

# Councillor Report

## 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2010

### 1.0 Gail Sellers

#### 1.1 Blood Bank Presentations

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July, Councillor Cameron and I attended the presentation of medals to the citizens who have made 100 and 150 donations. This is an annual event hosted by the Gladstone Regional Council and will be held in Blood Donor Week from now on. The donors told us the reasons that they began donating. It was a very interesting morning. The maximum number of donations possible in a year is five, thus this makes the 100 and 150 donations even more impressive, considering it takes over twenty years.

#### 1.2 National Green Corps Round 1

Councillor Brushe and I attended the graduation for the National Green Corps Round 1. It is an Australian Government youth development and environmental training program for people aged between 17 and 24. Round 1 was launched in January of this year and has given young unemployed people an opportunity to contribute to the community and build their skills and this program will continue into Round 3. This is in partnership with Gladstone Regional Council and will be continue under the guidance of Lindsay Boyd, for a further 6 months and allow the current participants to complete their training. The “Care from Creek to Coast” project aims to increase the resilience of our regions waterways, wetlands and coastal ecosystems from the effects of climate change by tackling erosion issues and increasing biodiversity.

Activities undertaken by our participants have included;

- 300kg of rubbish collected from the Wapentake Wetlands.
- Weekly Marine Debris beach survey and rubbish collection with CQ Uni – remove approximately 5 x 20 kg bags.
- Weed removal from Canoe Pt including 52 x 20kg bags of MOM and Coral Berry
- Approximately 5 kg of native seed collected.
- 260 of these have then been propagated at the community nursery.
- 116 tree have been planting at Canoe Pt
- Track repair - 1 km
- Signage repair and erection – 7 signs
- Assisted BE team with erosion control @ Stowe Park 300 hay bales and 300 plants.

The Team has also undergone training including;

- Senior 1<sup>st</sup> aid
- Occupational Health and Safety
- And a range of modules towards their Certificate 2 in Conservation and Land Management.

#### 1.3 Qld Training Awards

I attended the Queensland Training Awards 2010 Central Queensland Regional Final on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July. There were several nominations from across the Gladstone Region. The **Employer of the Year** winner was the **Rio Tinto Capability Development – Gladstone**. In 2009, the Gladstone Hub was created to increase training efficiency and

effectiveness. The Hub provided logistical support for 1074 courses during 2009 and facilitated the registration of 540 trainees now in the process of completing their Certificate III in Process Plant Operations. The **Vocational Student of the Year** was **David Smith** of Queensland Alumina Limited. David moved to Queensland after seeing a Queensland Jobs on Show Expo in Melbourne. David quickly enrolled in training and achieved distinctions in II modules. He is now employed as an electrical/instrumentation contract supervisor and is set to embark on a diploma in Project Management.

#### 1.4 **Curtis Coast Literary Carnivale**

Councillors Brushe, Chapman and I attended the launch of the fourth Curtis Coast Literary Carnivale on Sunday evening. There are five visiting authors, illustrators and publishers who will be the star attraction for the 3500 children who will visit the Central Queensland University over three days. I also attended the Exhibition opening on Monday evening at our Regional Art Gallery and Museum. *New Horizons*, the work of David Miller and Colin Thompson, was opened by the Member for Gladstone Liz Cunningham.

#### 1.5 **QCWA**

Councillors have been busy over the past few weeks attending the Annual General Meetings of the QCWA branches in our region. The work of the CWA groups across the region deserves recognition. Also, the Calliope Branch celebrated their 85<sup>th</sup> birthday.