

# Councillor Report

## 6<sup>th</sup> October 2009

### 1.0 Gail Sellers

#### 1.1 Welcome to Gladstone

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September the Welcome to Gladstone monthly gathering was held at Tondoon Botanic Gardens. This is a great opportunity for newcomers to the region to access information on a variety of services available and to also meet some of the service providers as well as other new residents. Councillors Chapman, Brushe, Butler and Sellers attended the morning tea.

#### 1.2 CQUniversity Library

The 10<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration was held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at the CQUniversity. Councillors Brushe and Sellers attended the function which recognized the contribution, over many years, by Cyril Golding.

#### 1.3 Gladstone Aquatic Therapy Association (GATA)

On Friday September 25<sup>th</sup> Gladstone Aquatic Therapy Services celebrated their 20th birthday milestone. It was a wonderful celebration of a service which grew out of a community need. Carol Allen the first co-ordinator of the service gave a recount of the early years. The gathering paid special tribute to Gwen Riley for her twenty years of fundraising for the group. It was the most wonderful morning with many of the volunteers and clients from over the years attending, along with Councillors Creed, Burnett and Sellers.

#### 1.4 Johannes Huhnen a survey of innovation

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September, at the Gladstone Regional Art Gallery and Museum, an exciting exhibition was opened. Councillors Hansen, Chapman and Sellers listened to Johannes Kuhn give a talk about his work which spans thirty-five years. The innovative metalwork and design pieces were gathered from private and public collections and included some recent work.

#### 1.5 Library Square Markets

The library square markets are being held on a regular fortnightly basis. The fruit and vegetable stalls are the main attraction. There are still only less than ten stalls at each market but the number of patrons seems to be increasing.

#### 1.6 Mt Larcom Museum Opening

Councillors Creed, Brushe, Hansen and Sellers attended the opening on Saturday of the new Museum on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September. There was a large attendance by the community and great pride in the new facility. The building of the shed will be a welcome addition to the complex.

#### 1.7 Australian Latin American Leadership Programme (ALALP)

A group of thirteen senior managers have been in Gladstone learning about the issues facing the region. They have taken part in a two day conference mostly held at the CQUniversity. The participants are from Chile, Brazil, Peru and Mexico. A Civic Reception was held for the group at the Art Gallery and Museum on Saturday evening the 26<sup>th</sup> September and was attended by Councillors Creed, Brushe, Butler and Sellers.

#### 1.8 Rockhampton Regional Council

On Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September Gladstone was visited by Councillors and officers of the Rockhampton Regional Council. This visit was a first for a very long time and it was refreshing to note the spirit of co-operation between the two councils. The visitors toured the district and included a visit to the Gladstone Port Corporation facilities.

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**Police Remembrance Services**

Gladstone Police, former police, family members and members of the public gathered at the Gladstone police station on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September for a Candlelight Vigil to honour officers who have died in the course of their duties. Councillors Cameron, Hansen, Chapman and Sellers also attended. On Tuesday morning, a March from Anzac Park and a Service of Remembrance was held at the Star of the Sea Catholic Church and this was attended by Mayor Creed.

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**Gladstone Region Physical Activity Taskforce**

The meeting was held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September and is a group which is working together to address physical activity issues at a community level. The Healthy Active Gladstone Project was discussed and information provided on the contract which should be available early next week. Steve Bankier updated the group on the work Gladstone Regional Council is doing across the district. Information was provided about the CQU Health Promotion which was commenced two weeks ago. There will be a full time Project Officer based at the CQUniversity Gladstone Campus and this position will be advertised In November. The project has a three year time frame.