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Council grants \$29,412 for latest round of regional arts funding

Gladstone Regional Council has endorsed recommendations to grant \$29,412 for Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Round 2.

The RADF program, established in 1991, is a Queensland Government and Gladstone Regional Council partnership supporting development of local arts and culture.

Premier and Arts Minister Anastacia Palaszczuk said the Queensland Government was providing \$2.08 million in 2015-16 for the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF), a state and local government partnership with 59 local councils across Queensland.

"The \$2.08 million will leverage approximately \$1.8 million from local councils, and means an anticipated total of \$3.9 million will be available for arts projects across the state," the Premier said.

"Each year around 500,000 people are involved in RADF projects as practitioners, participants or audience members, helping to ensure that Queenslanders can engage with arts in their local community.

"RADF supports arts, cultural and heritage projects throughout Queensland, ranging from local festivals and celebrations, to training, education and employment outcomes for Queensland artists.

"The revamped RADF program developed in consultation with local councils has opened the way for an expansion of the arts at a local level with public art commissions, access to touring productions and more training opportunities on offer," she said.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said the latest round of RADF funding would assist a mix of eight local groups and individuals.

"RADF encourages originality and innovation in the development of quality arts, culture and heritage initiatives," Cr Burnett said.

Council's Environment & Community Services Committee Chair Councillor Cindi Bush said the funding supported initiatives and activities with capacity to deliver benefits to the wider community.

"The 2015-16 Round 2 RADF allocations vary from support for professional development to assistance for groups or individuals in the pursuit or development of projects," Cr Bush said.

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"This funding will offer financial assistance for projects related to various mediums ranging from cultural development to visual arts, craft and design, music, film and drama."

Cr Bush said the RADF grants would enable Gladstone Region arts and culture workers to access tutelage from renowned, award winning and in some instances, international tutors.

"The ability to gain guidance from experts in one's field is priceless and it is encouraged for these new skills to then be shared within the community, enriching our region's art and culture," she said.

Successful 2015-16 RADF Round 2 applicants include:

Applicant	Project title	Project description	RADF funding
Gladstone Arts Council	<i>Pipeline Project</i>	Professional fees to help develop a business case for the <i>Pipeline Project</i>	\$1410
Jan Ross-Manley	<i>The New Miniature</i>	Concept development for an art investigation of Instagram for a new body of work	\$4000
Andrew Thomson	<i>Andrew Thompson EP</i>	Professional fees to record debut EP with award winning producer Matt Fell	\$3000
Margaret Worthington	<i>Artist in Residence Project</i>	Research for a new project based on experiences from an international Artist in Residence placement	\$6020
Community Advisory Service	<i>Seniors Week 2016</i>	Professional artist fees for the 2016 Seniors Week program across the Gladstone Region	\$4837
Capricorn Film Festival	<i>Film Acting Workshops</i>	Film acting workshops with tutor Lyn Kidd with young people, local community and teachers	\$5025
Allison Hutton	<i>Orpheus Music Recorder Conference 2017</i>	Attend <i>Orpheus Music Recorder Conference 2017</i> and learn from international tutors	\$930
Sheree Audet	<i>I Colour In</i>	Professional artist fees to run sewing and fabric workshops for Indigenous women for a NAIDOC Week project	\$4190

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