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Residents can continue contributing to arts and cultural plan for region

Residents can continue to contribute to a new Arts and Cultural Development Plan for the Gladstone Region.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said Council was reviewing its Arts & Cultural Policy with around 100 people already having attended meetings across the region as part of the consultation.

“Council received a fantastic response from locals recently during *Join the Conversation with ArtReach Queensland* Director Stephen Clark,” Councillor Burnett said.

Councillor Cindi Bush said four public meetings were arranged at Yarwun, Calliope, Agnes Water and in Gladstone and had attracted numerous individuals and members of local arts and cultural groups.

“The new policy and plan will be designed to enhance the liveability and appeal of the region with research showing that vibrant arts and cultural activities is highly beneficial to community wellbeing,” she said.

Cr Bush said community members were still able to provide input.

“Stephen has prepared an *Add to the Conversation* community survey and Council is now calling on residents who were unable to attend one of the public meetings, or who would like to make further comment to take part,” she said.

The questionnaire, which takes about three minutes to complete, can be accessed at <https://bit.ly/GladstoneRegionConversation> and will be open until Friday, March 30.

Join the Conversation is supported by the Gladstone Region Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF), a Queensland Government and Gladstone Regional Council partnership, to support local arts and culture.

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