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Community encouraged to get creative and *Take pART* in Ecofest

What could a textile artist and a poet, a watercolour artist and an actor or an animator and a vocalist, create to inspire the community?

The Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum is calling on local artists to *Take pART* during a creative pop-up project that will see visual and performing artists collaborate, in conjunction with Gladstone Regional Council's Ecofest 2019.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said this initiative is supported by the Gladstone Regional Council's Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF).

"Ecofest is Central Queensland's largest free environmental awareness event and coincides with World Environment Day," Cr Burnett said.

"*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."

Cr Burnett said successful *Take pART* submissions will consider the people, landscape and environment of the region while spreading the Ecofest theme, '*Slim Your Bin: Low Waste Diets*'.

Gladstone Region Councillor and RADF Chair Glenn Churchill said *Take pART* follows previously successful Gallery & 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 arts and community to come together, discovering new audiences and celebrating the heritage and character of the region," Cr Churchill said.

RADF is a partnership between the Queensland Government and Gladstone Regional Council to support local arts and culture in regional Queensland

To express your interest in participating, submit a written proposal outlining your *Take pART* idea. Your proposal will include details of the collaborating artists and proposed Gardens' performance space.

Interested artists can submit their *Take pART* proposals to Gallery & Museum Manager / Curator, Jo Duke, by 22 April 2019 with copies of the participating artist CV's.

Artists from remote areas of the region are encouraged to apply, provision for travel will be considered to complete your project. Successful submissions will be advised by Wednesday, May 10.

For more information about *Take pART* phone 4976 6766 or email gragm@gladstone.qld.gov.au

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