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Council approves funding round to support local arts and culture

Gladstone Regional Council has approved the distribution of \$11,550 to support development of local arts and culture.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said Council endorsed Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Committee recommendations to approve applications for a special funding round.

The RADF program, established in 1991, is a Queensland Government and Gladstone Regional Council partnership supporting development of local arts and culture.

"The Gladstone Region RADF offers two funding rounds each year to support the development of local arts and culture," Councillor Burnett said.

Council's Environment & Community Services Committee Chair Councillor Cindi Bush said surplus funds had enabled a special round of funding to be offered.

"Since its inception, RADF has successfully provided opportunities for artists and arts initiatives within the Gladstone Region," Councillor Bush said.

"Funding ranges from enabling artists to access professional development opportunities to helping community groups engage a professional artist for workshops or community projects."

Premier and Arts Minister Anastacia Palaszczuk said the Queensland Government is providing \$2.08 million in 2015-16 for 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 governments, and means an anticipated total of \$3.9 million will be available for arts projects across the state," the Premier said.

"Each year around 500,000 people are involved in RADF projects as practitioners, participants or audience members, helping to ensure that Queenslanders can engage with arts in their local community.

"In 2016, RADF celebrates 25 years of partnership to promote the role and value of arts, culture and heritage," she said.

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Successful RADF Special Funding Round June 2016 applicants include:

Applicant	Project title	Project description	RADF funding
Wesley Walker	<i>Artlands, Dubbo NSW</i>	Attend Artlands, Regional Arts Australia Conference	\$1950
Samantha Finemore and Jamie Clements	<i>I Let Love In</i>	Print, clothing and film exhibition	\$3000
Boyne Tannum RSL	<i>Monument Cenotaph Boyne Island</i>	Engage professional artist Margaret Worthington to develop concept for four monuments at the Boyne Island Cenotaph	\$2450
Nicholas Cobb	<i>Artiz Public, Toowoomba</i>	Attend Flying Arts Alliance's ARTIZ Public, Toowoomba	\$300
Boyne Tannum Arts Business Community Association	<i>Turtleway Artscape</i>	Professional artist Janie Petersen to present 3D Mosaic community and public art installation	\$3850

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