

Gail Sellers

PCYC Gala Dinner – Biloela

Last Saturday evening, Councillor Chapman and I attended the PCYC Gala Dinner to celebrate 20 years locally and 60 years state-wide of PCYC in Queensland. As well, the event celebrated Past Branch Manager and Shire Mayor Glenn Churchill work for the centre and the region.

Blood Bank

On Tuesday, I presented a medallion to Jenny Adamson and Linda Rippengale to celebrate 100 donations to the Red Cross Blood Bank. This is a wonderful achievement because one is only able to donate 4 times a year and so this is a service commitment of over 25 years. Each 100 donations saves on average, 300 lives.

Carers Week

Last week was Carers Week in Queensland. The Gladstone area celebrated with a Morning Tea for Carers on Wednesday morning. Gladstone Regional Council sponsored the event and attending were Councillors Brushe, Burnett, Butler, Chapman, Cameron and myself.

Gladstone Region – Flinders Business Forum

Boom or Bust

Andrew Foreman - President - Urban Development Institute of Australia (UDIA) Gladstone was the facilitator for the forum attended by CEO Graeme Kanofski, Councillor Brushe and myself. Group discussion attempted to ascertain if the area is vulnerable to the world economic climate.

The diverse group from the Gladstone region and intrastate were invited to:

Establish a strategy to maintain a consistent high level of confidence within the region.

Facilitate the supply of the community's infrastructure and housing.

Ensure affordability is maximized.

During the discussion on essential infrastructure for the region, the CEO introduced the topic of the Gladstone Airport Re-development.

Benaraby Raceway

The groups utilising the area are:

Central Qld Drag Racing Association

Curtis Coast Trailriders

Gladstone & District Dirtriders

and Gladstone Auto Club have a lease aswell

The former CSC provided the Benaraby Motorsports Complex with \$5,000 and GCC committed to a \$5,000 contribution (Cale Dendle is the contact) and the clubs contributed

\$2,000 each. GAPDL was developing an application to the Federal government under the Regional Partnerships program. With staff changes at GAPDL this did not eventuate. James Black has provided this information

I ask for a report to a future council meeting on the status of the project and a plan to advance the Master Planning of the Complex.

Sports Foundation

Councillor Butler and I attended the meeting of the Gladstone and District Sports Foundation Trust on Thursday evening. The Foundation continues to fund young sportspeople of the district in their state, nation and world-wide sporting endeavours. There were two successful applications at this meeting.