

# Media Release

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## Landowners encouraged to attend Giant Rat's Tail Grass Community Forum

A community forum on Giant Rat's Tail (GRT) Grass will be held on Wednesday 24 May from 1pm to 5pm at the Gladstone Regional Council's Calliope Office.

The community forum will be presented by Wayne Vogler, Principal Scientist at the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Topics covered will include GRT ecology, taskforce applications, and the use of fire and pasture management.

The forum will include interactive discussions on management scenarios for common GRT infestations.

Over the past five years, the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF) has conducted research to establish best practice for removing GRT grass from rural properties including effective herbicides and techniques.

Gladstone Regional Council has collaborated with DAF to establish research sites throughout the Gladstone Region, while also facilitating GRT field days to provide local landowners research updates to improve pest management of their land.

### EVENT DETAILS

**WHAT:** Giant Rat's Tail Grass – Community Forum

**WHEN:** Wednesday, 24 May 2023

**WHERE:** Calliope Function Room, 3 Don Cameron Drive, Calliope

**RSVP:** Visit [www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/events/event/521/giant-rat-s-tail-grass-community-forum](http://www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/events/event/521/giant-rat-s-tail-grass-community-forum) and submit the online form. Alternatively, call Council on (07) 4970 0700. RSVPs due by Monday 15 May. Afternoon tea provided.

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