## **Media Release**

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## Council welcomes 16 eager apprentices and trainees for 2021 intake

Gladstone Regional Council (GRC) has this week welcomed 16 new apprentices and trainees for its 2021 intake.

The enthusiasm of the apprentices and trainees was evident as GRC Chief Executive Officer Leisa Dowling and Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett wished them luck before the group gathered at Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre to pose for a photo to mark the occasion.

Mayor Burnett said the 2021 intake covered several business units including Community Development and Events, Finance Governance and Risk, Operations, Customer Experience and People Culture and Safety.

"The 2021 intake covers a variety of roles and includes 12 business trainees, two horticulture trainees, a live production trainee and event trainee," Cr Burnett said.

"Council takes pride in helping facilitate the upskilling of the hard-working people in our region across a diverse range of roles at a variety of locations.

"I'd like to thank everyone who took the time to apply and wish the successful applicants the best of luck on their GRC journey."

Council's 2021 apprentices and trainee intake has been assisted by the First Start program under the Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative.

First Start provides wage subsidies to local councils and community-based organisations to employ additional trainees.

The program offers opportunities to young people and disadvantaged job seekers to gain nationally recognised qualifications and 12 months employment by undertaking a traineeship.

Visit <u>www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/jobs-council</u> to find out further information on how to apply for available positions within Gladstone Regional Council.

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