

\$4.6 million provided from Gladstone Foundation's 1<sup>st</sup> grant round

The Chairman of the Gladstone Foundation's Board of Advice is pleased to announce two recipients of the inaugural grant round funding; **Anglicare Central Queensland Ltd** for its **"Stronger Futures Gladstone Residential Care Program"** and **Medibank Health Solutions Telehealth Pty Ltd** for its **"Online Allied Healthcare Delivery for the Gladstone region"** (subject to the successful execution of their Grant Agreements).

**About these projects –**

The Stronger Futures Gladstone Residential Care Program will receive \$2.4 million to provide purpose built and therapeutically designed homes to accommodate residential placements for young people aged 12 to 17 years, with high to extreme support needs, who are subject to Child Protection Orders within the Gladstone region. These support needs are typically characterised by health conditions, a disability, or challenging behaviours that have a significant impact on the child's daily functioning. These conditions can often be life threatening, or may necessitate a constant level of supervision or care.

The Online Allied Healthcare Delivery for the Gladstone region will receive \$2.2 million to enable services such as psychologists for children and adults, speech pathologists, occupational therapists, diabetes educators and dieticians, to be added to the already existing Anywhere Healthcare panel of online specialists. These services are aimed at specifically assisting children, families, and Gladstone residents with diabetes. It is anticipated these services will result in up to 11,500 consultations being provided over the next two years. The Gladstone Foundation hopes these funds will add highly valued healthcare services that would otherwise not be easily accessible by patients in the Gladstone region.

**About the recipients –**

Anglicare Central Queensland Ltd has the primary objective of responding to the needs of those who are often the most vulnerable and/or disadvantaged. Their services include out of home care, crisis intervention, counselling and relationship education for people at risk of homelessness, support for families and young people in crisis, and support for people with a mental illness or a physical disability.

Anywhere Healthcare is delivered by Medibank Health Solutions, the health care division of Medibank. Anywhere Healthcare overcomes the obstacles many regional Australians face in getting timely and convenient access to specialists. Anyone living in regional Australia can hold a live video consultation with a specialist from their local GP clinic. Patients in a registered Aged Care Facility in both metropolitan and regional areas can access specialist medical services through Anywhere Healthcare. Anywhere Healthcare uses a platform that is purpose built for medical consultations and directly employs the largest dedicated panel of online specialists in Australia.

The Board of Advice for the Gladstone Foundation is proud to be able to support the needs of the Gladstone community through the provision of \$4.6 million in its first grant round. This level of support would not be possible without the significant contribution of \$13.5 million last year from the following liquefied natural gas companies:

Queensland Gas Company (Queensland Curtis LNG)  
ConocoPhillips (Australia Pacific LNG)  
Santos (Gladstone LNG)

The Board of Advice looks forward to applying further funds to make a lasting impact for the community in the future. They would also like to thank the other seven applicants for responding to this first grant round offer and hopes they, and other like-minded organisations, will consider an application for significant and worthy projects that will benefit the community in the next 2013-14 grant round.

The Board of Advice will shortly be seeking advice from the Gladstone Region Community Development Committee regarding community infrastructure priorities for the next round. In addition, the Board of Advice invites individuals and organisations to submit any exceptional ideas for community infrastructure which they believe would deliver a positive social impact in the Gladstone region. If you would like to respond to this request, please visit the Gladstone Foundation website at <http://gladstonefoundation.org.au/>.

The Gladstone Foundation would like all businesses and significant industry groups in Gladstone to consider providing their philanthropic support to the Foundation to assist with its ongoing task of providing community infrastructure to the Gladstone region.

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