

Councillor Report

18th May 2010

1.0 Gail Sellers

1.1 Staff Recognition Awards

On Wednesday 5th May, our Staff Recognition Awards were held at the Heron Room Boyne Island Community Centre and were attended by the Mayor, Councillors and the C.E.O. The recipients were from across the Gladstone Regional Council area and their Years of Service ranged from ten years up to thirty-five years. Gladstone Regional Council values the contribution of our staff and seeks to acknowledge our long serving employees.

Full Name	Service Length
DOW, Sonia R	10
FORCE, Sharon L	10
JONES, Jason W	10
KELSO, Christopher W	10
SCOTT, Peter B	10
BEELTJE, Theodoor	15
BLOMFIELD, Barry J	15
TAME, Tracey L	15
ANDERSON, Geoffery K	20
CAWTHRAY, Brett R	20
O'GORMAN, Colin P	20
PAROZ, Cheryl P	20
BRADDICK, Brent N	25
MOZLEY, Alan G	25
ARMOUR, Colin M	35

1.2 Curtis Island Environmental Management Precinct

All stakeholders met on the 7th May to discuss the current position of the Environmental Management Precinct on Curtis Island. The area has been cleared of tonnes of car bodies, general waste and drums which were taken back to the mainland. There was a consultation session on Curtis Island on the morning of the 8th May and another in Gladstone in the afternoon. There were over twenty people present at each of the meetings. Information is still being gathered as to the best way forward.

1.3 Kareeba Scouts

The Kareeba Scout Group held their Annual General Meeting and Family night on Saturday 8th May. They started the 2009/10 year with forty-five youth members and ended with fifty. The programmes were varied and there is a strong group of dedicated leaders. This year marks the 80th anniversary of Scouting in Gladstone and it is planned to hold a celebration later in the year.

1.4 Schools, Business and Industry Forum

As an initiative of the District Youth Achievement Plan for the Gladstone Region, Education Queensland in partnership with GReEn Careers and CQUniversity held a Schools, Business and Industry Forum on Tuesday 11th May. The Keynote Speaker was Michael McQueen who spoke on De-coding the Adolescent Mind and Gen Y entering the workforce. Members from educational, training, business and industry sectors had time to discuss issues in relation to the education, training and employment of young people in the

Gladstone Region. It was a most valuable workshop and it is planned to hold these sessions each year. Councillors Bushes and Sellers attended.

1.5 **Free art + public Art forum**

On Wednesday the 12th May, Councillors Bushe and Sellers attended the art + place Public Art Program Regional Workshop hosted at the Gallery. It was a most interesting session about the Public Art Fund which was launched in 2007 with a budget of \$12 million. It was about taking artworks out of Galleries and placing them in our built environment. The session included presentations by Ann Baillie, Museum & Gallery Services; Robyn Daw on successful applications; Jay Younger on best practice international and Australian public art; and an illustrated case study by public artist Donna Marcus on her own practice. We can look forward to interesting Public Art appearing in our region.