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Local artists progressing their skills thanks to latest RADF grants

Local artists are developing new media skills, attending songwriting workshops and hosting cinematography workshops, as part of 10 arts and cultural initiatives to financially benefit during the latest round of the Gladstone Regional Council Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF).

Gladstone Region Councillor and RADF chair Glenn Churchill said Gladstone Regional Council accepted the recommendations of its RADF committee to allocate a total of \$57,876 for Round One 2019-20.

“This funding round will financially assist with the delivery of various artforms including design, visual arts, new media and music,” Councillor Churchill said.

“These exciting and innovative projects, undertaken within our region, will provide professional development opportunities for our local artists, as well as access to enriching activities for the wider community.

“Local art and cultural groups and individuals, can apply for funding for specific projects and submissions are assessed through locally determined policy, by a local committee of dedicated arts and community representatives.”

Successful Round One 2019-20 recipients include:

- Ping Carlyon, *Our Shining Stars*: Develop new-media exhibition content
- Margaret Worthington, *Coral Cay*: Develop multi-media installation
- Shelley Pisani, *CQ Shopfront – Gladstone*: Artisan in residence program at Crow Street Creative
- Brittany-Elise Johansen, *DAG Retreat*: Attend songwriting workshop and provide local opportunity
- Boyne Valley Community Discovery Centre, *Ubobo Soldier Settlement Street Art*: Public art design
- Capricorn Film Festival, *Recording Gladstone’s Landscapes*: Cinematography workshop
- Ira Seindenstein, *Clown Workshops*: Workshops in clowning and acting, regional remote
- Rotary Club of Gladstone Midday, *Lighting the Silos*: Art projection planning and consultation
- Melissa Peacock, *From the Ground Up*: Making paper from locally sourced organic matter
- Jennifer Ryan, *STUDIO AGNES*: Develop virtual reality gallery.

Minister for the Arts Leeanne Enoch said the Palaszczuk Government was proud to continue its RADF partnership with local governments with an investment of \$2.08 million, through Arts Queensland, for the 2019-20 fund.

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“This investment will support the delivery of hundreds of arts experiences and professional development opportunities across the state,” Ms Enoch said.

“Projects funded through RADF provide pathways for learning, contribute to the creation of jobs, foster creativity and boost cultural tourism.”

A virtual funding celebration, hosted by The Ideas Distillery, will bring together recipients, committee and community online at 5.30pm on Friday 29 May.

Please visit <http://gragm.qld.gov.au/radf> for more information on the virtual funding celebration and the Gladstone Regional Council RADF program.

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