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Calliope Community Hub to Open at Calliope RSL Memorial Hall

The Calliope Community Hub, a new initiative under Strong Communities, is set to open at the historic Calliope RSL Memorial Hall, located at 32 Stirrat Street, Calliope.

The Strong Communities team has successfully obtained the lease for the hall from the Gladstone Regional Council, with the full support of the Calliope RSL Sub-branch. The project aims to transform the hall into a vibrant community space offering meeting rooms, consultation spaces, and program facilities for children, youth, parents, seniors, and veterans.

As part of its expansion, the hub will host a wide range of community events, workshops, social services, and well-being programs. The space will foster connection, learning, and support for the Calliope community and surrounding areas.

"This is an exciting time for the Calliope and surrounding community." said Crystal Robson, Co-founder and General Manager of Strong Communities. "We have been working with and listening to our community for over 5 years, and there is a growing demand and need for services to be available in the Calliope region. As a local Calliope resident, I am humbled to work with the Calliope RSL Sub-branch to honour the history of this building and to bring services and activities to our community that will reduce isolation, improve well-being, and much more. We want to thank all of those who have supported this initiative, local businesses, families, individuals, groups, the Calliope Kindergarten, Calliope State School, the Gladstone Regional Council, MP Bryson Head, and more."

The renovation of the RSL Memorial Hall is a key part of the Strong Communities initiative, with ongoing efforts to repurpose the building for greater community use. ‘We are very grateful to Rio Tinto Yarwun for partnering with us to fund the design phase, as we transition to the Calliope Community Hub. We aim to cause minimal disruption to the current venue hirers and community," Robson added. "We will keep everyone updated as things progress, and we look forward to working together to create a space that benefits everyone."

"We are thrilled to see this vision come to life," Gus Stedman, Director of Strong Communities added. "This hub is not just a building – it will be a community-driven space designed to make a positive impact on the lives of everyone who walks through its doors."

For more information about the Calliope Community Hub, including program details, upcoming events, and volunteer opportunities, visit the Calliope Community Hub facebook page, www.strongcommunities.org.au, or reach out to us at info@strongcommunities.org.au

Venue Hire Inquiries

For venue hire at the Calliope Community Hub, please contact Indee at 0477 082 786 or indee@strongcommunities.org.au

We are honouring the same fee that was once charged for venue hire by the Gladstone Regional Council. We have fees for private hire, and not-for-profit or community groups. The hall is still available to hire as is, and we will have an airconditioned office space available in early February. The hall will have Wi-Fi and printing services available in the near future.

Partnership Proposals
If you would like to be involved in the legacy of establishing the hub fit for purpose for community use, contact us for partnership opportunities at crystal.robson@strongcommunities.org.au or 0497 704 113.

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