

Media Release

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Exhibitions and workshop highlight the art of First Nations people

As NAIDOC Week 2022 approaches, Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum (GRAGM) is launching exhibitions profiling the art of First Nations people.

NAIDOC and *This Place* are now on display until Saturday 23 July, offering the public a chance to view two exhibitions that support the representation of the Gladstone Region's diverse culture and heritage.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said *NAIDOC* is an annual exhibition profiling the art of First Nations people, heritage works, local voices and memories, as well as images and cultural connections from the GRAGM collection.

"This exhibition will go on display in conjunction with *This Place*, which is a visual art exhibition by Wide Bay artist Jassy Watson and Gooreng Gooreng artist Nicole Wone," Councillor Burnett said.

"It honours and celebrates not only the beauty of the ever-changing landscape from Bundaberg and beyond, but acknowledges it's rich cultural, historical and environmental significance."

The official opening of *NAIDOC*, *This Place* and two other exhibitions – *Beyond Borders* and *Smile, Click* – will take place on Friday 10 June from 6pm. Please RSVP to this event by 4.30pm on Wednesday 8 June.

Prior to NAIDOC Week 2022 (3-10 July), GRAGM will host artist Donna Maree Robinson, who will be conducting a free two-day digital projections workshop to develop new works with local artists for NAIDOC Week.

"These digital works will then be projected onto the outside of GRAGM during NAIDOC Week," Cr Burnett said.

"The workshop will be held between 10.30am to 4pm on 18-19 June with bookings essential."

Contact GRAGM on 4976 6766, email gragm@gladstone.qld.gov.au or visit gragm.qld.gov.au for more information or to RSVP.

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