

# Councillor Report

7<sup>th</sup> December 2010

## 1.0 Gail Sellers

### 1.1 Tobacco Cessation

Healthy Active Gladstone Region have had an approach from Kate Giles of the Tobacco Cessation and Supportive Environment Area of Queensland Health for the region to become involved in a programme which will aim to reduce the number of people who smoke in the Gladstone region.

### 1.2 High School Formals and Year 7 Graduations

Councillors and staff have been involved with the local schools in preparations for, and attendance at end of year celebrations for our regions schools.

### 1.3 Wishing and Giving Tree

The Christmas spirit is alive in the Gladstone Region with Kin Kora Shopping Centres hosting the Wishing Tree at Kmart and the Giving Tree at Woolworths. The community donates gifts for disadvantaged children and families and this is coordinated by the Salvation Army.

### 1.4 CQUniversity Scholarship

Gladstone Regional Council has joined forces with CQUniversity Australia's Gladstone Campus to fund two scholarships that are aimed at enhancing natural disaster resilience within the region. The two \$12,500 scholarships for final year students in any faculty or course will be open for nomination early in the new year. The scholarships came as a result of a commitment Council made as part of the funding received for the \$1.65 million Tigalee Creek flood mitigation project at Sun Valley in Gladstone. The Tigalee Project at Kathleen Shanahan Park is equally funded between Council and the Federal and State Governments and part of our brief is a commitment to enhance natural disaster resilience within our community

### 1.5 Healthy Active Gladstone Region

Preparation is well under way for the submission to the Healthy Queensland round of funding which closes on the 15<sup>th</sup> December. T

### 1.6 Gailee Bowen Basin Council of Mayors

The Mayors met with the Co-ordinator General in Brisbane on Tuesday to discuss the pressures on our communities.

### 1.7 CQ NRL Bid

A highly successful visit by David Gallop CEO of the National Rugby League to the Central Queensland area could suggest that we will have our team by 2012

### 1.8 Staff Recognition

Our long serving staff members, with years of service from ten to thirty five years were recognised at a function last week.

### 1.9 Central Queensland Region Local Ambulance Conference

The Conference was held at Agnes Water last weekend and was an opportunity for the representative to discuss ways to improve the service.

### 1.10 Intercultural Family Fun Day

This was a highly successful day attended by several councillors. The food, the music and the recreational activities of some of our newer residents were enjoyed by all.

### 1.11 Visit to Premier Bligh

Our visit to Brisbane to discuss the pressures being brought to bear on the Gladstone region was well received. The Premier committed to a close working relationship with our council and has provided a direct line to her department.

**1.12 Central Qld Health Service District Committee**

Councillors Burnett, Butler and Sellers along with Member for Gladstone Liz Cunningham met with the committee and discussed the Health Services in the Gladstone Region.