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## **Council employees get behind Ecofest 2017 with environmental stalls**

Gladstone Regional Council employees have been busily preparing their stalls for Ecofest 2017 at the Gladstone Tondoon Botanic Gardens on Sunday, June 4 from 9am to 3pm.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said Council would host five stalls and an art display on the day.

"Council's Pest Management stall will boast a live weed identification display; feral animal trapping equipment; weed and feral animal fact sheets; and a splatter gun and quick spray interactive activity," Councillor Burnett said.

"Children will be able to hunt for marine debris with Council's Conservation Team as well as create a leaf fossil and seed ball with the Gardens' volunteers.

"The Gardens' staff will be selling plant tube stock at another stall, while Council's Environmental Health staff will inform attendees about the impacts of waste on the environment, namely what ends up in stormwater drains and surrounding waterways.

"Attendees can also learn all there is to know about Council's feral cat trapping program with the organisation's Local Laws staff."

Councillor Desley O'Grady, a member of the Gladstone Region Environmental Advisory Network, said the Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum (GRAGM) had also partnered with local artist Jan Ross-Manley to create a premiere display.

"The exciting collaborative digital artwork will be inspired by the Gardens' flora and fauna and be completed by the region's youth," Cr O'Grady said.

"Young artists, aged 8 to 15 years, will work with Jan at GRAGM on Saturday, May 27 to create the innovative work which will be launched at Ecofest.

"The work will be available for viewing at the Gardens' Visitors Centre Gallery and will be shared via Council's official Instagram account after Ecofest."

Bookings are essential and places are limited. Phone 4976 6766 or email [gragm@gladstonerc.qld.gov.au](mailto:gragm@gladstonerc.qld.gov.au) for more information.

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