GLADSTONE REGIONAL COUNCIL

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## Mt Larcom Youth Centre to reopen its doors

Mount Larcom youth will celebrate the reopening of the Mount Larcom Youth Centre with a DJ and disco this Friday night.

The Mount Larcom community, together with Gladstone Regional Council, have rallied together to reopen the much-loved centre after it closed in June 2010 due to a lack of volunteers.

The centre boasts a pool table, air hockey, table tennis, Sony PlayStation and Xbox, and arts and crafts facilities and is manned by volunteers on a roster basis.

It will be open every Friday from 5pm until 10pm and Saturday from 10am until 4pm, with extended opening hours during school holidays.

Council's Community Services portfolio spokesperson Councillor Maxine Brushe said the centre would provide safe, supervised activities for youth while also offering them their own space to meet, read a book, or socialise with friends.

"We are pleased to see the centre operational again as it's a great facility for the whole community," she said.

Cr Brushe said Council staff facilitated a youth initiative meeting in November at which Mount Larcom community members discussed the importance, and future, of youth activities in their area.

The reopening celebrations will feature Mount Larcom local DJ Adams, a sausage sizzle, barbecue and face painting.

Admission is $1 with all proceeds going to the Youth Centre.

For more information, or to express an interest in becoming a volunteer, contact Jackie Stratton on 0427 792 346 or 4975 1713.

**School holiday hours:**
Tuesdays & Wednesdays - 10am until 4pm
Fridays - 10am until 10pm
Saturdays - 10am until 4pm

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