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Easter in Gladstone – Why would you be anywhere else?

This Easter, Gladstone Regional Council is asking residents to consider holidaying at home with plenty on offer for people of all ages across the holiday period.

Easter in Gladstone promises to be bigger and better than ever before with a mixture of longstanding events and exciting new concepts coming together over the Easter long weekend.

Festivities begin with the 58th annual Gladstone Harbour Festival, running from Wednesday 8 April until Sunday 12 April.

The annual Gladstone Harbour Festival, coordinated by Gladstone Festivals and Events, is a free event featuring live music, entertainment, sideshow alley, markets, fantastic food and sponsored fireworks displays.

Complementing the Gladstone Harbour Festival is another event steeped in tradition, the 72nd Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race.

The Brisbane to Gladstone (B2G) Yacht Race sets sail from Moreton Bay on Good Friday (10 April) with yachts expected to start arriving in Gladstone the following day.

Coinciding with the race start is the Yachtsman's Long Lunch, forming part of the B2G Village that will also feature the Brisbane to Gladstone Line Crossing Party and Seafood Festival.

Gladstone Region Councillor Desley O'Grady said Easter in Gladstone was like no other time of the year and encouraged residents both inside the Gladstone Region, and Central Queensland as a whole, to choose the Port City as their holiday destination of choice.

"Easter in Gladstone is a fantastic time of year and one that provides an experience for people of all ages," Councillor O'Grady said.

"Whether it be attending the family-friendly Gladstone Harbour Festival, lining the banks of Auckland Creek to welcome the Brisbane to Gladstone yachts or attending events within the B2G Village, there's no shortage of things to do at Easter in Gladstone.

Entry is free to the B2G Village and tickets are now on sale for Yachtsman's Long Lunch.

"The Brisbane to Gladstone Line Crossing Party will celebrate yachts crossing the finish line with tasty food, a licensed bar and talented musicians," Cr O'Grady said.

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“The Village Seafood Festival will include live music, numerous displays, licensed bars and an array of seafood, while the Yachtsman’s Long Lunch will feature guest speakers and a three-course meal paired with a selection of fine wine and beer.”

Cr O’Grady said Gladstone Regional Council was committed to positioning the region as a leading events destination, in line with Council’s Regional Events and Visitor Economy strategies.

“Some of the most significant events on the Gladstone Region calendar are held on the Easter long weekend and there’s always a buzz of excitement in the air,” Cr O’Grady said.

“By spending Easter in Gladstone you’re supporting the local economy and helping promote community pride and connectedness.”

Cr O’Grady also encouraged people from outside the region to consider spending the long weekend in Gladstone.

“The region’s accommodation providers will have deals and packages on offer so please visit Council’s website for more information on how you can spend your Easter in Gladstone,” she said.

The annual Gladstone Harbour Festival is proudly supported by Council and Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre.

Visit www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/easter to purchase tickets to the Yachtsman’s Long Lunch and to find out more information about everything on offer at Easter in Gladstone.

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