

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Garage Sale Trail appeals to residents as a fun way to raise funds**

More Gladstone Region residents are realising the power of the Garage Sale Trail, registering for free to participate in Australia's biggest reuse and community event.

Gladstone Region Deputy Mayor Chris Trevor said the number of Gladstone Region participants had steadily increased this year.

"Less than a month remains until the big weekend of garage sales on October 20 and 21 and currently, overall there are a total of 95 garage sales and stalls registered on the Garage Sale Trail in our region," Councillor Trevor said.

"To date, garage sales are listed at Agnes Water, Baffle Creek, Miriam Vale, Boyne Island, Tannum Sands and throughout Gladstone."

Gladstone Regional Council is one of about 150 councils supporting the Garage Sale Trail initiative.

Cr Trevor said it was pleasing to see residents taking part in the initiative to recycle and reuse items and reduce the amount sent to landfill.

"There is plenty of gear being offered for sale including household items, toys, computer accessories, handmade jewellery, plants, tools, antiques and collectables," he said.

"Residents are also entering the spirit of the event with some fundraising for charities while others are putting money towards retirement trips, family holidays or to fund their children's sporting endeavours.

"The Garage Sale Trail helps make it easy for anyone to host a garage sale and buyers can easily plan, using digital technologies, which sales they'd like to visit."

One garage sale is being promoted as an ex-mechanic 'clearing out a few things', while another is selling 'ex-shop stock of brand new women's clothing'.

"The national initiative emphasises how small actions as individuals can make a big difference within our communities," Cr Trevor said.

"If one garage sale can help to recycle and reuse items, then tens of thousands of garage sales occurring on the one weekend in Australia can provide a great environmental impact."

Register for free to take part in the Garage Sale Trail and add your sale details to the Gladstone Region map at <https://www.garagesaletrail.com.au/councils/Gladstone>