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Discover the fun at Lake Awoonga and go in the draw for a chance to share in \$5,000

It's time to bust school holiday boredom and leap into the natural wonder of the 2024 Gladstone Area Water Board (GAWB) Lake Awoonga Scavenger Hunt.

Returning for a second year, the Lake Awoonga Scavenger Hunt is a free, community focused event which encourages families to visit Lake Awoonga and, using helpful clues, hunt for the elusive mascot.

In 2023, explorers searched for the golden pelican, GAWBie. In 2024, keep an eye out for Barry the Barramundi.

Chief Executive Officer Darren Barlow said more than 250 families participated last year, with even more expected in 2024.

"The first Lake Awoonga Scavenger Hunt was so successful we have made it an annual event," Mr Barlow said.

"It's open to everyone, young and old. It's free to enter – all you need is a sense of adventure and access to a phone.

"You could share in an amazing \$5,000 prize pool simply by exploring our recreation areas. There's the \$500 prize draw every month, plus a major prize worth \$3,000, which will be drawn at the Lake Awoonga Adventure Race on Saturday 26 October 2024.

"Once you find Barry, you can enjoy a picnic at our recently expanded Riverston Bay recreation area or go for a swim in the new marine zone, thanks to our \$7 million Lake Awoonga Recreation Strategy.

"Lake Awoonga is a much loved feature of the Gladstone region and our team is working hard to provide free community facilities and activities that improve the livability of our region.

The Lake Awoonga Scavenger Hunt is on now and will run until Tuesday 22 October 2024.

Find the first clue on our social media channels and the GAWB website. Clues change at the start of each month.

How to play

1. A new clue is released on the GAWB social media channels and website, and via our media partners 4CC and Gladstone News, on the first day of the month.
2. Head out to Lake Awoonga, solve three intriguing clues and locate Barry the Barramundi in his hiding place.

3. When you locate Barry, scan the QR code and submit your entry.

Gladstone area Water Board provides recreational facilities at Lake Awoonga for the community to enjoy for free, including boat ramps, picnic areas, barbeques, playgrounds and the Boynedale Bush Camp.

Gladstone Area Water Board, as a Queensland Government Bulk Water Supply Authority, delivers safe and reliable water services which promote economic development and enhances the lifestyle of regional Queensland. Gladstone Area Water Board owns and operates Awoonga Dam on the Boyne River, along with a network of delivery pipelines, water treatment plants and other bulk water distribution infrastructure.

To ensure long-term water security for customers, the 117-kilometre Fitzroy to Gladstone Pipeline project is under development. When delivered, the pipeline will form part of the Gladstone Area Water Board network and provide enhanced water security and reliability for the region. For more information about Gladstone Area Water Board and the Fitzroy to Gladstone Pipeline project, please visit www.gawb.qld.gov.au

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