

# Councillor Report

18<sup>th</sup> August 2009

## 1.0 Gail Sellers

### 1.1 Gladstone Area State Secondary School Alliance

Councillors Chapman, Butler, Cameron and I attended the offsite learning centre on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August. The centre located in the grounds of NRG is certainly well resourced and managed, and provides an authentic environment that links academic learning, with the expectations of modern work places. The programme is a National Award Winner and teachers Bill Herman and Peter Hammet set very high standards for the participants as they prepare these young people to enter the workforce.

### 1.2 Gladstone Aquatic Centre Public Consultation

I attended the public Consultation Sessions for the Gladstone Aquatic Centre and was delighted with the willingness to contribute.

### 1.3 Gladstone Show

The annual Gladstone Show was held on Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup> August and Mayor George Creed and I attended. It was beautiful weather and young families were well represented. The evening programme included a Speed way.

### 1.4 Green Corps Team

The graduation of the Gladstone Environmental and Botanical Trails - Green Corps Team was held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August. Ten team members commenced in February for a six month course and work has been completed on various environmental projects with the major project being the Environmental and Botanical Trails. Their training included a Certificate 1 in Conservation and Land Management, First Aid, OH&S and Personal Development. Councillors Brushe, Chapman and I attended their graduation and would encourage support of similar initiatives involving Conservation Volunteers.

### 1.5 CQUniversity Australia

The new Vice-Chancellor and President Professor Scott Bowman visited the Gladstone Campus. Councillors welcomed the opportunity to hear Professor Bowman's vision for the CQUniversity Australia and in particular our Campus.

### 1.6 Bridge Opening

Mayor George Creed, Councillors Cameron Butler and Sellers attended the opening of the Kev Collett Bridge at the Calliope Country Club. The function was extremely well attended by Local Government members, Main Roads personnel and retirees as well as members of the Calliope Golf Club. The bridge was opened by Mr Paul Hollihan MP State Member for Keppel. The Kev Collett Bridge is situated near the Calliope State School.

### 1.7 Healthy Queensland - Community Awards

I have received an invitation from The Honourable Anna Bligh MP Premier of Queensland to join her on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August at the Speaker's green Parliamentary Annexe. These are the inaugural Healthy Queensland Awards and Gladstone Regional Council is a finalist in the Community Section.