



INFORMATION PRIVACY STATEMENT

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BACKGROUND

Legislation

The *Information Privacy Act 2009* (Queensland) was enacted in June 2009, with a compliance date of July 2010 applied to Queensland local government. Goondiwindi Regional Council has undertaken to comply with this new legislation where it does not conflict with over-riding Queensland legislation such as the *Local Government Act 2009* and the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009*.

Personal Information

The use of the term personal information in this privacy statement refers to information or an opinion about an identified individual or an individual who is *reasonably* identifiable from the other information or opinion:

- Whether the information or opinion is true or not; and
- Whether the information or opinion is recorded in a material form or not

Goondiwindi Regional Council does collect personal information directly from you in order to conduct business and meet its statutory and regulatory obligations. Refer to Council's Information Privacy Policy (GRC 045) for further information.

Personal information is only collected where it is necessary for Council's functions and activities and will only be used or disclosed for the purpose for which it was collected or as otherwise authorised or required by law.

You have the right to request access to the personal information Council holds about you and to request its correction if it is inaccurate, out of date, incomplete or misleading.

Council does not collect personal information about you if you are simply browsing its website.

Contact Us

For further information about information privacy, email us at mail@grc.qld.gov.au or alternatively you may write to:

Chief Executive Officer
Goondiwindi Regional Council
LMB 7
Inglewood Qld 4387

Complaints about Information Privacy

You can lodge any privacy related complaints online by visiting Council's general complaints page, email us at mail@grc.qld.gov.au or by post to:

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Use of Council's website

When visiting Council's website, a statistical record of your visit is logged so that Council can monitor the use of this site. Further, this data is used to discover what information is most and least used to make Council's website more useful to visitors.

GRC WEBSITE - PRIVACY AND SECURITY STATEMENT

The Queensland Government has introduced the *Information Privacy Act 2009* (the Act) which applies to the Queensland public sector. The Act contains a number of privacy principles, which set out how agencies may and must handle personal information (including the collection, security, use and disclosure of such information). Personal information means any information or an opinion about an identified individual or an individual who is reasonably identifiable from the information or opinion:

- whether the information or opinion is true or not; and
- whether the information or opinion is recorded in a material form or not

We understand and appreciate that you, as a visitor and user of this website, are concerned about your privacy and the confidentiality and security of information you provide to us. Goondiwindi Regional Council has a firm commitment to privacy in accordance with the Guidelines for Federal and ACT Government World Wide Websites issued by the Australian Privacy Commissioner and the Queensland Privacy Principles contained in the *Information Privacy Act 2009*.

Our website collects the following information from users:

- 1) A record of each visit that logs the following information for statistical purposes: a visitor's IP address, the date and time of their visit, pages accessed and/or documents downloaded and the type of browser used. No attempt will be made to identify users or their browsing activities except in the unlikely event of an investigation where a law enforcement agency may exercise a warrant to inspect our service provider's logs. The information collected by our web server is analysed at the end of each quarter purely to determine our website's usage statistics.
- 2) Goondiwindi Regional Council retains the email addresses of people who send emails to us through our website for the purpose of sending them a response. These email addresses are stored in a secure area within our internal network and will not be used for any other purpose nor disclosed to any third party without consent.
- 3) People who submit email addresses, websites or other information for registration on our website are agreeing to have them published on our website by doing so. We will, however, remove or modify any submitted email address, website URL or other supplied information on request.
- 4) Search terms that you enter when using our search engine are collected, but are not associated with any other information that we collect. We use these search terms to ascertain what people are looking for at our site, and to improve the services that we provide.

Links to other sites

Please note that Goondiwindi Regional Council's site contains links to a number of other websites that are included on the basis of containing content related to Goondiwindi Regional Council's operations and/or as a service to our online visitors. When a visitor clicks on a link to another site, they leave our own website and are no longer protected by our Privacy Policy.

This privacy statement is periodically reviewed in line with the ongoing development of our website and/or changes to Australian privacy laws.

Collection of personal information

Personal information is only collected where it is necessary for Council's functions and activities and will not be used or disclosed for the purpose for which it was collected or as otherwise authorised or required by law.

Email correspondence sent to email addresses on this site, or information submitted via web forms on this site, will be treated as a public record and retained as required by the Public Records Act 2002 and other relevant legislation.

Any personal information contained in emails or webforms will only be used for the purpose for which you provide it. Council will not add your details to a mailing list or disclose any personal information contained in the correspondence to third parties without your consent, unless required to do so by law. Email messages may be monitored by Council's information technology staff for system maintenance and troubleshooting purposes.

Mandatory Notification of Data Breach Scheme

From 1 July 2026, GRC will comply with the mandatory data breach notification scheme. If a data breach involving your personal information is likely to result in serious harm, Council will notify you and the Queensland Office of the Information Commissioner.

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