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**Caption:** Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett (left) with Intercity Images 2018: Gladstone Saiki Photograph Exchange selected image winners and Saiki Sister City Committee members.

### **GRAGM hosts triple treat of cultural events tomorrow night**

It is hoped that three will indeed bring a crowd when Gladstone Region Art Gallery & Museum (GRAGM) hosts a trifecta of events from 6pm tomorrow night (Aug 24).

GRAGM will host *Intercity Images: Gladstone Saiki Photographic Exchange Combined Images* and *Australian of the Year 2018* exhibitions as well as the official opening of *Gladstone Multicultural Week*.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett will officially launch the exhibitions and open the cultural celebration.

First of the rank is *Intercity Images: Gladstone Saiki Photographic Exchange Combined Images*, a joint display of Japanese and Australian photographs by Saiki City and Gladstone Region residents, presented in conjunction with the Gladstone Saiki Sister City Advisory Committee and supported by Gladstone Regional Council.

This will be followed by the *Australian of the Year 2018* exhibition, a tribute to eight extraordinary Australians chosen as the 2018 state and territory *Australian of the Year* recipients.

Featuring objects of deep personal significance that provide an insight into the lives and experiences of the recipients. *Australian of the Year 2018* is a travelling exhibition developed in partnership with the National Australia Day Council and presented by the National Museum of Australia.

Guest speaker, entrepreneur and community leader Dion Devow, the 2018 Australian Capital Territory Australian of the Year, will discuss his personal items included in the exhibition.

Dion started *Darkies Design* in 2010, producing contemporary Aboriginal-themed apparel and print media for mainstream, sports and promotional use.

One of his first concepts was a T-shirt with a simple logo: '100% Pure Australian'.

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GRAGM then partners with Gladstone Region Interfaith Network Inc. (GRIN) to host the launch of *Gladstone Multicultural Week*.

As part of the planned events Gooreng Gooreng Elder Uncle Richard Johnson will conduct the welcome to country ceremony, Sister Noreen Dunne will recite a prayer, a Filipino dance will be performed by the Filipino-Australian Social Club, and Kathleen Watt and Janine Lester will perform Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Pie Jesu*.

All members of the public are welcome to attend an evening of arts and culture celebrations.

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