

Together in Action ... a celebration of local stories

EVENT PROGRAM

THURSDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2026, 9:00AM–2:00PM

GLADSTONE ENTERTAINMENT CONVENTION CENTRE (GECC)

Registrations commence at 8:45am

Please arrive prior to 8:55am as session will commence at 9:00am

9:00am Welcome to Country

Gooreng Gooreng Elder Aunty Neola Savage opens our gathering with a Welcome to Country.

Empowering Voices of our Children and Young Leaders

What surrounds us, shapes us

Children from across the Gladstone Region have collaborated to create an art exhibition expressing what wellbeing means to them. This project demonstrates how the needs and hopes of our youngest community members can be empowered creatively.

Gladstone Region Youth Council

The 2025 Youth Council partnered with CQ Health to design a youth-led initiative promoting sun-safe behaviours and early intervention. Young leaders share their journey tackling sun safety, including the challenges, the wins, and the future of their mascot, Sunny.

Creating New Pathways Through Skills, Connection, and Creativity

Lost Traditions, Found Community

Lost Traditions is a grassroots movement rekindling community by bringing neighbours together through shared food, hands on skills, and everyday acts of kindness.

Be Your Own Boss, Carers Queensland

The Be Your Own Boss (BYOB) program supports people with disability to transform their ideas into thriving microbusinesses. Through workshops, mentoring, and real world experience, BYOB builds confidence, independence, and community connection.

10:45am Morning Tea

From Seeds to Shoots: How Collaboration Has Grown

Rites of Passage: Celebrating First Nations Youth

A community-wide embrace of Year 12 First Nations students, honouring their achievements and supporting their transition into adulthood with cultural strength, pride, and confidence.

Heart of Agnes Community Association (HOACA)

Born from a shared commitment to protect the environment and strengthen community wellbeing, HOACA brings together skilled, heart centred locals to collaborate on strategic initiatives that support the whole community.

Reimagining Wellbeing: Local Leadership and Community-Led Action

Healing Systems, Shaping Spaces

Local leaders share community's journeys of building the Calliope Community Hub, Bob's Garage, and the Men's Walk & Talk movement. Showcasing how community led action is transforming spaces and services across the Gladstone Region.

Backing Children, Young People, Families and Communities

Community, Philanthropy and Government partnering in new ways, exploring the challenges and celebrations of shaping strong, enduring collaboration for and with community.

Connection to Country

Gooreng Gooreng custodian Taurean Roe reflects on the deep relationship between Country, identity, and wellbeing, and how this shapes community-led approaches to wellbeing.

Fireside Conversation

1:30pm Lunch
2:00pm Close

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