

# Councillor Report

1<sup>st</sup> June 2010

## 1.0 Gail Sellers

### 1.1 CQUniversity Gladstone Graduation Ceremony

On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May, Councillors Hansen, Chapman Butler and Sellers attended the CQUniversity Graduation Ceremony. Gladstone is one of the few cities remaining where students parade through the street. There were fifty-one graduates in the fields of Arts, Business, Informatics, Education, Sciences, Engineering and Health. Gail Griffiths graduated with a Bachelor of Business (Management) with Distinction; Leanne Buchholz with a Graduate Certificate in Management and Sarah Pugh with a Bachelor of Professional Communication.

### 1.2 Journey to South End

On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May the exhibition Journey to South End works by Jo Williams opened. The works were supported by the Regional Development Fund. Jo Williams has been visiting Curtis Island since the seventies and has accumulated work or ideas for work, over that time.

### 1.3 GAGAL – 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

On Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May GAGAL celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with an Awards Dinner and a Gala Dinner. Councillors Burnett, Brushe, Butler and Sellers attended the dinner. Alan Grayson one of the first apprentices indentured on 20<sup>th</sup> January 1986 was present on the evening. Over 2000 apprentices and trainees have completed their qualifications and today GAGAL employs around 200 apprentices and trainees. There are now offices in Blackwater, Biloela, Gladstone and Rockhampton. GAGAL has introduced School Based Apprenticeships, GAGAL Technical Training Centres (including Boiler making, Carpentry, Painting, Plumbing, Cabinetmaking, Electrical and Fitting & Turning) and Community Programmes (Youth Support, Get Set 4 Work, Back on Track, the GAGAL Pre Trade and the GAGAL Indigenous Pre Employment Programme).

**Motion: That Mayor George Creed sends a letter of congratulations to CEO Kerry Whitaker and the Board for their 25 years of service to community.**