

Councillor Report

17th August 2010

1.0 Gail Sellers

1.1 Clean and Healthy Air for Gladstone

The Clean and Healthy Air for Gladstone (CHAG) study commenced in July 2007 following a lobbying of the Queensland State Government by locals. This was asking for a study to be conducted to attempt to understand if what was present in the outside air in the Gladstone Region was having an effect on the health of the Gladstone Community. Four councillors from Gladstone City and Calliope Shire were appointed to the Committees: Councillors Paton and Sellers to the Steering Committee and Councillors Butler and Chapman to the Community Reference Group. Two members of the original lobby group were also appointed to the Community Reference Group. There was also an Industry Reference Group. In 2009 a full year of monitoring was conducted, with the results being available on the DERM website. Last week, Dr Margaret Young released the 4th and Final Report in a series by Queensland Health as part of the Clean and Healthy Air for Gladstone Project and found that there was *no unacceptable health risk due to air pollution in the Gladstone Area*. Dr Young also stated that *we now have information about the outdoor air that has never been available before and we now know what is in the air and in what quantities*. Dr Brian Priestly of Monash University conducted an independent peer review and *believes that this report has addressed the issues and is a comprehensive report and should address community concerns and nothing has emerged which needs to be addressed*.

There will be a final report from DERM and following that report decisions will need to be made about the way forward. If the monitoring is to continue, it will need to be cost effective and decisions made as to what needs to be monitored. It will be necessary for Government and Industry to work together.

1.2 **Unleashed (Queensland Design on Tour 2010)** On Thursday evening I opened the exhibition, unleashed Queensland Design on Tour 2010. In conjunction with this exhibition a workshop was held at the Gladstone State High School and the artists worked with students in the area of design.

1.3 **Surf Life Saving Qld Wide Bay Capricorn Annual Dinner and Trophy Presentation**

Awards which were presented to our local club Tannum Sands SLSC:

Junior Branch Championships

The Bob Holden U8-U10 Junior Shield – Tannum Sands SLSC

The Junior Beach Trophy – Tannum Sands SLSC

The John Dahl Junior Handicap Champion Shield - Tannum Sands SLSC

Senior Branch Championships

John Faircloth Master Handicap Champion shield – Tannum Sands SLSC

The Bill Nixon Senior Handicap Champion shield – Tannum Sands SLSC

The Warren Massey Senior Championship Shield – Tannum Sands SLSC

Premierships series

Age Champions

U15 Female – Ranae Withoos (Tannum Sands SLSC)

U17 Female – Rachel Withoos (Tannum Sands SLSC)

U17 Male – David Vaughan (Tannum Sands SLSC)

U19 Female – Sarah Lowe (Tannum Sands SLSC)

Premiership Beach relay champion – Tannum Sands SLSC

Cameron Relay champion – Tannum Sands SLSC

Premierships Taplin Relay Champion – Tannum Sands SLSC

Premierships champion club – Tannum Sands SLSC

Champion Club – Bundaberg and Tannum Sands SLSC

1.4 Gladstone Show Day

Large falls of rain overnight resulted in a smaller than usual attendance at the annual Gladstone Show.

1.5 Healthy Active Gladstone Region

The Healthy Active Gladstone Region committee continues to promote the project throughout the region. The Fitness Stations have been very well received and have promoted extra physical activity. Next week will see lessons on the correct use of the equipment conducted by Rebecca Josey. The Activity Wall is going to be opened shortly but the opening of the Fitness Stations is waiting approval from the state government. The plan for the future of the project has been collated from the information gleaned at the Healthy Active Gladstone Region Summit. Members are attending an Active Healthy Workshop by Queensland Healthy in Rockhampton.

1.6 Senior's Week – Mayor's Morning Tea

Another successful morning tea was held at the *Old Station* at Raglan, the home of Mayor George Creed and his wife Leonie. The Creed family open their home to the community during Seniors Week and this year over 400 seniors enjoyed the morning. This is a very welcome gesture by the family and we extend our deepest thanks.