

# Media Release

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## Chance for children to be immersed in Japanese culture at GRAGM

Children of the Gladstone Region have an opportunity to take a glimpse into the lives of their peers in Japan through a variety of free hands-on craft activities available at the Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum (GRAGM) during May.

GRAGM will celebrate Saiki Children's Day throughout 1-22 May, offering children a chance to get creative with some Japanese-inspired craft and activities.

Gladstone Region Councillor Glenn Churchill said Saiki Children's Day is modelled on Children's Day, a Japanese national holiday which takes place annually on 5 May.

"Children's Day is a day set aside in Japan in honour of children, to celebrate their happiness and to hope that they grow up healthy and strong," Councillor Churchill said.

"In recognition of this event, children are invited to GRAGM to take part in a diverse range of fun and educational activities.

"Activities include Dress-up with Kimonos, Origami Paper Dolls, Carp Streamers, Cherry Blossom and Great Wave Greetings Cards, Paper Plate Fans, Hair Sticks, Paper Plate Samurai Helmets, Japanese Lunar Year Fridge Magnets and other activities for younger age groups."

Saiki Children's Day activities will be housed in the Town Hall gallery at GRAGM alongside the *2021 Intercity Images Gladstone Saiki Photographic Exchange*.

Activities will be available during GRAGM's opening hours (10am-5pm, Monday to Saturday), excluding the Labour Day public holiday (3 May).

Saiki Children's Day is a Gladstone Saiki Sister City Advisory Committee initiative, supported by Gladstone Regional Council.

Call GRAGM on 4976 6766 for more information.

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