

# **Councillor Report**

## **21<sup>st</sup> September 2010**

### **1.0 Gail Sellers**

#### **1.1 Healthy Active Gladstone Region**

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September the All Ages Activity Areas were opened by Dr Jeanette Young Chief Healthy Officer of Queensland Health. The ribbon cutting ceremony was performed by Dr Young and our Member for Gladstone Liz Cunningham. This is the final step in the installation of the fitness equipment funded from the \$600 000 Healthy Queensland Awards. Kurt Heidecker from GLIG has discussed with the committee a possibility of working together to achieve an improvement in the general health and fitness of Gladstone Region residents. Last week, Crystal McGregor of Amarna presented the Healthy Active Gladstone Region concept to a Parks Conference in Adelaide. I spoke with Crystal just after the presentation and she believed that it had been well received and there had been a great many questions.

#### **1.2 Management Excellence Awards**

The Gladstone winners of the 2010 Management excellence awards were announced at a luncheon on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September. Our CEO Graeme Kanofski was a nominee in the AIM Management Excellence Awards in the Professional Manager Category. Team Leader Award went to Melissa Daniels from Gladstone State High School; the Young Manager of the Year to Dan Carney from Grassroots Grazing; Professional Manager of the Year to Ben Hayden from NRG Gladstone; and Adrian Hindley of Phoenix Diesel Maintenance Pty Ltd won the Australia Post Outstanding Business Leader of Award

#### **1.3 Agnes Water Little Athletics**

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September, I travelled to Agnes Water to open a Storage Shed for the Little Athletics Club. The new shed is 6 metres by 6 metres and has power connected, our grant was \$12216. The application was one of the best received. The day was the last day of the season and was a fun day for the children. The Agnes Water/Seventeen Seventy Little Athletics Club has seventy-nine members. The philosophy of the club is that a parent must attend each week with their child and thus there were also about forty parents there. The club was most appreciative of council and were delighted with their new facilities.

#### **1.4 Civic Beautification Observer Garden Awards**

Judge David Hockings from Toowoomba congratulated the Council and the residents on the gardens he had seen in the region. He stated that the soil in the area is not the best and all gardeners had to work to achieve such excellent results. He said it had been very difficult to judge and that the entries had been very close. He congratulated the Junior Entries and encouraged everyone to foster an interest in plants in the youth. Grand Champion Garden went to Bill and Diane McKenzie.

### **1.5 Gladstone Saiki Sister City Advisory Committee**

Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> September the Annual General Meeting of the Gladstone Saiki Sister City Advisory Committee was held. President Wendy Marsh was returned along with Luis Arroyo as Secretary. Other committee members include Maureen Mason, Julie Charles, Horoko Hawamura, Bev Fellows, John Abood and three new members, Tennille Dykstra, Ros Donohue and Christine Dunphy.

### **1.6 Seafood Festival**

The annual Seafood Festival was held on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September, which was a change of date from always being held on Fathers Day. The day saw a steady stream of patrons and competition was fierce in the Prawn Peeling race.