



# Under Eight's Week

Trail around Gladstone

19<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Children Exploring Language and Culture



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Where  
to next?

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# PASSPORT

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# What is Under Eight's Week?

Under Eights Week is an event proudly initiated by Early Childhood Australia - Queensland Branch. It has been running for 60 years across Queensland. Up until 1984, the celebration was originally known as Under Five's week. The week-long celebration is all about highlighting the importance of early years education – Learning through Play.



Each child has unique interests and strengths and the capacity to contribute to their communities.



Play and leisure are essential for children's learning, development and wellbeing.



Respectful, responsive and reciprocal relationships are central to children's education and care.



Partnerships with families and communities support shared responsibility for children's learning, development and wellbeing.

## What is **GLADSTONE CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL**



**21-27 May**

We aim to foster creative expression, belonging, sport and education magically in an exciting program with a mix of both free and paid events across the Gladstone Region for local families. By engaging with community organisations and Early Childhood Agencies we hope to create an even playing field, where children and their guardians from all socio-economic and cultural backgrounds feel welcome at every event in the Festival. Arts-based learning gives children the opportunity to belong, contribute, create and understand the world around them.



Follow the trail!



# All About Me

My Name is: \_\_\_\_\_

I am \_\_\_\_\_ years old.

My favourite event was: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I also enjoyed: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I liked when my 'grown up' helped me to:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

A new thing I learnt is: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

A new thing my 'grown up' learnt is: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



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Where should we go?

## Monday 21 May

**FROM 9.30AM** Little Performers  
@ Play Open Day

**FROM 10AM** Saiki Children's Day

**FROM 6PM** GAPDL CfC  
Professional Networking Event

## Tuesday 22 May

**FROM 9AM** Child & Family Expo

**FROM 10AM** Saiki Children's Day

**FROM 10:30AM** Art Play

**FROM 10:30AM** Kids Happy Hour

**FROM 5PM** The Owl & The  
Pussycat – An Opera for Children

## Wednesday 23 May

**FROM 9:30-10:45AM** First 5 Forever

**FROM 9:30AM** Toddler Time | Boyne  
Island & Calliope

**FROM 10AM** Saiki Children's Day

**FROM 11AM** National Simultaneous  
Storytime | All Libraries

**FROM 5PM** The Owl & The Pussycat –  
An Opera for Children

## Thursday 24 May

**FROM 10AM** Saiki Children's Day

**FROM 11AM** National Simultaneous  
Storytime | Miriam Vale Library Only

**FROM 11AM** Toddler Time |  
Gladstone

**FROM 5PM** The Owl and the  
Pussycat – An Opera for Children

## Friday 25 May

**FROM 9AM** Playtime in the Park –  
Exploring Language and Culture

**FROM 9:30AM** Toddler Time |  
Gladstone

**FROM 11AM** Baby Bounce

**FROM 10AM** Saiki Children's Day

## Saturday 26 May

**FROM 10AM** Saiki  
Children's Day

## Sunday 27 May

**FROM 10AM**

GECC's Little  
Day Out



# EVENTS



## Little Performers @ Play Open Day

**A creative play series for children aged 0-6 years and their guardians.**

Each week our hosts will collaborate with the group on unique and engaging activities including dance, music, drama, technical, circus and acrobatics, visual arts and stage familiarisation.

GECC's Little Performers @ Play is inclusive, and we encourage all children to participate to their own personal best in a play-based environment. We aim to promote creativity, confidence and community.

**WHERE:** GECC's The Playhouse,  
Enter via Oaka Lane  
**DATE:** Monday 21 May  
**TIME:** 9:30am-11am  
**AGE GROUP:** 0-6 year old's

**COST:** Free (bookings required – call 4972 2822)



## GAPDL CFC Professional Networking Event

**The GAPDL Communities for Children host a fun networking event for professionals who work with children and families.** To be able to provide the best possible support for local families, we need to know each other and the services we all provide.

