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## **Treasure-trove of materials donated to community-led CBD makeover**

Just over a week remains until public spaces in the Gladstone CBD receive a makeover using people-power and a growing treasure-trove of upcyclable materials – including the kitchen sink!

Community members will work together to transform tired public spaces into vibrant community hubs as part of the 7 Day Makeover project, with support from Council and internationally respected placemaker David Engwicht.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said the project had received an array of donated resources including building materials, industry remnants and curious items from homes and businesses.

"Benaraby Sawmill has donated beautiful pieces of hardwood timber and interesting industrial materials and Council has donated paving, building supplies and more surprising items like an unused bridge," Councillor Burnett said.

He said Crow Street Creative had donated reclaimed tiles, industrial cable reels and an assortment of quirky items including filigree umbrella stands, a doghouse and "even the kitchen sink".

"Residents have also offered items from home, including gnomes, cement mix, grout and sealants," Cr Burnett said.

Councillor Cindi Bush said this eclectic assortment of materials plus Council funding would form the 7 Day Makeover's 'resources bank' which community participants could draw from to create attractive public places, with the guidance of David, the program's creator.

"David has worked with communities around Australia and New Zealand to upcycle unexpected items into interesting public pieces that provide function, beauty and interest in their public spaces," Cr Bush said.

"I can't wait to see what he and our community create in the Gladstone CBD."

Cr Bush said the community could donate items to the project through the Gladstone 7 Day Makeover Facebook page, by emailing [communications@gladstone.qld.gov.au](mailto:communications@gladstone.qld.gov.au) or by phoning Council on 4970 0700.

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She said volunteers could register to take part in the project, occurring between April 1 and 7, by visiting [www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/7DayMakeover](http://www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/7DayMakeover)

"Everyone is welcome to take part – work hours are flexible and there will be important jobs for all ages and skills," she said.

Mount Larcom will also receive a 7 Day Makeover from April 22 – 28.

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