

Media Release

21 January 2022

Australia Day events taking place across the region

Gladstone Regional Council will once again host its free Australia Day Family Fun Day at the picturesque surrounds of the Millennium Esplanade parklands at Tannum Sands.

The parklands will come alive with market stalls, food vendors and local musicians, plus the added bonus of a free sausage sizzle and ice blocks, alongside free activities such as rock climbing, dunk tank and a mechanical surfboard.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said Council's free Australia Day Family Fun Day is a non-ticketed event that will run from 2pm-6pm on 26 January.

"Not only will the Millennium Esplanade parklands come alive with entertainment and activities for the whole family, Council's Australia Day Family Fun Day also celebrates contemporary Australia with a strong focus on acknowledging our history and honouring the diverse cultures in our region," Councillor Burnett said.

"The winners of this year's Gladstone Regional Art Gallery and Museum's *Celebrate Australia Primary School Art Competition* will also be announced.

"Our Australia Day Family Fun Day is open to all community members and tickets are not required, however, checking in via the Check in Qld App is still required upon entry."

Cr Burnett also encouraged residents who cannot attend the Tannum Sands event to head along to other Australia Day events taking place across the region.

"Council is supporting several Australia Day events through our Community Investment Program including celebrations at Builyan, Turkey Beach and Ubobo," he said.

"All of these Council-supported events have their own unique characteristics that help celebrate all things Australiana."

Event Details (all events to be held on Wednesday 26 January)

WHAT: Gladstone Regional Council's Australia Day Family Fun Day

WHEN: 2pm-6pm

WHERE: Millennium Esplanade parklands, Tannum Sands

COST: Free – tickets are not required, however, checking in via the Check in Qld App is still required upon entry. Council's outdoor events will continue to proceed in line with advice from Queensland Health regarding outdoor events.

Don't have a car or access to one? We are offering a free bus service between Gladstone and Tannum Sands, but please remember that masks are required to be worn while on public transport. Visit www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/events-1 for bus times and pick up/drop off locations.

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Australia Day events supported through Council's Community Investment Program:

Builyan Many Peaks Community Development Association

WHAT: Australia Day Brekkie – BBQ breakfast, poetry, trivia quizzes and cake cutting.

WHERE: Builyan Hall, Pine Street

WHEN: 8am-11am.

Boyne Valley Community Discovery Centre Inc.

WHAT: Australia Day Backyard - This is an afternoon event which begins with some waterplay, a treasure hunt and other organised games for the kids while adults relax and catch up. A backyard cricket match involving all ages follows in the cool of the afternoon. The event ends with a BBQ and cutting of the Australia Day cake. Cricket Match

WHERE: Boyne Valley Community Discovery Centre, McDonald Street, Boyne Valle

WHEN: 4pm-7.30pm.

Turkey Beach Progress Association

WHAT: Australia Day Breakfast – BBQ breakfast, costume judging, thong throwing, cow pat, colouring competitions, cricket match and much more.

WHERE: Turkey Beach Community Hall, Worthington Road, Turkey Beach

WHEN: 7am-10am.

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