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GRVP launches array of new discussion topics

Are you unsure of how the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme will affect your business and lifestyle?

Do you have any suggestions that could provide for a better local shopping experience?

And what do you really think of the region's sport and recreation facilities?

These questions and many more can be found in the latest round of discussion topics launched in the Gladstone Region Visioning Panel (GRVP) on November 1.

GRVP Facilitator Davina Illing said the Gladstone Regional Council online community discussion forum offered a diverse and timely range of topics that would appeal to most residents.

"Since launching on October 2, community, business and industry have consistently demonstrated their interest and support for the GRVP and this is reflective in the range of topics offered for November," Ms Illing said.

"Residents have really embraced the concept of having an avenue where they can freely express their views on a constantly evolving range of topics of relevance to their local area."

This month, GRVP members discuss the findings of the recent CQ Carbon Forum, have their say on whether more fire reduction burning is needed in the region, and share their experiences of shopping locally.

Other topics explore the level of support for a cycle path from Gladstone to Tannum Sands, the installation of multi-language signage in the region and those activities which best help to integrate new residents.

MS Illing said responses for last month's round of topics could still be viewed at the GRVP site by clicking on "Past topics".

"Council's web development team has added a unique reporting function to enable users to view the demographic trends behind the responses while retaining the confidentiality of every member," she said.

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“Users can choose the ‘statistics’ option and select a preferred graph format, to view a range of demographics details including the gender, age, employment, locality, household income and family structure of respondents.

“This information could be extremely beneficial for businesses, organisations or individuals wanting to use the GRVP to gain feedback on a particular initiative or topic.”

The current round of discussion topics close on November 30.

All Gladstone Region residents aged 18 years and over are free to register for the GRVP.

Visit www.gladstonerc.qld.gov.au/visioningpanel.

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