

# Councillor Report

## 16<sup>th</sup> November 2010

### 1.0 Gail Sellers

#### 1.1 Gladstone Regional Christian Leaders Network

On Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October, the Christian Leaders Network- Combined Churches held a church service in support of Chaplaincy in the region. Councillors Cameron, Burnett and Sellers were in attendance. During the evening the group spoke of the support that George and Leonie Creed had given to the organisation over many years. Andrew Creighton was honoured for his ten years of service to Chaplaincy at Gladstone State High School

#### 1.2 Library Board of Queensland

The Library Board of Queensland met in the city and visited our libraries. Councillors Brushe, Cameron and Sellers attended a dinner with the Board on the 4<sup>th</sup> November. The Board meets monthly and has one meeting in the Brisbane area and one in rural Qld each year and it has been several years since the Board had met in the Gladstone Region.

#### 1.3 GAGAL open day

This was an inaugural event and no doubt will be an annual event. It was well attended. It gave the general public an opportunity to observe the many different work programmes that are offered. Kerry Whitaker told me about the new initiative of having an on-site caterer and selling healthy lunches to their trainees and apprentices. She believes banning the pie cart and not allowing soft drink on the site has decreased the number of sick days across the organisation. A great Healthy Active Gladstone Region initiative.

#### 1.4 Martin Hanson Art Awards

Local artists dominated the Rio Tinto Alcan Martin Hanson Memorial Art Awards again this year with award recipients announced to a crowd of almost 400 art enthusiasts and supporters last Saturday evening. Well-known local artist **Josh Cleary** took the coveted Rio Tinto Alcan Martin Hanson Memorial overall art award, a whopping \$10,000 prize, for his aerosol artwork titled 'Ostbahnhof'. The Monto art teacher is a frequent winner at the annual art awards, taking the South Gladstone Rotary Multitrade Youth Emergent Artist Award last year, and the Queensland Energy Resources Easel Paintings Award in 2008. Cleary was originally awarded the Easel Paintings Award at the announcements, but was soon declared the overall winner when the initial recipient was deemed ineligible. Cleary was one of seven local artists who excelled in a competition that received over 350 entries from around the nation. Toolooa State High School student **Nikki Aitkenhead** won the Youth Emergent Artist prize at the tender age of just 15 for a work the judge described as a sensitive approach to

portraiture. Local artists excelled in the three-dimensional and fibre-works section with **Rosemary Anderson** taking the Trevor McMaster Refrigeration prize of \$750 for 'Washed Up on our Shores' and Tracey Smith's 'The Vessel' securing the Gladstone Printing Services award of \$500. **Juliri and Melody Ingra** won the Murri Artist Award for their collective artwork 'Travelling Country - Yallarm Thoud and Goongu', a vibrant trio of hand-dyed and printed scarves. Taking home a title for the second year running was Boyne Tannum artist **Denise Cobb** who was presented the Wide Bay Australia Local Artist Award for 'A Piece of Africa'.

### **1.5 NRG Whiz Family Fun Day**

The NRG Whiz Family Fun Day was an outstanding event, with healthy cooking demonstrations, activities for the children, stalls promoting a healthy lifestyle, and lectures on safety. The whole family was invited to attend and the majority of the employees and their families attended. This is Healthy Active Gladstone Region at its best.

### **1.6 CQ Materials Recycling Facility**

Councillors and staff attended the Materials Recycling Facility opening in Rockhampton on 10<sup>th</sup> November. The MRF will give Central Queensland a more sustainable future because of the collaborative efforts of Central Highlands, Gladstone, Isaac and Rockhampton Regional Councils. The facility is in Parkhurst and is capable of processing 60 tonnes a day of recyclable material. All of the glass and plastic bottles and containers, paper and cardboard, steel and aluminium that are collected across the area will be transported to the MRF. The machinery was designed by Australian Bale Press Company Pty Ltd and Australian owned and operated manufacturing company that designs and builds a wide range of baling equipment. Kriaris Recyclables Processing then sort and pack and then Kriaris Transport delivers to Amcor Packaging (Australia) Pty Ltd where it is recycled.

### **1.7 Remembrance Day**

Services were held all over the region, Councillors Sellers and Burnett attended Gladstone, Councillors Butler and Paton, Calliope, Councillor Cameron, Mt Larcom, Councillor Brushe and Chapman Boyne Island and Councillor Hansen attended Agnes Water.

### **1.8 Exodus Tutorial**

Councillors Cameron, Brushe and Sellers attended the 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday for the Exodus Tutorial Centre on 12<sup>th</sup> November. There were over 150 people present on the night and many of the 300 children who had been through the Centre were there. Chris Tanner has given so much in both time and funding. The Rev Bill Crews had initially inspired Chris to start the Centre and he was present for the celebration. The night was organised by the Rotary Club of Gladstone South and \$30 000 was presented by the Rotary clubs and people attending the dinner.

## **1.9 Kareeba Scout Group 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

On Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> November the Kareeba Scout Group held their 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. There were displays of scouting memorabilia from past years which included: books, totem poles, flags, uniforms, charts, scarves, record books, photographs and badges. Many scouts who had been members of the pack from past years came along and the scouts of today were most interested in the stories from years gone by.