

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Art Gallery & Museum to launch final exhibition for 2018**

Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum will officially launch their summer exhibitions on Friday 14 December 2018, from 6pm.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said the community is invited to come along and celebrate GRAGM's last exhibition launch for 2018.

"There will be an array of exciting exhibitions on display," Councillor Burnett said.

Gladstone Region Councillor Kahn Goodluck said he is proud to be from a Region that showcases a diverse range of exhibitions.

"There will be four exhibitions opening on Friday night, each very different from the other," Councillor Goodluck said.

"Each exhibition has utilised different mediums to portray a story, and I encourage community members and visitors to visit the Art Gallery and Museum."

The four exhibitions launching Friday night will be:

***A Lifetime's Journey with Clay: A survey of Johanna DeMaine's work from 1971-2018 as well as her ongoing collaboration with Tatsuya Tsutsui.***

Johanna DeMaine is an internationally recognised ceramicist whose passion for clay was kindled in Gladstone in 1971 through Adult Education classes with the help of Jenny Elliot and Marilyn Haertel.

***Remember When?***

This exhibition features a selection of treasured items from the Gallery & Museum's Cultural Heritage collection. The display offers a snapshot of domestic life in a post-war Port Curtis region.

***Saiki City Children's Art***

A series of artworks created by young children from Saiki City, Japan. This annual exhibition is a Gladstone Saiki Sister City cultural exchange program.

***Recovering the Past: A photographic exhibition by Ian Alderman***

A unique photographic exhibition by London based artist Ian Alderman. This exhibition brings together two separate groups of men with origins a century apart, united through conflict.

Inspired by Australian artistic and cultural icons, photographer Frank Hurley and artist Will Longstaff, this ground-breaking exhibition is a philosophical exploration of consequences of human conflict; of legacies that persist long after the guns fall silent.

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RSVP for the opening night by contacting the Gallery & Museum on (07) 4976 6766 or emailing [gragm@gladstone.qld.gov.au](mailto:gragm@gladstone.qld.gov.au)

The exciting exhibitions will remain on display, with FREE admission, until early 2019.

The Gallery & Museum will be closed between from 5pm 24 December and will resume normal operating hours 2 January 2019.