## **Media Release**

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## Closing days to prepare your application for RADF Round One 2020-21 funding

Gladstone Regional Council's Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) is accepting applications for individuals and local arts and cultural groups to apply for funding during the Round One 2020-21 window.

Applications close at 4pm on Friday, 26 March 2021 for projects that commence after 4 May 2021.

Short-term projects may be eligible for funding in the following categories: Developing Regional Skills, Building Community Cultural Capacity, Regional Partnerships, Cultural Tourism, Concept Development and Contemporary Collections/Stories.

RADF promotes the role and value of arts, culture and heritage as key drivers to support diversity and inclusivity; grow strong regions; and provide training, education and employment opportunities for Queensland artists and local communities.

Local artist Wendy Barker said Ira Seidenstein's Clowning Workshops project was funded under the Building Community Cultural Capacity category during last year's Round One window.

Ms Barker said the June 2020 workshops highlighted the value of creative outlets, especially for children.

"This activity was the first to take place after the COVID-19 lockdown and we took every precaution to ensure safety measures were in place," Ms Barker said.

"The children were aware of social distancing and were very cooperative in following direction.

"The workshops proved to be a welcome outlet for all involved after a long period of confinement."

Guidelines and application forms for Round One 2020-21 funding are available online via <a href="https://www.gragm.qld.gov.au/radf">www.gragm.qld.gov.au/radf</a> or from Council's offices, venues and libraries.

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

For further information email <a href="mailto:gragm@gladstone.qld.gov.au">gragm@gladstone.qld.gov.au</a> or phone Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum (GRAGM) on 4976 6766.

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