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From little things big things grow at City Library's Community Garden

Gladstone City Library is launching a Community Garden at 10am on Saturday 7 March as part of upcoming events during Parks Week in the Gladstone Region.

Thanks to *Friends of the Gladstone Library*, the Gladstone City Library Community Garden will offer a peaceful space to learn about growing and caring for different plants, and how to care for a worm farm.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said in addition to caring for and feeding the garden and worm farm, community users can also take home fruits and vegetables harvested from the garden.

"The Community Garden aims to educate users around the growing of plants, vegetables, fruit and worms by providing an opportunity for the community to be 'hands on' in caring for a garden and worm farm," Councillor Burnett said.

"The Community Garden also provides an enjoyable space to relax alone, or with friends, in the fresh air.

"Parks Week celebrates the vital role that parks and open community spaces play in creating liveable cities and thriving communities."

Parks Week runs from 7-15 March and focusses on how open spaces can positively influence our wellbeing.

Community members are encouraged to be involved in the community garden by:

- Helping to water the plants (watering cans provided)
- Picking fruit and vegetables when ready
- Taking home fruit and vegetables that have been picked
- Bring in food for the worms – they love eating dry leaves, vegetable and fruit scraps (not onions), bread, pasta, coffee and tea grounds and shredded paper.

Meanwhile, Gladstone City Library will join the Agnes Water, Boyne Island and Calliope Libraries in offering a seed library alongside their Community Garden.

Members of Gladstone Regional Libraries can borrow seeds for free, plant them, tend to them, collect the seeds and then deliver fresh seeds back to the library to enable the process to continue.

The Gladstone City Library has now reopened after being closed for the laying of new carpet.

Visit www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/parkswweek for more information about Parks Week 2020 activities taking place in the Gladstone Region.

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