

# Councillor Report

## 16<sup>th</sup> June 2009

### 1.0 Gail Sellers

#### 1.1 **GAGAL 2009 Annual Awards Night**

Councillor Butler and I attended the Awards night on the 30<sup>th</sup> May and it was pleasing to see the achievements of the Regions' apprentices and trainees. Congratulations to the G.R.C. nominee **Chris Wellington** in the Engineering Trade Section.

#### 1.2 **GPC Community Working Group**

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June I chaired the GPC Community Working Group. Presentations included: Australian Pacific LNG; Environmental Improvements at R.G.T. and Barney Point Facilities; Marina Maintenance Dredging; and the position on the Wiggins Island Coal Terminal.

#### 1.3 **Descendants Dinner.**

Our Q150 Descendants Dinner was a great success and enjoyed by all who attended. Many travelled great distances to be present on the evening and it had been many years since some of the families had been together. The dinner was an excellent way to recognise the pioneers of the area. Special thanks must go to: Mrs Maureen Mason, Mrs Pamela Whitlock and staff, Mrs Irene Dudley, Gladstone State High School students and Toolooa State High School students, Mrs Paulette Flint, Mr Noel and Mrs Wendy Wootton, Mr Richard Clegg and Councillor Clyde Cameron.

#### 1.3 **Healthy Queensland Awards**

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June, Crystal McGregor and I attended the Central Qld Award Presentation for the Healthy Queensland initiative. Gladstone Regional Council was named the Overall Winner in the Community Section of the event. As finalists, GRC will now attend the State finals in August. The Community Committee driving the project are delighted with the result and look forward in anticipation to the finals.

#### 1.4 **Forum - Climate Change: from global to a local dimension.**

On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June, Councillor Chapman and I together with six Gladstone Regional Council officers attended this forum. The forum was a combined venture between Shell and EcoVolunteers: and Roger Bounds Vice President for New Business Development for the Asia Pacific of Shell; and Gerry Morvell of Conservation Volunteers Chairman presented their positions. Local presenters gave several sessions and Gaetane Chiffolleau and Greg Griffith presented the GRC perspective.

The final session was a facilitated group discussion led by Peter Waterman of the University of the Sunshine Coast.

## **1.5 Mt Larcom Walking Trail**

I have had a number of calls from various groups and individuals over the condition of the access track to the peak of Mount Larcom. The most recent was from a walker who had taken a group of children up Mount Larcom. He expressed concern that the track was not being maintained and that the grass was shoulder high and the markers were unable to be seen. Following discussion with the Director of Parks I advised the ratepayer to write to DERM. The land is jointly "owned" by DERM (unallocated State Land) and the Co-coordinator General's Office (as part of the GSDA). As far as can be ascertained Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service are not involved at all and thus it is suggested that we write to both Departments and advise them of the situation and see what they do about it.

Councillor Butler and I inspected the lower portion of the track following the last council meeting. The track is well formed, if narrow and the grass is waist high along the track. Together with the previous recommendation, perhaps we could investigate the possibility of some work being done in the area by EcoVolunteers.

### **Recommendation:**

**That Gladstone Regional Council write to DERM and the Co-ordinator General's Office and advise them of the high usage of the area and ask if they have a maintenance programme for the area. Also, that GRC investigate the possibility of some work being done by EcoVolunteers.**