the lasting impact community investment can have, supporting individual students while helping develop the skilled professionals and future leaders our region needs.

# Investing in projects that strengthen our community

One of the things that makes Community Bank Calliope and Gladstone unique is that when our customers choose to bank locally, a portion of our profits is reinvested back into the communities we all call home.

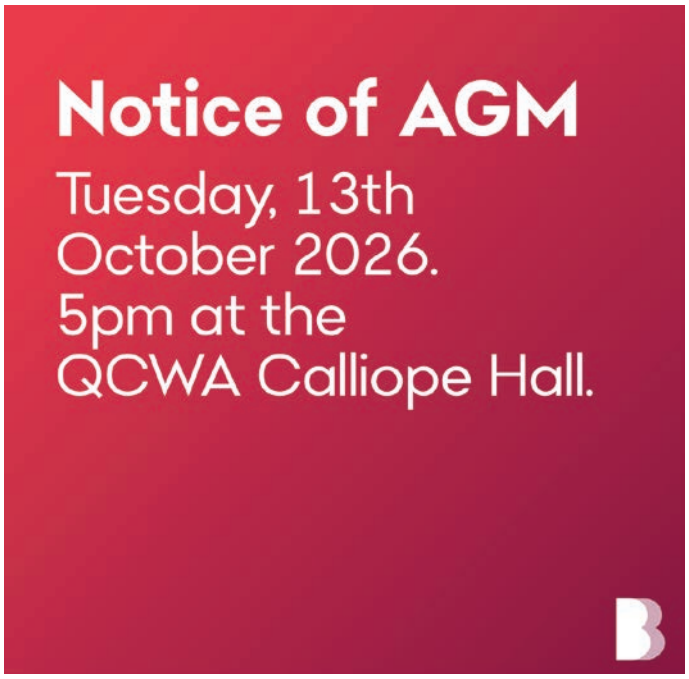
Through our Community Investment Program, we're proud to support projects that make a real difference across the Gladstone region, helping local organisations improve facilities, grow community events, purchase vital equipment and create opportunities for people of all ages.

The first funding round of 2026 has supported a diverse range of initiatives that reflect the strength and spirit of our region, from major community events and agricultural shows to grassroots sporting clubs, kindergartens, volunteer organisations and community facilities.

Successful applicants of the round one Community Investment program were:

- **Gladstone Festivals and Events –** 2026 Yaralla Gladstone Harbour Festival
- **Mt Larcom & District Show Society –** Mt Larcom Show: Woodchop, Chainsaw and Poultry Sections
- **Gladstone Kart Club Inc –** Smooth Operations: Upgrading Event Payments
- **Calliope & District Campdraft Association Inc –** 2026 Calliope Gold Goblet Campdraft and Cattle Transport Sponsorship
- **Boyne Tannum HookUp Association –** Gold Sponsorship of the 2026 Boyne Tannum HookUp
- **Birralee Kindergarten and Community Preschool Association Inc –** Protect and Play Project
- **Boyne Valley Community Discovery Centre Inc –** Workplace Health, Safety and Hygiene Facilities for the Ubobo Music Campout
- **Gladstone Brothers Cricket Club Inc –** Clinton Turf Wicket Rebuild
- **Gladstone District Gem, Rock and Mineral Club Inc –** Air Conditioning for Faceting and Silversmithing Areas
- **Gladstone Animal Rescue Group Inc –** Community Awareness and Vehicle Signage Project

Every project funded helps create stronger, more connected communities. Whether that's improving local facilities, supporting volunteers, encouraging participation in sport and recreation, enhancing community events or investing in the wellbeing of local families.




## Our community impact 2025/26

**$431,511**
Total community investment 2025/26

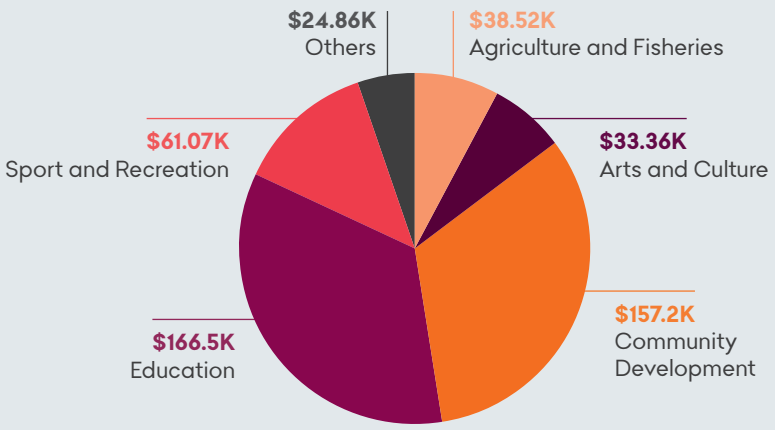
**30**
Organisations supported

**7**
Scholarships awarded

**7**
Volunteer Board members

**16**
Years of Community Banking in the region



# Community impact stories

## Building a stronger future for Gladstone Amateur Boxing Club




Community Bank Calliope and Gladstone was proud to support the Gladstone Amateur Boxing Club with funding towards its much-needed shed extension.

