

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Council encourages residents and groups to join the Garage Sale Trail**

Gladstone Regional Council is again supporting the national Garage Sale Trail campaign, encouraging residents to reduce, reuse and recycle.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said community groups, schools, businesses and households were encouraged to support the national initiative with the Garage Sale Trail weekend set for Saturday, October 20 and Sunday, October 21.

“Council’s support of this initiative reinforces our commitment to take a leadership role in protecting the environment,” Councillor Burnett said.

“The Garage Sale Trail encourages residents to reuse or recycle items that they no longer want and reduce the amount which is otherwise sent to landfill.

“This free, people-powered movement highlights how the small actions we make as individuals can make a big difference to the planet and our local community.”

Council is encouraging residents and groups to take part and help put the Gladstone Region on the Garage Sale Trail map.

About 150 councils and regional waste groups throughout Australia will take part in the 2018 Garage Sale Trail.

Residents interested in being part of the Garage Sale Trail can register to host a garage sale for free at [www.garagesaletrail.com.au](http://www.garagesaletrail.com.au)

Sellers can place their items on a regional listing of sales and buyers are able to plot their own treasure trail to print and follow or view on a mobile device.

In addition to a free listing on the Garage Sale Trail website, sellers can benefit from hints, tips and free promotional materials.

“The initiative encourages socialisation within communities and is an ideal way for community groups to fundraise to sell goods which they no longer require,” Cr Burnett said.

“On the one weekend in October more than two million items will be listed for sale at over 15,000 garage sales across the country.

“Gladstone Region residents can be part of the action with sellers able to earn some money through a fun, community initiative, which is great for the planet too.”