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## **Community invited to create public spaces that 'feel like home'**

Excitement is building for the Gladstone Region's 7 Day Makeover project which will use people-power and just \$5000 to transform dreary public spaces into vibrant community hubs in just one week.

Program creator David Engwicht has worked with communities worldwide to create public spaces that 'feel like home' and he will next work his magic in the Gladstone CBD and Mount Larcom.

Gladstone Region Councillor Cindi Bush said Mr Engwicht would deliver public presentations next week about how he will work with community members to create public spaces they are proud of.

"Absolutely everyone in the community can take part in this project and I encourage you to attend David's info night in Gladstone on February 21 or Mount Larcom on February 22," Cr Bush said.

"David is passionate, innovative and inspiring and I genuinely think the community will be excited by the possibilities of what they can create together with his guidance.

"The great thing about this project is that there will be jobs for all ages and abilities and you can contribute an hour, a day or the full week.

"You can join as a club, family, business or individual and connect with other community members in the process," she said.

Mr Engwicht said the secret to the success of the 7 Day Makeover was "it's driven by the public and works on an impossibly short time line and a very limited budget, so it doesn't get bogged down in meetings and processes".

"I predict people will be blown away by what we can achieve in seven days and with very limited resources," he said.

"Participants often tell me it is the most fun they have had in decades."

David Engwicht, director of Creative Communities International, will deliver two public information sessions about the 7 Day Makeovers in the Gladstone CBD and Mount Larcom:

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

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The actual makeovers will take place from April 1-7 (during the school holidays) in the Gladstone CBD and April 22-28 in Mount Larcom.

The Gladstone Region 7 Day Makeovers are sponsored by Council and facilitated by Creative Communities International. The Mount Larcom event is supported by the State Government's Community Resilience Fund.

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