

# Media Release

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## **Precinct gaining traction as stakeholders meet following EOI response**

Collaboration was key for members of the Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct working group, who gained a deeper understanding for effective collaboration during a four-day workshop held at the Gladstone Branch of The Salvation Army earlier this month.

Led by Dr Sara Branch and Charmaine Stubbs from the Collective Change Facilitation, an initiative from Griffith University and The Salvation Army, the course helped working group members develop techniques and learning tools to better prepare themselves ahead of the Precinct's opening, forecasted to be delivered by July.

The working group consists of a range of organisations who have a vested interest in the Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct, including Gladstone Regional Council, The Salvation Army, the Department of Communities, Disability Services and Seniors, GAPDL Communities for Children and other groups involved in the social services sector.

The four-day course was designed to be appeal to practitioners, policy makers, organisational leaders, researchers and funders, and had both theoretical and practical elements.

Attendees explored topics such as Prevention and Implementation Science, Community Development, Learning, and Facilitation concepts and skills.

The workshop was held less than two weeks after the closure for Expressions of Interest for community service organisations and local community groups seeking tenancy within the Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct.

Several organisations who submitted a successful EOI also attended the training course alongside existing working group members.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett was very encouraged by the amount of EOIs received.

"Council had a fantastic response to the EOI period with 19 submissions received," Councillor Burnett said.

"Some of these were for visiting services, while some are for organisations seeking a permanent base within the Precinct, as well as some volunteer-led organisations.

"The aim is for all providers to work together collaboratively to plan and evaluate activities and programs at the Precinct by working together to ensure the needs of the community are met.

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“Ultimately, Council wants to see working group members and EOI submitters move beyond just co-location at the Precinct and actually collaborate together for the betterment of our region.”

## EOI Organisations

Act for Kids Limited  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
Anglicare Central Queensland  
Central Queensland Community Legal Centre  
CQ Financial Counselling  
Family Drug Support  
Foundations Care  
Gamblers Anonymous  
Gladstone Women's Health Centre  
Gladstone and District Philatelic Society Inc.  
Narcotics Anonymous  
Playgroup Queensland  
Proud Peacock  
Qld Health - Blood Borne Virus & Sexual Health Service  
Queensland Health - Gladstone Hospital Child Health  
Relationships Australia Queensland  
Strong Communities  
Southern Cross Support Services  
The Smith Family.

Visit Council's online Conversations platform at <https://conversations.gladstone.qld.gov.au> for more information about the Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct.

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