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People powered makeovers set for Mount Larcom and Gladstone

Is it possible to transform a tired, unused public space into a vibrant community hub in just one week with only \$5000 to spend?

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett believes it can be done with the help of the community and international place making expert David Engwicht.

David will soon visit the region to deliver his successful 7 Day Makeover program in Mount Larcom and the Gladstone CBD and Councillor Burnett is extending an open invitation to the community to take part.

"Ordinary people will work together to deliver extraordinary public places," Cr Burnett says.

"This project won't get bogged down in red tape, meetings or processes.

"Council will set parameters and a budget; what the community creates together within this scope is entirely up to their imagination and efforts.

"This is an opportunity for our residents to join a workforce that will quickly turn unloved public spaces into places that reflect and belong to our community," he says.

David, who has helped towns around the world transform public spaces, says he is constantly surprised by what communities can achieve in just seven days.

"It is often 700 per cent better than I imagined in my wildest dreams," he says.

David will present two public information sessions about the project, welcoming people of all ages and abilities:

- Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre, 58 Goondoon Street on February 21 from 6.30pm to 8pm.
- Mount Larcom Hall, 47 Raglan Street on February 22 from 6.30pm to 8pm.

The 7 Day Makeovers will occur between April 1 and 7 in Gladstone (during the school holidays) and April 22 and 28 in Mount Larcom.

For more information visit www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/7DayMakeover

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