



Gladstone Foundation

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\$350,000 Philanthropic Funding Aids jobs for Gladstone locals living with disability.

Leading into Queensland's philanthropic community week celebrations for 2021 (6th -10th September), Central Queensland largest in-house document destruction and paper shredding service facility operated by Endeavour Foundation's Business Solutions Gladstone will be officially open on 3rd September 2021 by Gladstone Foundation Independent Chair Mr. Tim Griffin OAM and Endeavour's interim Chief Executive Officer, Mr. David Blower following a \$350,000 contribution grant from the Gladstone Foundation and \$325,000 from Endeavour, as part of a \$675,000 upgrade announced back in April this year.

The 2020 social infrastructure grant has funded construction of a facility to house document destruction equipment along with a greener approach to recycling documents into kitty litter, as part of the Business Solutions workshop facility now able to divert 500 tonnes of paper and cardboard waste away from landfill and Triple-A accreditation from industry body National Association for Information Destruction (NAID).

The Endeavour Foundation's South Gladstone Business Solutions premises offers confidential document destruction and recycling solutions, providing employment for local people living with disability and commercial business solution services across Central Queensland. The Gladstone Foundation has a charter of funding social infrastructure in the Gladstone region, through voluntary contributions made by LNG Industry Partners involved in major projects in the region.

The Gladstone Foundation Board Independent Chairperson, Tim Griffin OAM, said seeing the Endeavour Foundation Business Solutions - Gladstone Facility expansion was the effort of many during the past 18 months and during COVID provided local construction jobs along with an investment in legacy social infrastructure to be enjoyed by the 26 locals with disability, working at the Endeavour Foundation Lyons Street, South Gladstone facility.

Gladstone Endeavour team member Racquel Nugent will host a 11:20am tour of the workshop.

Queensland's Public Trustee and CEO, Samay Zhouand, said he is delighted to support the Gladstone Foundation as the Trustee and that the opportunity for more jobs in the region is something that the Gladstone Foundation can be proud of.

"Job creation is essential, especially in regional communities and for people living with disability. "It is an honour to be able to support the Gladstone Foundation to fund the construction of this facility and support the purpose of the Endeavour Foundation in supporting people living with disability," Mr. Zhouand said.

The grand opening of the Business Solution expansion is on Friday morning 3rd Sept 2021.

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