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Musical based on the life of Margaret Fulton set to be a feast for the senses

A pioneering woman, who changed the way Australians thought about food, has had her life story transformed into a stage production and now Gladstone has a chance to see what has had audiences whipped into a frenzy.

Margaret Fulton the Musical is a musical biography of a true Aussie legend, based on her bestselling autobiography, that will hit the stage at Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre on 24 June.

Margaret Fulton was known around Sydney's food circles in the 1950s and 1960s, but it was the release of *The Margaret Fulton Cookbook* in 1968 (https://catalogue.nla.gov.au/Record/2230756) that saw her reach super-stardom status which she enjoyed in the decades that followed.

She authored more than 30 cookbooks since that time, all of which have had an extraordinary influence on Australia's culinary landscape.

Gladstone Region Councillor Desley O'Grady said Margaret Fulton's cookbooks revolutionised the way Australian homes cooked.

"Margaret Fulton changed the course of Australian cooking and the way we looked at food," Councillor O'Grady said.

"Her cookbooks encouraged Australian housewives to experiment with more interesting ingredients, straying from the old tradition of meat and three veg."

Cr O'Grady said an exciting workshop opportunity is planned for local singers prior to the show on 24 June.

"The team behind *Margaret Fulton the Musical* is offering a singing workshop, free to anyone who has a ticket to the show," she said.

"This group workshop is designed to give singers with little or no formal training an overview of good, basic singing techniques, plus the opportunity to shine on stage in a public performance before the show.

"The workshop will be held from 4pm-5pm at the GECC Playhouse with bookings essential."

Interested participants are asked to contact the GECC Box Office on 4972 2822.

Visit <u>www.gladstoneentertainment.com</u> to purchase tickets to *Margaret Fulton the Musical*.

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