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Internationally acclaimed Indigenous Dance group to help celebrate National Reconciliation Week

A worldwide sensation, Indigenous Dance group Djuki Mala will be bringing their unique performance of traditional dance, pop-culture and storytelling to the Gladstone Region.

Aligning with National Reconciliation Week celebrations, the dance group will be performing at the Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre and providing a free workshop to local high school students.

Gladstone Region Councillor Natalia Muszkat said students from Toolooa, Gladstone and Tannum Sands high schools would gain great insight into Djuki Mala's energetic twist on traditional storytelling.

"Council is committed to ensuring we diversify our Reconciliation Week program to be inclusive of all age groups," Councillor Muszkat said.

"We will also host a morning tea for Elders from the Bailai, Gurang, Gooreng Gooreng and Taribelang Bunda People."

Cr Muszkat said Council launched its Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) last May and these activities ensure they continued the journey to enhance and connect the partnerships and relationships with the region's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

"Council's RAP is about developing strong foundations on which to build relationships to achieve a lasting and successful investment in reconciliation," she said.

"Our RAP is a commitment to reconciliation that documents what is currently occurring and highlights our future planning using a holistic approach.

"The aim is to create lasting and meaningful relationships, encourage respect, and promote sustainable opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians within our region."

Cr Muszkat said Council is currently working with the Reconciliation Action Plan Reference Group on the continued development of Council's next RAP.

Djuki Mala will perform 7pm, Monday 27 May at the Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre. For more information or to book tickets, visit www.gladstoneentertainment.com/event/djuki-mala/