**WHERE:** Gladstone  
Entertainment Convention Centre  
**DATE:** Monday 21 May  
**Time:** 6-8pm  
**COST:** Free (Registrations via [projectsc4c@gapdl.com.au](mailto:projectsc4c@gapdl.com.au) or phone 4972 8203)

## Saiki Children's Day

The Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum offers local children a glimpse into the lives of their peers in Japan through a variety of hands-on craft activities at this annual event.

**WHERE:** Gladstone Regional Art  
Gallery & Museum  
**DATE:** 21 - 26 May  
**TIME:** 10am-5pm  
**COST:** Free  
**AGE GROUP:** 4-12 years



# PLACES I'VE VISITED





My School



Gladstone Regional  
Art Gallery  
& Musuem



GAPDL Communities  
for Children



Gladstone  
Library



**Collect a sticker at  
each place you visit!  
How many can you get?**

# EVENTS



Where  
to next?

## Child & Family Expo

**GAPDL Communities for Children will host their annual Child & Family Expo again this year!** Be sure to head along and have a chat with our local organisations that make 'the village' that helps us raise our children.

The day will also see regular displays and interactive sessions for you and your children to enjoy.

**WHERE:** Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre  
**DATE:** Tuesday 22 May  
**TIME:** 9am – 1pm **COST:** Free

## The Owl & the Pussycat - An Opera For Children

**An enchanting and intimate theatrical experience for families, based on Edward Lear's beloved poem.** Aboard a magical pea green boat in the Tondoon Botanic Gardens, this charming musical work explores the universal themes of love, harmony and acceptance with live vocals, puppetry and interactive theatre. Free origami boat-making workshop after every performance.

**WHERE:** Tondoon Botanic Gardens  
**DATE & TIMES:** Tuesday 22 May at 5pm, Wednesday 23 May at 5pm, Thursday 24 May at 5pm  
**COST:** \$22.50 Book at [gladstoneentertainment.com](http://gladstoneentertainment.com) or call 4972 2822  
**AGE GROUP:** 4-12 years

## Kids Happy Hour

**An hour of rhymes, singing, storytelling and craft.** All of our programs rolled into one hour of fun. This week we'll incorporate National Simultaneous Storytime into our session.

**WHERE:** Mt Larcom Library  
**DATE:** Tuesday 22 May  
**TIME:** 10:30am – 11:30am  
**COST:** Free  
**AGE GROUP:** 2-5 years



**The GAPDL Communities for Children fund the following across the Gladstone Region:**

### Parenting Programs

123 Magic & Emotion Coaching  
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### Supported Playgroups

Play2Learn  
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### Parenting Resources

Safe Sleep Space  
My Safety Steps  
Parenting Support and Programs  
Calendar

### Events

Child and Family Expo

### Professional Development

Wings to Fly  
Professional Networking





## Toddler Time

**This is a music and movement program.** The program helps with coordination, body awareness, control, exploration of space and having heaps of fun with parachutes, clapping sticks and lots of dancing.

**DATES & TIMES:** Wednesday at Boyne Island Library from 9.30am and 10.30am  
Wednesday at Calliope Library from 9.30am  
Thursday at Gladstone Library from 11am  
Friday at Gladstone Library from 9:30am  
**COST:** Free  
**AGE GROUP:** 2-4 years

## Art Play

**The Tuesday, Art Play program has been tailored to suit very young children (18 months - 5 years)** and has been developed with a focus on interactivity and visual art awareness, rather than creating a finished product. All materials will be provided, just be sure to wear your best "art clothes".

**WHERE:** Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum | 39 Goondoon St  
**DATE:** Tuesday 22 May  
**TIME:** 10:30am – 11:15am  
**COST:** Free – bookings required – 4976 6766  
**AGE GROUP:** 18 months - 5 years

## First 5 Forever In Library Square

**Talk, play, sing, read with your child every day.** You'll turn more and more lights on in their head. Is it time for a story? Story time can be any place and any time! Sharing stories is fun for you and your child, and really good for little brains as well.

