

Media Release

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Entertainment options for the whole family during summer holidays

There will be no shortage of entertainment options during the summer break with Council hosting several events suitable for the entire family.

It all starts with a bang on Saturday 31 December as Gladstone Regional Council presents its free New Year's Eve Party at Gladstone Ports Corporation's Marina Parklands.

The party starts from 5pm and features fireworks at 8pm and midnight, live entertainment, a licensed bar, food and drink vendors and children's activities.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett encouraged residents to bring their family and friends and enjoy a fun and relaxing evening under the stars.

"We've got Triple J Unearthed band *The Short Fall* who will keep the crowd entertained alongside local support acts, plus plenty of tasty food options and two fireworks shows that will light up the night sky over Gladstone Harbour," Cr Burnett said.

The always popular Festival of Summer returns from 9-13 January, offering young people aged 11 – 17 years a chance to beat the holiday boredom, get outside and make new friends.

Activities on offer include Beach Days in Agnes Water and Seventeen Seventy, along with workshops in art, music, circus, modelling, adrenaline activities and more.

The festival wraps up with a free, all-ages Beach Bash at Millennium Esplanade, Tannum Sands with food vendors, music and activities.

Another well-attended summer event is Council's Australia Day Family Fun Day, to be held on Thursday, 26 January 2023 from 10am to 1pm at Gladstone Ports Corporation's East Shores.

This event will offer something for the whole family, all while acknowledging our history and honouring the diverse culture in our region.

SUMMER EVENT DETAILS

New Year's Eve Party

WHEN: 5pm to midnight, Saturday 31 December 2022

WHERE: GPC Marina Parklands, Bryan Jordan Drive

WHAT: Fireworks 8pm and midnight, live entertainment, food and drink vendors, licensed bar, child friendly activities. Free entry. Visit www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/nye-party for more information.

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Festival of Summer (9-13 January 2023)

Monday 9 January

- Film Photography
- Music Production

Tuesday 10 January

- Candle and Bead Jewellery Making
- Fast Karts
- Gel Blasters
- Deportment, Etiquette and Modelling Bootcamp

Wednesday 11 January

- Beach Day
- Circus Workshop

Thursday 12 January

- Yoga and Henna
- Sandboarding Safari (sold out)

Friday 13 January

- Clay and Paint Workshop (sold out)
- Laser Skirmish
- Brisbane Heat Big Bash Hit Out.

Closing Beach Bash

WHEN: 4pm to 7pm, Friday 13 January

WHERE: Millennium Esplanade, Tannum Sands

WHAT: Celebrate an epic week by coming along to the all-ages Beach Bash with the family. Enjoy a range of activities, live music and food vendors all while relaxing beach side. Free entry.

Visit www.gladstoneentertainment.com/fos for bookings and more information. **Please note some activities may be booked out prior to time of publication.**

Australia Day Family Fun Day

WHEN: 10am until 1pm, Thursday 26 January

WHERE: GPC's East Shores, Flinders Parade

WHAT: Live entertainment, free face painting, Aussie games, food vendors, free sausage sizzle and much more. Free entry – everyone welcome.

Visit www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/events/event/346/australia-day-family-fun-day for more information.

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