

## Media Release

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## Australian LEGO Masters to help host Gladstone PopCon 2019

Just like the Hulk, PopCon 2019 is set to smash expectations as some big names in the anime, scifi, fantasy and gaming worlds roll into Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre on Saturday, 2 November.

Helping to host the event, LEGO Master favourites Jimmy and Maddy will welcome cosplayers from across the region as they turn up to celebrate all things popular culture.

Gladstone Region Councillor PJ Sobhanian said the annual event had become a calendar favourite, growing bigger each year.

"This will be the third PopCon event for the Gladstone Region, and it is great to see how far it has come in such a short amount of time," Councillor Sobhanian said.

"With competitions held throughout the day, including the coveted Cosplay and LEGO competitions, there are some great prizes up for grabs.

"It's great to welcome Jimmy and Maddy to help 'build' on the foundations of what is set to be a fantastic day."

Supporting the idea that not all heroes wear capes, Jimmy and Maddy won't be the only drawcard flying in to wow the crowds.

Authors Tara Ingham and Ian Irvine will be joining in on the day's festivities, with a chance for fans to chat with the Australian writers.

"This is a great chance for writing and reading enthusiasts to get insider knowledge into the literary world of sci-fi and fantasy," Cr Sobhanian said.

He said the day would be filled with non-stop action from patrons getting the chance to speak with Grizzly Tech to having hands-on experience with Nightfall Wrestling and Sons of Obiwan.

"Visitors will have to be wary about one of our special guests though, while I can't say much, I can say he's a little prehistoric," he said.

Gladstone PopCon 2019 will run from 9am-2pm and is gold coin entry.

For more information on Gladstone PopCon 2019, visit https://gladstoneentertainment.com/popcon/

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