

Councillor Report

7th April 2009

1.0 Gail Sellers

1.1 RADF Training

Councillor Brushe, Di Paddock and I attended a training day for RADF held in Rockhampton on Friday 27th March. The day was most successful and we can be assured that our RADF committee and selection process is working well. An interesting part of the day was the information gained on the many grants which are available. We will be distributing this information to the relevant sections of council.

1.2 Yacht club 50 year Celebrations

On Saturday 28th March, on behalf of Mayor George Creed, I attended the 50th year celebration for the Yacht Club Building. It was 50 years to the day that the Governor of Queensland visited Gladstone to officially open the new Yacht Club. The building was a credit to local members, built with donated timber which had fallen during a recent cyclone, with volunteer labour whose average age was twenty years. The Yacht Club has been a meeting place for the last fifty years and most Gladstone residents can well remember the dances held in the building. With the recent building renovations the stage is set for the next fifty years of use by the community.

1.3 Gladstone Genealogy Society 25th Birthday

The Gladstone Genealogical Society started with humble beginnings 25 years ago, under the house of one of its members. The Gladstone City Council allowed the society to rent a small room in the National Fitness centre in Auckland Street. After several years, the society again outgrew the premises and the Gladstone Port Authority offered a section of the old warehouse attached to the Seafarers Club, sharing with the Municipal Band and the Maritime Museum. The society members, with the assistance from the Gladstone City council and donation of material and equipment, converted the building into the library it is today.

The Genealogy Society functions as a research centre for members and the general public who are interesting in tracing their ancestors. The aim of the Society is to build a database of local history, relating to the areas around Gladstone. Congratulations to the President Don Kerr and members on achieving twenty five years.

1.4 Air Quality Meeting

On Tuesday evening, Councillors Brushe, Hanson and Sellers, along with several staff members, attended the Air Quality Meeting held at the CQ University. The free public information session was well attended.

1.5 Senator John Hogg

On Wednesday, on behalf of the Mayor, Councillors Sellers, Brushe, Burnett and Hanson met with Senator John Hogg, President of the Australian Senate and Chris Trevor Member for Flynn. The visit was an informal meeting which focussed on the Senate and Government in general. During the meeting, Chris Trevor announced Federal Government funding from the *Nation Building and Jobs Plan* of \$46 million to be invested in local schools over the next two years. A large amount of the \$46million is be used for new buildings and to upgrade existing facilities, and it is hoped that the construction work will provide the stimulus needed for local workers and businesses. A bonus for the Gladstone Region is that the intent is for some of these buildings to be multipurpose and thus will be used by the entire community.