



## MEDIA RELEASE

The Gladstone Foundation was established in February 2011 as a perpetual trust fund to invest and distribute donations and sponsorships from industry against the community infrastructure priorities identified in the Gladstone region.

The Gladstone Foundation is seeking to fund a range of projects to support the Gladstone region and its first grant round provides for a total of \$5 million to be available for distribution. Applications will be sought for projects seeking a minimum of \$2 million to assist with community infrastructure.

Projects will be assessed by the Gladstone Foundation Board of Advice based on identified community infrastructure priorities. For the 2013 Grant Round, the following community priorities were provided by the Gladstone Region Community Development Committee:

- Integrated community precinct providing inter-generational integration, community support and soft entry access for families and residents.
- Facilities to support the ongoing delivery of community services including community groups. This may include community halls, community outreach facilities and facilities for families and other support groups.

Projects will also be assessed on the following criteria:

- how well the projects meets the objectives of the grant round
- the extent to which funds will be applied to provide a direct benefit for the Gladstone Region (and not directed to organisational resources such as salaries)
- the financial viability and sustainability of the project
- the organisation's ability to demonstrate financial viability and stability
- the organisation's ability to demonstrate successful implementation of projects of similar size and / or scope
- the extent of existing funds currently committed to the project through other sources
- any other factors that the Board of Advice considers materially relevant to the application.

Funds will not be available for property acquisition funds, the development of capital or to undertake training, research or business development.

Any organisation which can demonstrate an ability to contribute to the priorities of this Grant Round and can meet the assessment criteria can apply.

I would like to express my appreciation to the following liquefied natural gas companies as the first contributors of \$13.5 million to the Gladstone Foundation in June 2012:

Queensland Gas Company (Queensland Curtis LNG) - \$5 M  
ConocoPhillips (Australia Pacific LNG) - \$5 M  
Santos (Gladstone LNG) - \$3.5 M

The Gladstone Foundation would like all businesses and significant industry groups in Gladstone to financially support the Foundation to assist with its ongoing task of substantially reducing any social disadvantage in Gladstone.

Details of the first grant round are currently being advertised in the Gladstone region's newspapers. Further information including the application form is available on the Gladstone Foundation's website at [www.gladstonefoundation.org.au](http://www.gladstonefoundation.org.au). Interested organisations are requested to complete and submit their application by 5pm on 12 July 2013. The names of successful organisations will be announced by the Trustee and the Board of Advice on 30 August 2013.

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