

## media release

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### **Six local arts and culture projects to benefit from RADF allocations**

Gladstone Regional Council has endorsed recommendations to grant \$30,463 to support six local arts and culture projects.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said organisations, groups and individuals would benefit from the 2016-17 Round One Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) allocations.

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

"This funding will provide financial assistance for projects involving community arts, visual arts, music and community cultural development," Councillor Burnett said.

Council's Environment & Community Services Committee Chair Councillor Cindi Bush said the grants supported professional development and assisted artists to attend workshops or gain tutelage.

"RADF provides those involved with arts and culture in the Gladstone Region with the ability to widen their experiences and learn from others renowned in their field," Cr Bush said.

"Valuable skills learnt are then shared and developed within our community and further enrich art and culture in our region."

Queensland Premier and Arts Minister Annastacia Palaszczuk said the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) delivered on the Queensland Government's commitment to foster diverse and inclusive communities, grow strong regions and provide training, education, and employment opportunities for Queenslanders.

"The Queensland Government is contributing \$2.08 million to leverage up to \$1.92 million from local councils resulting in up to \$4 million available to support arts and cultural activities throughout the state in 2016–17," the Premier said.

"This funding promotes the role and value of arts, culture and heritage as key drivers of inclusive communities and strong regions and ensures Queenslanders can engage with arts locally.

"Each year around 500,000 people are involved in RADF projects as practitioners, participants or audience members."

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All residents are invited to attend the Funding Presentation Ceremony, with the successful recipients and committee members, at the Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum, 5.30pm Friday, December 16.

The Regional Arts Development Fund is a partnership between the Queensland Government and Gladstone Regional Council to support local arts and culture in regional Queensland.

To RSVP for the Funding Presentation Ceremony or for further information please phone RADF Liaison Officer Di Paddick on 4976 6766, email [gramg@gladstonerc.qld.gov.au](mailto:gramg@gladstonerc.qld.gov.au) or visit [www.gramg.qld.gov.au/radf](http://www.gramg.qld.gov.au/radf) online.

Successful 2016-17 RADF Round 1 applicants include:

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project title</b>	<b>Project description</b>	<b>RADF funding</b>
Rainbow Valley Early Learning Centre	<i>Creative Children Creating Change</i>	Concepts of sustainability through recycled art processes	\$6950
Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre	<i>2017 Children's Festival Unbound</i>	Host performing art workshops for children at festival locations, with professional artists	\$6800
Gladstone Festival & Events	<i>2017 Ecofest Public Art</i>	Engage professional artist to construct giant marine-themed frame for the community to weave recycled marine debris materials into the artwork	\$2100
Hayley Marsten	<i>Hayley Marsten Second EP</i>	Recording, mixing, mastering and promotion of second EP, with professional studio	\$9873
Community Advisory Service	<i>2017 Gladstone Pop Con</i>	Host Anime/Manga and Light Sabre workshops with professional	\$3180
Lee McIvor	Out of Round submission to attend <i>Artlands, Dubbo</i>	Community Cultural Development	\$1560

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