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## **Public makeover project receives enthusiastic community support**

Organisers of the upcoming 7 Day Makeover of the Gladstone CBD and Mount Larcom are expecting enthusiastic participation from the community after they welcomed over 120 attendees at the program's public information nights.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said the information sessions, presented by program creator David Engwicht and held in Gladstone on Tuesday and Mount Larcom last night (February 22), were well attended by community groups, businesses and residents.

"We're absolutely thrilled with the turnout and expect the number of participants in the project will grow between now and its commencement in April," Councillor Burnett said.

"David said it was one of the best turnouts he has experienced among many successful 7 Day Makeover projects in Australia and New Zealand."

Cr Burnett said the 7 Day Makeover would turn tired public spaces into loved community hubs in just seven days "using only \$5000, a 'resources bank' of materials, and the imagination and elbow-grease of the community".

He said community members could take part in the project in several ways.

"You can attend the weekend planning workshop and help decide which public spaces will be made over and how," he said.

"Or you can attend the volunteers' briefing, hear about your peers' ideas, and join the project that most interests you.

"Support roles, such as handling finances, social media or the volunteers register, will also be available.

"No matter your role you will receive guidance from David, who is respected internationally as an expert placemaker.

"Finally, if you have items or materials lying at home or at work that can be donated to the project's resources bank, let us know.

"You never know; that rusted piece of machinery or leaky boat might be transformed by the project team into a stunning public centrepiece admired by many."

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Cr Burnett encouraged the community to register their interest in the makeovers which will be held as follows:

- Gladstone CBD, April 1 - 7 (during the school holidays)
- Mount Larcom, April 22 - 28

To register, donate resources bank items or seek further information visit Council's website [www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/7DayMakeover](http://www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/7DayMakeover) or phone Council on 4970 0700.

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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