

Media Release

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Eight innovative arts projects receive RADF funding

A folk music festival, an artist workshop and a local history book are some of the local arts projects to receive Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) assistance from Round Two of the 2020-2021 funding.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said Council accepted the recommendations of its RADF Committee to allocate a total of \$58,674 to eight recipients at its 5 October general meeting.

“Arts and cultural groups as well as individuals within our region can apply for funding for specific projects,” Councillor Burnett said.

“A committee of dedicated arts and community representatives assess these submissions using a locally determined policy.

“The innovative projects to receive funding will be undertaken in the Gladstone Region, providing professional development opportunities for local artists as well as access to enriching activities for the wider community.”

Minister for the Arts Leeanne Enoch said the Palaszczuk Government is investing \$2.08 million through the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) in 2021-22, matched with a contribution of approximately \$2.3 million from 59 councils across the state.

“RADF is a great example of working together to deliver our COVID-19 economic recovery plan, supporting employment opportunities and creating new arts and cultural experiences in local and regional communities,” Minister Enoch said.

“RADF in 2021–2022 will provide valuable social, health and economic outcomes for regional Queenslanders, and support our Government’s 10-year arts roadmap priorities to strengthen Queensland communities, activate local places, and drive social change across the state.”

Round Two 2020-2021 recipients include:

William Debois, *Sacrifice: Touring exhibition development*

Paulette Flint, *History of Cafeterias Gladstone*

Captain Creek Community Sport & Recreation Club, *Festival of Small Halls at Captain Creek*

Beryl Wood and Jo Williams, *Scape/Coates: 3-day workshop at Cedar Galleries*

Gwyneth (Terri) Lewis, *Road to Recovery: educate about heart disease through art*

Kellie Edwards, *Travelling with a Purpose: creative touring program*

Melissa Peacock, *Art-Port’s Christmas Tree Project*

Agnes Blues Roots & Rock Festival, *Agnes Blues Collaboration Incubator*.

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A funding celebration will be held at Cedar Galleries Arts & Crafts Village, from 5.30pm Thursday, 28 October 2021, bookings are essential though the Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum.

During the 5 October general meeting, Council thanked the outgoing committee and endorsed the following committee nominations received at the September RADF Annual General Meeting:

- Belynda (Bindi) Waugh
- Lorna McGrath
- Wendy Barker
- Sharon Hare
- Jack Viljoen
- Wezley Pitt
- Wesley Walker
- Melissa Peacock
- Mark McLachlan.

The newly appointed committee members will participate in RADF training, promote the RADF program within their networks and provide mentoring assistance to grant applicants.

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

For further information, visit www.gragm.qld.gov.au/radf or to RSVP for the funding celebration phone RADF Liaison Officer Di Paddick on 4976 6766.

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