

Councillor Report

1st September 2009

2.0 Gail Sellers

2.1 Agnes Water Community Centre

On Saturday the 15th August the Turning of the Sod for the new Community Centre at Agnes Water was celebrated. Member for Flynn Chris Trevor and Councillors Cameron, Paton, Brushe, Burnett and Sellers attended along with the local Consultative. Local builder Craig Christensen was also in attendance.

2.2 West Gladstone State School – Year 7 Government and decisions

I went to West Gladstone State School to speak with the Year Seven Students about Local Government. The students are studying all levels of Government. It is always interesting to speak to primary students about Government because they have the most amazing questions.

2.3 Mayors Morning Tea

During Seniors Week, Mayor George and Leonie Creed and their family were host to over 400 Seniors. The weather was perfect, food was delicious, the band was entertaining, and the company was wonderful. Everyone had a great morning.

Recommendation: That Gladstone Regional Council write to the Creed Family and express the appreciation of the community for opening their home for morning tea during Seniors Week and in Particular mention the excellent hospitality that was provided.

2.3 Lowmead Triennial School Review

The school community invited me to be part of their Triennial School Review process. Last Thursday, 20th August I visited the school and was part of the panel. I enjoyed taking part and will return fortnightly until the process is complete.

2.4 Seniors Morning Tea – Gladstone

On Friday councillors attended the Seniors Morning Tea held here in Gladstone. Councillors in attendance were Cameron, Burnett, Paton, Butler, Brushe Hansen and Sellers. Once again Councillor Cameron provided the lively entertainment for the Seniors. A highlight of the morning was that Mrs Dot Horn had been nominated for a special senior award.

2.5 Eisteddfod Opening on Friday night

Councillor Burnett and I attended the opening night of the 39th Annual Eisteddfod. The evening was a thank you for sponsors and then a session in which the secondary bands played. We do have wonderful talent in the Gladstone Region.

2.6 Relay for Life

Over \$125 000 raised in 2009 which is a great result. It is more money with fewer teams and was a great effort by the organising committee and the community. Councillors involved were Councillors Burnett, Chapman, Hansen and Sellers.

2.7 Rockhampton CQ Building Awards

Liz Cunningham Member for Gladstone and Councillors Brushe and Sellers attended the Central Queensland Region Master Builders awards on Saturday

22 August. Graham Young, a Gladstone builder was one of the judges Local builders were well represented with John O'Sullivan, Craig Christensen, Craig Price, Troy Ten Hegler all collecting prizes on the night. John O'Sullivan collected one of the major sections in House Building.

2.8 Heart Foundation 2009 Awards

On Monday 24th August Nicole Starkey Community Nutritionist and I attended the Heart Foundation 2009 awards in Brisbane. Nicole had prepared an entry on behalf of the Gladstone Regional Council. We have gained great insight into these awards by attending and will now be ready to prepare another submission for 2010.

Recommendation: Write to Nicole Starkey and express our appreciation for the nomination to the Heart Foundation Awards 2009

2.9 Healthy Queensland Awards

Crystal McGregor and I attended the inaugural Healthy Queensland Awards in Brisbane on Wednesday 26th August. There were 3 sections: Community, Schools and Workplaces. We were entered in the Community Section and were joint winners with Texas Visitors Association who received \$200 000 and Gladstone Regional Council \$600 000. It is a wonderful project which has been supported by all areas of the community. It is hoped that the project can be fully implemented and also that we will be able to place the fitness stations across the region. The project was driven by a community committee and I would like to recognise the work of the committee. Crystal McGregor of Amarna administered and completed the submission.

Recommendation: That a letter of Congratulations and thanks be forwarded to Crystal McGregor of Amarna.

2.10 Visit by Premier Anna Bligh

The Premier Anna Bligh and Treasurer Andrew Fraser visited Gladstone on Thursday. The Premier spoke on the future for Gladstone and the reasoning behind the planned sale of assets.