

Councillor Report

19th May 2009

1.0 Gail Sellers

1.1 Rostrum

I judged the Rostrum Speaking Competition here in Gladstone on Tuesday 5th May. These competitions present the youth of our region to advantage, and thought judging is always difficult it is always pleasing to interact with our talented senior school students.

1.2 Healthy Active Gladstone

Wednesday 7th May saw judges Bill and Jennie Graham from the Healthy Active Queensland visit to judge the project. The presentation was well received and the judges said that they were impressed with the project; and the Point of Decision Prompts and Volunteers were given special mention.

1.3 Book Launch – Here is the Mud – Catherine Apel

Councillor Burnett and I went down to Miriam Vale State School on Friday 8th May to be there for the launch of the second book written by Catherine Apel. This is a picture book and will be on sale across Australia. It is an Australian based story and will entice children to reading. The book launch was combined with Under 8's week and there were children from Bororen and Agnes Water State Schools.

1.4 RADF – Cheque Presentation

On Friday 8th May the cheques were presented to the successful applicants. The ceremony was held in Library Square in an attempt to gain some more publicity for the Arts. Councillors Brushe, Burnett, Cameron, Chapman and Sellers were involved in the presentation.

1.5 Gladstone – Saiki Sister City

On Wednesday 13th May I greeted Dr Tahara and his family when they arrived from Japan. He is visiting the city for two weeks and is going to teach the Japanese Drum and the Japanese Flute to school children of the district. The drum was donated to the city when Dr Tahara visited the city back in 1999.

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