The new extension provides additional storage and functional space, helping the club safely accommodate equipment while supporting its growing membership. More than just a sporting club, Gladstone Amateur Boxing Club provides a welcoming environment where people of all ages can build confidence, improve their fitness and develop valuable life skills.

We're proud to support projects that strengthen local organisations and create lasting benefits for our community.





## Supporting a proud local tradition – Mt Larcom Show

The Mt Larcom Show is a much-loved annual event that celebrates the rich agricultural heritage and community spirit of our region.

Community Bank Calliope and Gladstone was proud to support the Woodchop, Chainsaw and Poultry Sections, helping ensure these popular attractions continue to be enjoyed by competitors, volunteers and visitors alike.

Events like the Mt Larcom Show bring communities together, showcase local talent and preserve important traditions for future generations. We're proud to play a small part in helping this iconic community event continue to thrive.



## Growing connections at Tannum Sands Kindergarten

Community Bank Calliope and Gladstone was delighted to support the Tannum Sands Kindergarten Rainforest Project, creating an engaging outdoor learning environment for local children.

The project provides students with opportunities to explore nature, learn about the environment and develop through hands-on play in a safe and natural setting. Spaces like these encourage curiosity, creativity and a lifelong appreciation for the environment while supporting children's wellbeing and development.

Investing in projects like this helps create enriching learning experiences for future generations and strengthens our local community.

## Applications open soon

Applications for the 2027 Community Bank Calliope and Gladstone Scholarship Program open on 1 November 2026.

If you're a local student planning to go to university in 2027, we encourage you to apply.

For more information about eligibility and application dates keep an eye on our Facebook page.




## Walking together for a worthy cause

Community Bank Calliope and Gladstone is proud to support Walking 4 Warriors, an initiative dedicated to raising awareness, encouraging conversations and supporting the wellbeing of veterans, currently serving defence personnel and their families.

The annual event brings people together in a show of community support while promoting connection, resilience and mental health awareness.

We're honoured to stand alongside organisations that make a positive difference and help strengthen the health and wellbeing of our local community. Supporting initiatives like Walking 4 Warriors reflects our commitment to investing in people and projects that create lasting community impact.






# Community investment round 2 opening soon

Do you know a local organisation with a project that could benefit from funding?

**Applications for the next Community Investment Round open on 1 September 2026 and closes on 31 October 2026.**

Eligible not-for-profit organisations, schools, clubs and community groups are encouraged to apply.

For more information visit our Facebook Page or go to https://communitybankcalliope.smartygrants.com.au

When you bank with Community Bank Calliope and Gladstone, you're helping make projects like these possible. Thank you for choosing to bank local.

# Board spotlight

## Meet Amanda Gibbs



Community Bank Calliope and Gladstone is proud to be governed by a volunteer Board of Directors made up of passionate local people who are committed to seeing our community thrive. This edition, we're shining the spotlight on Amanda Gibbs.

Amanda joined the Board because she wanted to give back to the community she calls home and help shape a stronger future for the Gladstone region. As a Director, she plays an important role in ensuring the Community Bank continues to deliver value to customers, shareholders and the wider community through responsible governance and local investment.

One of the most rewarding aspects of the role, Amanda says, is seeing the positive impact the Community Bank has across the region, from supporting local sporting clubs and schools to funding community events, scholarships and projects that improve the lives of local people.

"Being a Board member gives you the opportunity to contribute to something that genuinely makes a difference. Every decision we make has the potential to create positive outcomes for our community, and that's incredibly rewarding."

## Could you be our next Director?

Community Bank Calliope and Gladstone is currently seeking expressions of interest from community-minded people who would like to join our volunteer Board of Directors.

If you're passionate about the Gladstone region, enjoy strategic thinking and want to help guide an organisation that has returned more than $5 million to local communities over the past 16 years, we'd love to hear from you.

You don't need a banking background, our Board is made up of people with a diverse range of skills, experiences and perspectives. What matters most is a commitment to good governance, community outcomes and helping our region continue to prosper.

Nominations are now being accepted ahead of our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, 13 October 2026.

To learn more about becoming a Director or to express your interest email our Board Chair Rick Hansen - chairman@cde1.com.au

# Talk to us today

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Frank McKee (Director), Andrew Davis (Director),
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