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### **Community called to have ‘*Conversations with Council*’**

Do you have a few questions or queries on your mind about the Gladstone Region and the role Council plays, but not quite sure who or where to ask?

Well, Gladstone Regional Council has just the thing for you – *Conversations with Council*.

Beginning Saturday 20 July, *Conversations with Council* is about bringing together community members to connect, discuss and engage with Gladstone Region Councillors and staff from Gladstone Regional Council.

Gladstone Region Acting Mayor Chris Trevor said community members have a wealth of information when it comes to their community, and *Conversations with Council* is a great avenue to access that.

“Our role as Councillors is to be the voice of the community, so by starting these conversations, we can ensure your voice is being heard,” Councillor Trevor said.

“Community is at the core of Council’s business and by coming along, having a chat and letting us know your thoughts and feelings, we can foster a culture of community-led decision making.

“Conversations with Council will take place at various locations across the region, this is to ensure each individual community is having their say on what is unique to where they live.”

Cr Trevor said Council was committed to diversifying the ways in which it engages with the community.

“Not only is it a time to ask questions, it is also a time to gain answers, especially around topics such as the waste levy, rates, upcoming events and updates on current Council projects,” he said.

The first *Conversations with Council* will take place at a pop-up stand opposite Woolworths, Stockland Gladstone Shopping Centre, from 9am-12pm on Saturday 20 July.

“I invite all community members to come along and have *Conversations with Council*.”

For additional dates and locations for *Conversations with Council*, please visit [www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/conversations-with-council](http://www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/conversations-with-council)