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Funding to support arts and cultural activities across Gladstone Region

Arts and cultural activities across the Gladstone Region are set to receive a valuable boost following a \$60,000 funding announcement made by the Queensland State Government.

The Regional Arts and Development Fund (RADF) was established in 1991 and is funded by both state and local government in partnership with the total 2019-20 program being more than \$4 million.

Member for Gladstone, Glenn Butcher said it's fantastic that Gladstone is receiving \$60,000 from the State through RADF, along with the further funding from Gladstone Regional Council.

"This boost to our region will help build and support arts and cultural experiences and connect and engage our communities," Mr Butcher said.

"RADF enables our council and community to determine arts and cultural priorities on a local level, with projects to be selected and developed by the Gladstone Regional Council".

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said Queensland Government funding through the 2019-20 RADF partnership would benefit local arts and cultural groups and individuals.

Councillor Burnett said RADF grants provide support for initiatives and activities which have the capacity to deliver benefits for the wider community.

"Funding can offer benefits in various ways from assisting artists to access professional development opportunities to helping community groups engage a professional artist for workshops or community projects," Councillor Burnett said.

"The funding will enable those involved with arts and culture in the Gladstone Region the ability to widen their experiences and learn from others renowned in their field.

"Skills learnt can then be shared and developed within our community further enriching art and culture in our region," Councillor Burnett said.

Gladstone Region Councillor and RADF Chairman Glenn Churchill, who on behalf of the expert volunteer committee, said the funding provides development opportunities for local and regional artists, as well as providing enriching activities for the wider community.

"The funding financially assists with the development and delivery of various artforms including design, visual arts, performing arts, new media, innovative artistic technology and music," Cr Churchill said.

Minister for the Arts the Hon. 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.

“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.”

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