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Make sure to *Take pART* this Ecofest 2019

Ready to spread their environmental awareness messages, local visual and performance artists will *Take pART* to present eight pop up performances during EcoFest 2019.

Supported by the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF), more than 30 *Take pART* artists will use their talent and ingenuity to deliver the 2019 theme, "*Slim Your Bin with a Low Waste Diet*".

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said the funding was a great way to spread environmental awareness in an engaging and easy to understand manner.

"The performances showcase music, poetry, storytelling, puppetry and theatre to support the 2019 Ecofest theme," Councillor Burnett said.

"Ecofest (this Sunday at Gladstone Tondoon Botanic Gardens from 9am-3pm) is Central Queensland's largest free environmental awareness event and coincides with World Environment Day.

"*Take pART* provides the opportunity for local artists to work together innovatively and creatively help promote the importance of being environmentally conscious as a community."

Gladstone Region Councillor and RADF Chair Glenn Churchill said *Take pART* follows previously successful Gallery and Museum projects which have involved talented local artists exhibiting across the region, during *Art on Fleet*, *Art in Parks* and *Artist Windows*.

"This public art project provides an opportunity for the collaborating artists to workshop with street theatre professionals, *HOOZATT? Entertainment's* Rob and Deb Bowen-Saunders," Councillor Churchill said.

"During the workshop, participants will gain new skills from the industry professionals, in preparation for their premiere performances, both in the Ecofest parklands and on the main stage."

RADF is a partnership between the Queensland Government and Gladstone Regional Council to support local arts and culture in regional Queensland. The Gladstone Regional Art Gallery and Museum is a community cultural initiative of the Gladstone Regional Council.

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