

Councillor Report

7th July 2009

1.0 Gail Sellers

1.1 Rosedale Settlement Commemoration Carnival

The Q150 celebration at Rosedale was attended by Gladstone Regional Councillors. Following a grand parade, the Mayor opened the Carnival and celebrations continued into the night.

1.2 Laura Lunch

Councillors attended the lunch to raise funds for Laura Koefler and Palissa Huth to attend Science Forums in London. This was an excellent opportunity to again view the wonderful work being done by our local schools and their students.

1.3 Creative Regions

Councillor Brushe and I attended a Creative Regions Pilot session on 19th June. The meeting was to consult with RADF members, Council officers and community members to:

- identify gaps in current service delivery;
- improve access to funding information;
- support local communities in generating quality arts and cultural experiences; and in strategic planning for future cultural development.

Attached is the draft report from Shelley Pisani.

1.4 Gladstone Musical Society Inc

The group hosted a concert on Friday 19th June to tie in with Q150 celebrations throughout the state. The ***A Queensland Celebration Concert*** was most successful.

1.5 Bororen Cemetery

Adele Hughes of Valley Funerals believes that the turn to the Bororen Cemetery is horrific. She has had three near misses in the hearse. She states that what happens is people have slowed down to go through Bororen, then come to the 100km stretch, the hearse still going slow because they have to turn off. The cars behind start to overtake – it's never the car directly behind because they can see that it is a hearse and that the indicator is on – it's always cars two or three back, and of course by the time they realise the hearse is turning they have build up speed and can't stop.

The last funeral at Bororen, someone coming to the funeral called the police because they had had a near miss. There is no designated turning lane.

It is dangerous. Adele Hughes has told her staff in future to stop at Bororen and let any vehicles behind go past, but that's not really fixing the ongoing problem. Apparently it has been reported to Council before this.

RECOMMENDATION

That GRC write to Main Roads and ask them to conduct a safety audit of the intersection.

1.6 GP Super Clinics

Councillor Brushe and I attended a public meeting on 29th June to inform the community about the GP Super Clinic Proposal for Gladstone. The meeting was convened by Member for Flynn Chris Trevor and was attended by the Federal Minister for Health Nicola Roxon. The Federal Government will be calling for tenders for the \$5 project. The Project will enhance existing community services and provide training for doctors.