

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Call for nominations for Regional Arts Development Fund committee**

Gladstone Regional Council's Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) is seeking nominations from interested community members during its 2019 Annual General Meeting (AGM) later this month.

The AGM will be held at the Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum, corner of Goondoon and Bramston Streets, Gladstone on Wednesday, 25 September at 6pm.

RADF is a partnership between Gladstone Regional Council and the Queensland Government to support local arts and culture in regional Queensland.

Gladstone Region Councillor and Regional Arts Development Fund Chairman Glenn Churchill said the volunteer role is a great opportunity for community members to help develop and enrich art and culture in our region.

"Together with a budget allocation from Council and through locally determined policy and assessment procedures, RADF funds the development of arts and cultural activities throughout the community," Councillor Churchill said.

"RADF funding provides support for initiatives and activities which have the capacity to deliver benefits for the wider community.

"This ranges from assisting artists to access professional development opportunities to helping community groups engage a professional artist for workshops or community projects."

The submission for the 2019-20 RADF year, proposed two community funding rounds, as well as two strategic projects for the region, including a public art project and training opportunities.

"When groups and individuals make an application to be funded for specific activities each round, it is the role of our wonderful Committee to decide, in accordance with the RADF guidelines, if the application meets the criteria and is eligible to recommend for funding," Cr Churchill said.

During recent committee training, Creative Region Inc's Creative Producer Di Wills, spoke about the great opportunity for participation in the program.

"You have the capacity to positively influence the evolving culture of your community," she said.

RADF Committee nominations close Tuesday, 24 September and forms are available at Council offices, venues and libraries or online at [www.gragm.qld.gov.au/radf](http://www.gragm.qld.gov.au/radf)

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