

GLADSTONE REGIONAL COUNCIL CREATES ARTS FOR ALL QUEENSLANDERS

Projects including Music, Visual Arts, Dance and Heritage are among ten recipients in the latest grant round, announced Cr Ren Lanzon, Gladstone Region Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Chairperson.

“The Regional Arts Development Fund is a partnership between the Queensland Government and regional councils and the latest round of grants for Gladstone Region totalling \$ 37,216.69 include:

- Terri Hartung, Building Community Cultural Capacity in Music, during *Songvine Community Choir* project;
- Helen Crandall, Developing Regional Skills in Visual Arts, attending Sydney Summer School - Ceramics;
- Hayley Marsten, Developing Regional Skills in Music, attending Tamworth Country Music workshops;
- Gladstone Festival & Events, Building Community Cultural Capacity in Music & Dance, hosting Youth Popping & Locking Dance and DJ workshops, during SUNfest 2016
- Miriam Vale Community Hub, Building Community Cultural Capacity in Heritage, hosting museum development opportunity with Queensland Museum;
- Gladstone Gem, Rock and Mineral Club, Building Community Cultural Capacity in Craft, hosting Gemstone Faceting workshop;
- Imaginary Theatre, Concept Development in Theatre, for artists in schools program with Year of Light theme;
- Natisha Strudwick, Conspire Isis Theatre, Regional Partnerships in Theatre, creating an original musical, working with youth cast and crew;
- Calliope Christmas Carols, Building Community Cultural Capacity in Festivals, hosting Sound workshops and
- Luke Graham, Concept Development in Film, researching a film based on a boxer from a small town with aspirations to box professionally.

Premier and Arts Minister Anastacia Palaszczuk said the Queensland Government is providing \$2.08 million in 2015-16 for the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF), a state and local government partnership with 59 local councils across Queensland.

“The \$2.08 million will leverage approximately \$1.8 million from local councils, and means an anticipated total of \$3.9 million will be available for arts projects across the state,” the Premier said.

“RADF supports around 3000 arts, cultural and heritage projects annually, ranging from local festivals and celebrations, to training, education and employment outcomes for Queensland artists.”

“This year will see a revamped RADF program developed in consultation with local councils which opens the way for more arts at a local level with public art commissions, access to touring productions and more training opportunities on offer,” she said.

All are invited to celebrate with the local recipients during a Funding Presentation Ceremony, from 4.30pm this Saturday November 7, at the Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum, featuring a performance by *Songvine Community Choir* artist Teri Hartung.

To RSVP please phone 4976 6766 or email gragm@gladstonerc.qld.gov.au

For further RADF information visit: <http://gallerymuseum.gladstonerc.qld.gov.au>

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