

Media Release

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Learn more about our shared history by participating in a free cultural heritage tour

Gladstone Regional Council has been successful in securing funding from the Department of Communities, Disability Services and Seniors to enhance resilience and recovery from the 2018 Central Queensland Bushfires in the Gladstone Region.

As a result of this funding, Council will deliver four free Cultural Heritage Tours to give the community an opportunity to learn more about the Traditional Owners and their deep connection to country.

The Cultural Heritage Tours include a light lunch, take approximately four hours and will depart from following locations:

- **Agnes Water** (Thursday, 10 June) – pick up at 9.15am from Agnes Water Community Centre, returning about 1.15pm
- **Baffle Creek** (Friday, 11 June) – pick up at 9.15am from Baffle Creek Community Centre, returning about 1.30pm
- **Mount Larcom** (Monday, 14 June) – pick up at 9.15am from Mount Larcom Community Centre, returning about 1.30pm
- **Boyne Valley** (Wednesday, 16 June) – pick up at 9.30am from Ubobo Discovery Centre, returning about 1.30pm.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said the upcoming tours will highlight the First Nation history and heritage of the Gladstone Region, with a few captivating stories told along the journey.

“These tours will not only take you to places of significance for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders but will also give insight to their management and use of country prior to European settlement,” Councillor Burnett said.

“The tour provides an opportunity to learn about scar trees, natural medicines, language, culture and much more through the lens of the First Nation people.

“Through the Queensland Government funding, the tours are free and include a short walk and discovery of Indigenous focal points, storytelling that will be delivered firsthand by a representative from the Traditional Owner groups, and other exciting information and knowledge shared by tour guides.”

Cr Burnett said the Cultural Heritage Tours would be a valuable resource to the communities affected by the 2018 Central Queensland bushfires.

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“The tours enhance resilience and promote recovery in the community, through capacity building and sharing of local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander knowledge and promoting connection to the land they live on,” he said.

Tour bookings are required and can be made by contacting Council’s Community Engagement Centre via email info@gladstone.qld.gov.au or phoning 4976 6300.

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