

Councillor Report

24th March 2009

2.0 Gail Sellers

2.1 GPC Community Working Group (CWG) 6th March

The meetings of this group are now being held four times each year. A presentation was given on Dust Deposition and Fisherman's Landing EIS. The group has had a name change with Environmental taken out of the title and the new name being the **Community Working Group**. The GPC website has been updated to include on-line monitoring of dust emissions and is also available for the lodging of concerns about Port Operations.

2.2 Baffle Creek

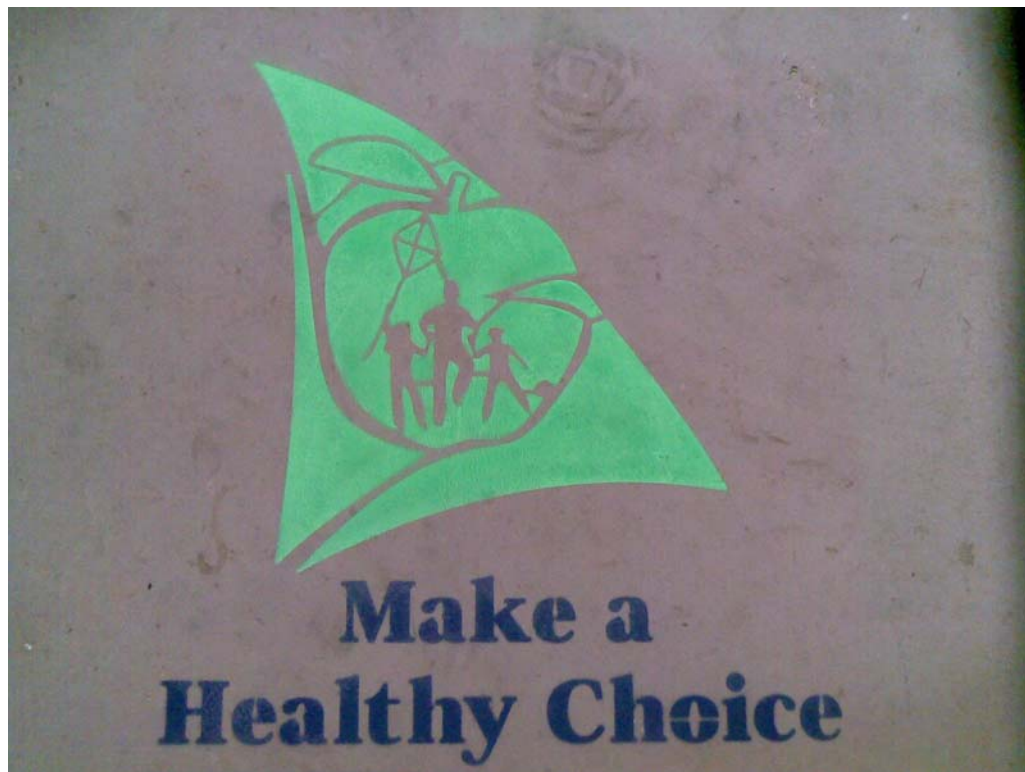
On Saturday, 7th March Councillor Burnett and I attended the opening of the new office for the Baffle Progress Association. The opening was well attended by the community.

2.3 International Women's Day Forum - 8th March

A new initiative by the Women Health Centre was well supported by the women of the district. Lisa Curry- Kenny was the Guest Speaker on the day and attracted a large crowd. The Forum was held on the Sunday from 10am until 4pm at the PCYC. The Healthy Active Gladstone group took advantage of the large numbers and presented information to the public.

2.4 Healthy Active Gladstone

The Healthy Active Gladstone Committee met on Monday 9th March and is preparing the submission for the Closing date of 27th March. Most of the projects planned for this campaign are well under way. The stencil with the Logo is complete and work will commence on the placing in strategic locations around the district eg. Car parks, parks, walkways and outside schools.



2.5 Art Gallery Opening

On Monday 9th March, I opened the exhibition Exchange – The Carleton College South Pacific Art Program. The joint exhibition of work done by Australian Print makers and students from Carleton College USA was coordinated by Professor Fred Hagstrom in conjunction with Australian Print Workshops and the Gladstone Regional Art Gallery and Museum. This exhibition featured work from the Art Seminars which were held from 1996 – 2007 when students visited Heron Island, Carnarvon Gorge and environs.

2.6 Gladstone Libraries Online Tutoring Launch

Thursday 11th March saw the launch of the free online tutoring service, yourtutor. The Opening was attended by Councillors Brushe, Butler and Sellers, Library Staff, CQUniversity Australia, a representative from Tutoring Australasia and students. Gladstone regional school students can now receive free tutoring help online at their library or home through this innovative service. Thousands of students around Australia connect to the service daily to get help with homework, assignments, projects and exam revision. Tutors are certified teachers professional tutors, post-graduates and advanced under-graduates from Australian Universities. An excellent service provided across our region.

2.7 Gladstone & District Sports Foundation Trust - 12th March

Councillor Butler and I attended the monthly meeting of the Trust. Three applications were considered and each applicant was allocated \$500 and the details are included in [Appendix A](#). The date for our first fundraiser has been changed to 30th August.