**WHERE:** Library Square | Goondoon Street  
**DATE:** Wednesday 23 May  
**TIME:** 9:30am – 10:45am  
**COST:** Free **AGE GROUP:** 0-5 years

### Did you know?

1

Up to 90% of a child's brain development happens in the first 5 years

2

A child's success at age 10 can be linked to the amount of talk they hear from birth to 3 years

3

Sharing stories, rhymes, singing, talking and playing with your child from birth builds a foundation for your child's future development that can last a lifetime.

**For more great tips like these go to [first5forever.org.au](http://first5forever.org.au)**



# EVENTS



Where  
to next?

## National Simultaneous Storytime - Hickory Dickory Dash

**National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS)** is an annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books.

Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country.

**WHERE:** Gladstone Regional Libraries | Gladstone, Agnes Water, Boyne Island, Calliope

**DATE:** Weds 23 May **TIME:** 11am

**WHERE:** Miriam Vale Community Hall

**DATE:** Thursday 24 May **TIME:** 11am

**COST:** Free **AGE GROUP:** 0-8 years

## Ten Books to read before you're five

1. **Hairy Maclary series** by Lynley Dodd
2. **Imagine** by Alison Lester
3. **It's A Book** by Lane Smith
4. **Olivia the Pig** by Ian Falconer
5. **Pete the Sheep** by Jackie French
6. **Some Dogs Do** by Jez Alborough
7. **Stuck** by Oliver Jeffers
8. **The Gruffalo** by Julia Donaldson
9. **The Terrible Plop** by Ursula Duborsarsky
10. **Where the Wild Things Are** by Maurice Sendak

For more Must Reads go to:  
[dadsread.org.au](http://dadsread.org.au)

## Playtime in the Park - Exploring Language and Culture

**Playtime in the Park** is one of Gladstone's biggest annual playgroup meets. Many enjoyable and educational activities for children and their guardians to enjoy, and Storytime hosted by our beloved friends from the Library.

**WHERE:** Barney Point Park

**DATE:** Friday 25 May

**TIME:** 9am-11am **COST:** Free

## Baby Bounce

Join in a fun session of stories, songs and rhymes, designed for children two and under to explore language with the Library's own show-stopping storytellers. These programs are a lap sit program designed for parents and their baby or young toddler.

**WHERE:** Gladstone Regional Library  
| Goondoon Street

**DATE:** Friday 25 May **TIME:** 11am

**COST:** Free **AGE GROUP:** 0-2 years

# GECC'S Little Day Out

**It's back! Join host Jimmy Gigggle for some dancing, singing, giggling, he will ensure you have a hoot-tastic time.** It will be a jam-packed day full of activities, games, interactive fun and giveaways, all in the comfort of air-conditioning! The Big Bubble Show starring Doctor Hubble is where you can explore an exciting world of bubbles. There's workshops, art and craft stalls and plenty more to see too!



**WHERE:** Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre  
**DATE:** Sunday 27 May  
**TIME:** 10am-3pm  
**COST:** From \$5  
 Book at [gladstoneentertainment.com](http://gladstoneentertainment.com) or call 4972 2822

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# WIN FREE TICKETS

to a kids show of your choice\* thanks to



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**Collect an Under Eight's Sticker at any of the locations to go into the draw.**

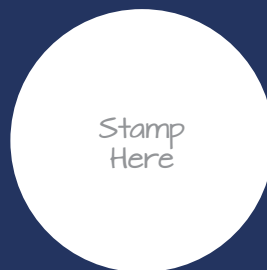
**Child's Name**

**Age**

**Guardian's Name**

**Guardian's Contact Number**

**Guardian's Contact Email**

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*No, I do not wish to receive information from Gladstone Communities for Children*

Drop your entry off to GECC Box Office prior to 1:30pm on Sunday 27 May and you could win free tickets to a kids show of your choice\*, and if you're at Little Day Out when the prize is drawn you'll meet Jimmy Giggles!

*\*Choose from 78-Storey Treehouse, Josephine Wants to Dance or The Gruffalo.  
Prize drawn by Jimmy Giggles at 2:15pm Sunday 27 May 2018. Winner will be contacted by phone if not at the event to claim prize.*