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Community will make public spaces their own in placemaking project

The 7 Day Makeovers of the Gladstone CBD and Mount Larcom are gaining momentum with program creator David Engwicht arriving in the Gladstone Region to get the projects' wheels turning.

David will this week present two information nights about how the makeovers will use community spirit and \$5000 to transform tired public spaces into vibrant community hubs in just seven days.

"The community is invited to come along to learn how the projects will work and how they can get involved," David said of the public events in Gladstone tomorrow (Feb 21) and Mount Larcom on Wednesday (Feb 22).

"Volunteers of all ages and skillsets are welcome and they can give as little as an hour."

David said he met with Gladstone Regional Council today to establish the "field of play" he and the community would be free to work within to "inject heart and soul" into our public spaces.

"Council has provided me with clear guidelines and a pleasing amount of latitude, so the community will be free to drive the project from hereon in," David said.

Councillor PJ Sobhanian said Council would now take a "back-step to allow participants to make the project their own and take advantage of the opportunity to work with an expert placemaker".

"What the community creates together will be up to their imagination, teamwork and elbow grease," Cr Sobhanian said.

"However, they will have David's guidance at all times and we'll still be working in the background to support and resource the project."

The public are invited to attend two information sessions:

- Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre, 58 Goondoon Street, tomorrow (February 21) from 6.30pm to 8pm.
- Mount Larcom Hall, 47 Raglan Street, this Wednesday (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.

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.

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

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