

# Media Release

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## Help preserve an iconic Queenslander at Agnes Water tree planting event

Gladstone Regional Council is inviting the residents of Agnes Water, Seventeen Seventy and surrounding communities to participate in pandanus tree planting event on Saturday 6 May.

Pandanus (*andanus tectorius*) is an iconic species growing on coastal dunes and headlands from north Queensland to New South Wales.

However, pandanus trees in parts of Queensland and New South Wales have been suffering from dieback since the 1990s due to a condition mainly caused by infestations of the pandanus leafhopper (*Jamella australiae*).

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said pandanus dieback is best mitigated using a combination of different management techniques.

“Direct seeding and revegetation play an important role in expanding or reinstating populations of pandanus in areas affected by dieback,” Councillor Burnett said.

“That’s why Council is doing its bit to boost the pandanus population by hosting a community education and planting event in Agnes Water.

“We’re encouraging the community to come along and help preserve local pandanus trees by planting new pandanus plants and sowing seeds.”

The free planting event will also include a community education session with pandanus dieback specialist Joel Fostin sharing his insights about pandanus dieback.

### **DETAILS**

**WHAT:** Pandanus Trees – Community Education and Planting Event

**WHEN:** 8.30am-noon on Saturday 6 May

**WHERE:** Meet at Workman’s Beach Campgrounds (95 Springs Rd, Agnes Water)

**COST:** Free. Light Refreshments provided. If you have any dietary requirements, please bring along some food.

**RSVP:** Visit [conversations.gladstone.qld.gov.au](https://conversations.gladstone.qld.gov.au) and click on the Pandanus Trees - Education and Planting Session heading.

### **What to bring**

- Closed-in shoes
- Sturdy gloves, a spade/shovel, watering can/bucket
- Chair or blanket (for sitting on the ground)
- Sun protection – a hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, sun protective clothing, water bottle.

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