

General Business
16th September 2008

Gladstone Regional Art Gallery and Museum
4 Decades of Creativity: the Art of Val Anderson

Last Friday evening, Councillor Butler and I attended the opening of this wonderful exhibition which included works from a span of over 40 years. The amazing thing was the variety within her collection, as well as this was the fact that Val Anderson gave back to the Arts Community by her work with the Artists Group and now Friends of Art.

Pamela Whitlock our Gallery Director must also be congratulated on this initiative, of showcasing local artists. Last year we saw the work of Mrs Joan Wright featured.

The Wartburg Bush Festival

At lunchtime on Saturday, I opened the Wartburg Bush Festival. This festival commenced 20 years ago as a horse racing event. The festival has been in recession for a number of years and last year there was a small event. This year the whole area came together to have fun and to raise money. The local community gave full support to the festival event and thanked the Gladstone Regional Council for their valued support. Councillor Burnett also attended.

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Olympic Team Members

On the return of our Olympic teams it would be appropriate to acknowledge the local representatives. I would ask the CEO to prepare a report for a future meeting.

Gifts

I feel that we need to investigate the design and/or purchase of an item/s suitable for presentation to: visitors to the city; guests of council; and the Gladstone Regional Council area residents who travel overseas in an official team or delegation. The previous Gladstone City Council had a variety of items including: ties, hats, t-shirts, polo shirts, cuff links and tie pins. I also believe that these need to be in a range of prices.