

Councillor Report

15th June 2010

1.0 Gail Sellers

1.1 Astsyakka –Many hands make arts work

The first of the Regional Swapmeets 2010 was held in Gladstone on 29th and 30th of May. I opened the Forum on Saturday morning and there were thirty people attending. Eight representatives were present from Queensland Arts Council and the remainder were from Gladstone, Rockhampton, Maryborough and Biloela. It was great to see this regional exchange of ideas and resources which will help to drive the arts and cultural projects for the region over the next year.

1.2 Gladstone and District Sports Foundation Trust Race Day Event

The Race Day fundraiser was held on 29th May and was a great success. Over one hundred women attended the function and \$4000 was raised for the Gladstone and District Sports Foundation Trust. This will now bring the balance of the Investment Account to \$170 000. The aim of the committee is to reach \$200 000 which could make the fund self-sustaining.

1.3 Harmony Day

A small Fashion Parade was held at the Gladstone Regional Art Gallery and Museum on Sunday 30th May. It featured children from many nations dressed in their National Costumes. It was a lovely afternoon and recognised Harmony Day and supported the theme “*Live and work together in harmony, to make a greater future for our children*”. Liz Cunningham, Member for Gladstone, Councillors Hansen and Sellers were present for the parade.

1.4 Netherlands – Winterswijk

Through my website I received a request from the Mayor of Winterswijk, Thijs van Beem. His son Mathijs and his girlfriend Corine were in Australia and would be in our area in June and could he send a package. The children spend the weekend with us and thoroughly enjoyed the area, BAM and EcoFest. They were also delighted to meet the Mayor George Creed and Leonie at Tondoon Botanic Gardens on Sunday. www.winterswijk.nl

1.5 Youth with A Mission (YWAM) Reef to Outback

The YWAM Australia and PNG ship Tour arrived in Gladstone on June 8th. YWAM has operated ships in the Pacific nations since 1991. During that time they have called at 160 ports in 16 nations and have provided over \$37 million worth of free services to over 200 000 people. On Wednesday 9th June, a small civic reception was held for the group. During the afternoon tea, a presentation of mosquito nets and the collection of eyeglasses were presented to Captain Jeremy Schierer by Councillors Hansen, Chapman and Sellers.

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Toooloa State High School – Low Carbon Diet

Toooloa State High School is encouraging the Gladstone community to become involved in reducing their carbon footprint. On Wednesday 9th June, I attended a Community Meeting at the school. The community has been challenged to become the “Biggest Reducer” during the Low Carbon Diet. There will be families, schools and community groups involved in this competition. Results will be announced on Friday 30th July.

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Shell Questacon Science Circus

On Thursday 10th June, The Shell Questacon Science Circus was opened at the PCYC Gladstone. This has been operating for 25 years and is an outreach science education programme, which operates through the National Science & Technology Centre in Canberra and the Australian National University. It operated in regional, rural and remote parts of Australia delivering science shows to primary schools, plus teacher development workshops, and also engages the broader community via public exhibitions.