Name	Sport	Level of Competition	Event Dates	Acquittal Due	Acquittal Received
Sarah Lowe	Swimming	national	06/04/06	24/05/06	24/05/06
Rhiannon Tooker	Volleyball	international	06/04/06	11/06/06	22/05/06
Mrs Fiona White	Touch football	national	01/06/06	06/09/06	12/10/06
Codey Buchholz	Basketball	national	10/08/06	01/10/06	12/10/06
Matt Strike	C/country run	national	10/08/06	27/09/06	29/9/06
Christian Welch	Hockey	national	10/08/06	08/09/06	15/9/06
Prue Oswin	Ironman	international	14/09/06	21/11/06	21/11/06
Miss Taylor Jones	Dirt rider	national	14/9/06	02/10/06	08/11/06
Robert Inwood	Hockey	national	14/09/06	15/11/06	4/06/07
Kayleigh Pengelly	Polocross	national	14/09/06	08/11/06	20/11/06
Thomas McGuire	Athletics	national	16/12/06	16/1/07	26/04/07
Blake Skelhorn	Athletics	national	16/12/06	16/1/07	6/11/06
Ashleigh Jones	Athletics	national	27/11/06	27/12/06	18/12/06
Samantha Taylor	Cricket	national	14/1/07	14/2/07	5/07/07
Sam Lowry	Cricket	national	14/1/07	14/2/07	5/07/07
Matthew Stark	Swimming	national	11-15/4/07	15/4/07	15/05/07
Jordan Roper	Futsal	international	4-22/5/07	22/6/07	20/08/07
Leisa Genrich	Dressage	state	15-17/6/07	18/7/07	20/08/07
Leigh Hunt	Rifle Shooting	international	22-26/8/07	26/9/07	7/03/08
Brice Edwards	Athletics	national	30/11 – 2/12/07	2/1/08	5/03/08
Emily White	Athletics	national	30/11-2/12/07	2/1/08	7/03/08
Sam Smith	Athletics	national	30/11-2/12/07	2/1/08	3/11/07
Melissa Hankinson	Swimming	national	22-29/3/08	29/4/08	16/04/08
Matthew Stark	Swimming	national	22-29/3/08	29/4/08	17/09/2008
Sarah Lowe	Swimming	national	9-13/4/08	13/5/08	29/04/2008
Nicole Just	Volleyball	National	5-14/6/08	14/7/08	29/08/2008
India Fallon	Cricket	National	15-22/06/08	22/07/08	11/07/08

Thomas McGuire	Athletics	International	26-28/06/08	28/07/08	17/07/08
Karlie Wilmott	Volleyball	National	5-13/07/08	13/08/08	25/08/08
Andrea Davis	Volleyball	National	5-13/07/08	13/08/08	02/09/08
Mitchell Olds	Outrigging	International	28/7-14/08/08	14/09/08	27/10/08
Rebecca Redgen	Volleyball	National	23-29/08/08	29/09/08	12/11/08
Brad Miller	Volleyball	National	24-29/08/08	29/09/08	29/09/08
Sarah Pittendreich	Hockey	National	29/9-4/10/08	04/11/08	07/10/08
Sophie Badyk	Hockey	International	29/09 - 12/10/08	12/11/08	14/11/08
Joseph Skelhorn	Soccer	International	21/11/08- /12/08	?/01/09	
Hannah Lowry	Swimming	National	30/11-6/12/08	6/01/09	17/12/08
Hannah Barnsley	Gymnastics	National	4/12 - 7/12/08	07/01/09	In mail
Emily White	Athletics	National	30/11 – 7/12/08	7/1/09	7/1/09
Rachel Withoos	Cricket	National	8/1/09 – 15/1/09	15/2/09	
Sam Lowry	Cricket	National	28/2 – 7/3/09	7/4/09	
Ryan Beecroft	SLS	National	17 - 18/3/09	18/4/09	
Rhiannon Oliver	Swimming	National	17 - 22/03/09	22/04/09	
Hayden Dow	Soccer	National	12 - 18/4/09	18/5/09	

2.8 Gladstone Regional Council First Birthday – 15th March

Gladstone Regional Council has celebrated the one year anniversary of the new amalgamated council with a birthday cake. Much has been achieved over the past 12 months. The strength of our Council is the experience around the table; we do not have any first timers. With the Chief Executive Officer being appointed at the Statutory Meeting this allowed the organisation to make decisions immediately. Notable among the achievements are: the Enterprise Bargaining Agreement; our Corporate Branding strategy; the Councillor Inspection tours of the Region in the first few months; our Website; our newsletter **Council Connections** and the new Corporate Plan, The amalgamation process over the first year has flowed quite smoothly because of the skills and the dedication of our staff, and I thank them very much for their cooperation.

2.9 Glenlyon Road

Following lobbying by residents, I took a drive to the southern end of Glenlyon Road. This is a major arterial road for our district and needs some attention. I feel we need to consider completing the bitumen surfacing.

Recommendation: *That the completion of the bitumen surface along Glenlyon Road be referred to 2009/10 budget deliberations.*

2.10 Gladstone City Southern Road Network

With the third stage of Kirkwood Road in the design phase, I believe it is time to consider where our next priorities lie in regard to the road network. My thoughts have turned to the road network to the south of the city which includes Haddock Drive and Glenlyon Road. Are we able to connect Glenlyon Road to Benaraby Road? I have been told that this is only five kilometres in length. Should we commence our planning? Perhaps our next consideration could be another bridge over the Calliope River to the north of the city. I feel the time is right for the some long term strategic planning sessions.

Recommendation: That consideration is given to the inclusion in the 2009/10 budget deliberations, for an allocation of funds for the *Strategic Planning* of the Gladstone City Southern Road Network to include the road from Glenlyon Road to Benaraby Road.