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Council gains RADF funding to support arts and cultural activities

Arts and cultural activities across the Gladstone Region are set to receive a valuable boost following Gladstone Regional Council's successful submission for Arts Queensland funding.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said Queensland Government funding through the 2018-19 Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) partnership would benefit local arts and cultural groups and individuals.

"The Gladstone Region RADF program supports local arts, cultural and heritage projects offering access to training, professional development and assisting the development of projects," Councillor Burnett said.

Queensland Arts Minister Leeanne Enoch said investing in creative and cultural experiences through the RADF strengthened regional communities, boosted cultural tourism, and enhanced the quality of life in rural and remote towns and cities.

"RADF is a unique partnership between the Queensland Government and Gladstone Regional Council to support local talent, unite communities and celebrate the arts across the state," Ms Enoch said.

"The Queensland Government, through Arts Queensland, is contributing \$2.08 million in 2018-19 in partnership with 58 councils statewide to help deliver cultural experiences which align with local priorities," she said.

Cr Burnett said the successful submission for funding was exciting news for the community.

"This will enable those involved with arts and culture in the Gladstone Region the ability to widen their experiences and learn from others renowned in their field," he said.

"Skills learnt can then be shared and developed within our community further enriching art and culture in our region."