

# Media Release

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## Popular environmental awareness event returns to Tondoon with a new look

Central Queensland's largest environmental awareness event, Ecofest, is returning with a new look in 2021.

Ecofest 2021 aims to educate and empower residents to not only understand our impact on the environment, but to also make changes towards a sustainable life and safeguarding our natural resources.

Held at Gladstone Tondoon Botanic Gardens on Sunday, 6 June from 10am-3pm, this year's Ecofest theme is 'Ecosystem Restoration', which aligns with the theme of World Environment Day (5 June).

Gladstone Regional Council will team with Ecofest supporters made up of community groups and industry to share educational workshops, talks and activities focused on this year's theme.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said this year's theme is relevant for the Gladstone Region.

"We are fortunate to be home to a vast array of ecosystems from the Southern Great Barrier Reef, rainforest, wetlands, coastlines and more," Councillor Burnett said.

"Ecosystem restoration can take on many forms including growing trees, greening cities, rewilding gardens, changing diets or cleaning up rivers and coastlines.

"The Gladstone Region is often referred to as an industrial region, but it houses much more than meets the eye with a diverse and important range of natural environments."

Cr Burnett added that it was great to see Ecofest return to Tondoon Botanic Gardens in 2021 after having to go virtual last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **ECOFEST 2021**

**WHEN:** 10am-3pm, Sunday 6 June

**WHERE:** Gladstone Tondoon Botanic Gardens (672 Glenlyon Road)

**COST:** \$2 per person\*, tickets required. Under 12 months old is free of charge, ticket required.

**BOOK:** [www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/ecofest](http://www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/ecofest) or call the GECC Box Office on 4972 2822. Tickets on sale from 10am on Friday 16 April.

*\*The money from ticket sales will be reinvested by Council into environmental education and awareness campaigns.*

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