

Media Release

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Our Priceless Past travelling exhibition ready to hit the road

The popular and always intriguing Our Priceless Past exhibition will hit the road from next week to embark on a seven-month tour of the region, offering more people a chance to take a glimpse into times gone by.

Our Priceless Past, initiated in 1999 in conjunction with the Year of the Older Person, brings together two very different generations to celebrate the unique character of the Gladstone Region to help build material for the community's social history collection.

It involves local students interviewing seniors aged 70 years or over who have lived in the area for 30 or more years.

In 2021, Our Priceless Past featured the stories of local seniors that were prepared and presented by Year 8 students of Toolooa State High School.

The exhibition launched at Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum (GRAGM) in October last year to coincide with Queensland Seniors Month.

Gladstone Region Acting Mayor Kahn Goodluck said Our Priceless Past will now hit the road, with its first stop at Gladstone City Library from 15 January until 28 February.

"From there it will travel to the Calliope Library during March and April, Gladstone Airport during May, a brief hiatus during June before heading to CQUniversity Gladstone Marina Campus during July until the end of August," Councillor Goodluck said.

"This is the first time that Our Priceless Past has taken on the form of a touring exhibition which allows more of our residents to learn about what life was like in the past, told by school students of the present.

"Our Priceless Past plays a vital role in capturing our region's heritage and helps shine a spotlight on some of our long-term residents."

2022 Exhibition Dates

- 15 January – 28 February (Gladstone City Library)
- 8 March – 30 April (Calliope Library)
- 2-31 May (Gladstone Airport)
- 15 July – 31 August (CQUniversity Gladstone Marina Campus).

If you would like to nominate for Our Priceless Past in 2022, please contact GRAGM by emailing gragm@gladstone.qld.gov.au or by phoning 4976 6766.