



## **Gladstone Regional Council Community Development Strategy 2020-2025**

Gladstone Regional Council is undertaking an important community project to create a five year Community Development Strategy and Action Plan to guide Council's focus for community development across the Gladstone Region.

You are invited to have your say on how Council can work with the community to build an engaged, involved and proud community.

Gladstone Regional Council aims to foster safe, healthy and inclusive communities. It does this by working alongside community groups, organisations, service providers and other levels of government on programs, infrastructure and services that aim to strengthen our community.

Council is seeking your input into this project to assist Council in establishing their approach to social priorities, community programs, social infrastructure, open space activation, networks and partnerships over the next five years.

### **Why are we developing the Strategy and Action Plan?**

In 2018 Council transitioned to a new operating model and new Corporate Plan, setting a clear direction towards creating a stronger fabric of community connectedness, lifestyle and enhanced livability in the Gladstone Region.

With a reinvigorated vision of Connect, Innovate, Diversify, Council has set nine strategic goals which focus on 'fostering our region to be an engaged, involved and proud community'.

Council has always undertaken community development activities, however it has been recognised that some of these activities such as direct service delivery is better placed to be delivered by the human and social service sector. Council is now focused on engagement, partnerships and capacity building with, and alongside, the community.



The Community Development Strategy and Action Plan will guide Council's community development actions over the next five years. The Strategy will identify projects, priorities and programs for Gladstone Regional Council to implement in partnership with the community.

### **What is Community Development?**

Community Development is about the way Council works with the community, associations, other levels of government and services to create strong sustainable communities.

Community Development is a process of strengthening communities and their capacity to develop active, sustainable and supportive environments in which people live and work. There is a specific dedicated community development team of staff at Council but all areas of Council contribute towards community development outcomes.

Some traditional examples for the Gladstone Regional Council have been a focus on youth and seniors, cultural diversity, inclusivity and reconciliation, community resilience in the event of a natural disaster, volunteers, open space activation, and active sports & recreation development.

Other community development activities that Council undertakes include the provision of programs, events and awards, grants programs and support to community groups and associations to grow their organisations. We also have specific plans such as the Reconciliation Action Plan and Cultural Plan which includes many community development activities which Council implements. Other activities include infrastructure planning and open space activation.

### **Get involved!**

Over the months of February and March 2020 Gladstone Regional Council will be undertaking a comprehensive community engagement program to understand what are the community development priorities and the vision for community development in the region.



Our program invites community to participate in a range of consultation activities and opportunities including:

- Community Reference Group
- Information and market stalls
- Community focus groups
- Online surveys
- Postcard survey
- Information displays
- Social Media
- Project webpage engagement.

More information on these consultation opportunities is outlined below.

#### ***Council Conversations website***

Visit the Gladstone Regional Council website to learn more about the project and complete our online survey. Our dedicated project web page can be located by accessing the Community Engagement link on the Council's home page, or by using the following link: <https://conversations.gladstone.qld.gov.au/>

Surveys close Tuesday, 31 March 2020.

#### ***Digital mapping:***

Share your thoughts by dropping comments on our interactive maps – go to <https://engagementplus.mysocialpinpoint.com.au/grc-cd-strategy>



### ***Pop Up Information Stalls***

Visit one of our Information Stalls to meet with a Project Team Member and hear about our project firsthand. Complete a postcard or hard copy survey. Children can draw a picture to share their ideas on our coloring sheets. Come along to discuss your ideas with the team.

<b>Moonlight Movies - Tondoon Botanic Gardens</b> Saturday, 22 February 6.30pm-8.30pm 672 Glenlyon Road, Glen Eden	<b>Gladstone PCYC - Thursday Arvie Barbie</b> Thursday, 5 March 3.30pm-6pm 53 Yarroon Street, Gladstone Central
<b>BAM Markets</b> Saturday, 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2pm-7pm Millennium Esplanade, Tannum Sands	<b>Calliope Historical Village Markets</b> Sunday, 8 March 8am-noon Calliope River Historical Village, 50951 Old Bruce Highway, River Ranch, Calliope
<b>Miriam Vale Library</b> Wednesday, 11 March 9am-noon 34 Roe Street, Miriam Vale	<b>Gladstone Library</b> Saturday, 14 March Noon – 2pm 39 Goondoon Street, Gladstone Central
<b>Gladstone Rotary Charity Markets – Tondoon Botanic Gardens</b> <b>Sunday, 15 March</b> <b>7am-noon</b> 672 Glenlyon Road, Glen Eden	<b>1770 Rotary Markets</b> Sunday, 22 March 8am-noon SES Grounds, Captain Cook Drive Agnes Water



### ***Community Focus groups***

In addition to the consultation activities listed above, Council will be hosting three focus groups in the Boyne Valley, Agnes Water and Mount Larcom. Details are:

<b>Mount Larcom Focus Group</b> Tuesday, 25 February 10am-noon Mount Larcom Public Hall 47 Raglan Street, Mt Larcom	<b>Boyne Valley Focus Group</b> Wednesday, 26 February 10am-noon Boyne Valley Builyan Hall Boyne Valley
<b>Agnes Water Focus Group</b> Thursday, 27 February 10am-noon Agnes Water Community Centre 71 Springs Road, Agnes Water	

RSVP for catering purposes. Please contact Council on:4976 6300

### ***Community Development Strategy Community Reference Group***

Complete an Expression of Interest form to be a part of a Community Reference Panel to discuss the Community Development Strategy, the priorities and assist in shaping the final document. With access to experienced staff, the participants will work together to explore and create a vision for community development in the region. Participants will need to attend six 2 hour meetings which are scheduled for:

1. 3 March noon-2pm in Gladstone
2. 18 March noon-2pm in Miriam Vale
3. 1 April noon-2pm in Mount Larcom
4. 15 April noon-2pm in Boyne Island
5. 29 April noon-2pm in Gladstone
6. 13 May noon-2pm in Gladstone

Online interaction through a web based platform can also be arranged for people who want to participate but are unable to get to the sessions in person.

To participate in the Community Development Strategy Community Reference Group please complete an Expression of Interest form found on Council's website, [www.gladstone.qld.gov.au](http://www.gladstone.qld.gov.au)



Applications close Friday, 21 February 2020.

### ***Information Displays***

Information about the Community Development Strategy project can be found at Council's Customer Service Centers and all Gladstone Regional Libraries. Visit a Customer Service Center or Library to find out more about the project, complete a survey or postcard or a coloring sheet to share your views. Displays can be found at:

Customer Services Centers and Libraries

- Gladstone Office, 101 Goondoon Street, Gladstone
- Calliope Office/Library, 5 Don Cameron Drive, Calliope
- Miriam Vale Office/Library, 41 Blomfield Street, Miriam Vale
- Agnes Water Rural Transaction Centre/Library, 71 Springs Road, Agnes Water
- Mount Larcom Rural Transaction Centre/Library, 47 Raglan Street, Mount Larcom
- Boyne Tannum Community Centre/Library, Cnr Wyndham & Hayes Avenues, Boyne Island
- Gladstone City Library, 39 Goondoon St, Gladstone



## Project Timeline

10 February 2020	Project launch
February- March 2020	Undertake community consultation activities
April 2020	Analyse and report on consultation feedback
May 2020	Develop draft Community Development Strategy document
May- June 2020	Public review and comment period
July 2020	Council approval of final Community Development Strategy and Action Plan
	Implementation of Strategy and Action Plan
For further information about this project please contact Council on 4970 0700 or visit Council's engagement website <a href="http://www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/">www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/</a>	