

**SUBJECT: COUNCILLORS' REPORT - MAYOR CR GAIL SELLERS**

**Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer**

**Council Meeting Date: 7th June 2011**

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**Executive Summary:**

Cr Sellers submits the following report.

**Background:**

**Councillor Report:**

**Quota Club of Gladstone**

On the 16<sup>th</sup> May I attended the annual Changeover Dinner. It is always enjoyable to attend Changeovers for our many service clubs as one has the opportunity to thank the group for the work they are doing throughout our region. Outgoing President Rosemary Bryce spoke of her three year team and what had been achieved. Most importantly Rosemary was responsible for building numbers in the local Quota Club.

**LAMP conference**

The Gladstone Region was host to the Local Area Multicultural Partnership (LAMP) Conference on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> May. The attendees were able to attend a full day of lectures centred on the programme with examples from different regions. The group was very enthusiastic and our Councillors enjoyed the opportunity to join the group for the Conference Dinner.

**RADF cheque presentation**

The second round of the RADF 2010/11 funding presentation was held at the Community Arts on Goondoon. Ken O'Dowd Federal Member for Flynn, Liz Cunningham Member for Gladstone, Councillors Brushe and Sellers attended the function.

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Purpose of Grant</b>	<b>Approved Amount Exc GST</b>
Gladstone Independent Schools Music Association Incorporated (GISMA)	Building Community Cultural Capacity	GISMA 2011 Music Workshop	\$2070
Creative Gladstone Region Inc.	Building Community Cultural Capacity	Host visual arts workshops	\$7000
Elizabeth (Liz) Farrell	Developing Regional Skills	Attend McGregor Winter School	\$605

CQUniversity Gladstone	Building Community Cultural Capacity	Host 2-day theatrical staging workshop	\$1315
Faith Joanne Hutchinson	Developing Regional Skills	Attend <i>artspoken</i> conference	\$710
Wendy Barker	Building Community Cultural Capacity	Choreographer workshop in partnership with Gooreng Gooreng family	\$3000
DCTC Captain Cook 1770 Festival	Building Community Cultural Capacity	Object manipulation opportunity during Festival	\$1354
Gladstone Arts Council	Regional Partnerships	Partnership opportunity with Queensland Music Festival to host Camerata Chamber Orchestra opportunity	\$9799.80
Baffle Creek Sport & Recreation Association	Regional Partnerships	Baffle Creek Public Art	\$2750
DCTC Captain Cook 1770 Festival	Building Community Cultural Capacity	Bustard Arts community workshop with recycled materials	\$1249
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$29852.80</b>

### **Captain Cook 1770 Festival Art Show**

On Wednesday evening I travelled to Agnes Water to attend the Agnes Water Art Show. The evening was very well attended and there was a great display across the various sections. There was a large exhibition by the local Quilting group.

### **Minister Simon Crean**

Minister for the Arts, Local Government, and Regions visited Gladstone on Thursday. He drove along Kirkwood Road and was most impressed with the work being completed with the \$25m Federal Grant. He then attended and spoke at the 2011 LGAQ Economic development Conference. Council and business and industry leaders attended a meeting with him where he spoke about the National Broadband Network rollout, localism and opportunities to build a Cultural Capital.

### **Walk Safely To School Day**

Many of our local schools took the opportunity on the 20<sup>th</sup> May to promote the Walk safety to School Day. Schools across the region took place in this Healthy Active Gladstone Region promotion.

### **HMB Endeavour around Australia 2011**

A Civic Reception was held to welcome the HMB Endeavour into Gladstone on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May. Residents with an interest in Maritime History enjoyed the opportunity the evening presented to meet the crew and to tour the Endeavour. During her time in port she had 3831 visitors to the ship and the Museum were delighted with the support from the residents of the Gladstone Region. The Endeavour will sail on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Qld Touch Rugby Team**

On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May I attended the training session for the Over 40 Rugby Touch Qld team. This was the first time that the team had travelled to Gladstone to train and will play next month. I presented the team with Gladstone Region Caps.

### **Music in the Park**

On Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup> May, Gladstone Regional Council joined with the local Primary and Secondary schools to host Music in the Park at the Tondoon Botanic Gardens. The Maynard Singers were also involved. There were over 400 people in attendance and these changed over during the afternoon as bands left and were replaced by others. I believe there would have been well over 600 attend the event.

### **CQUniversity**

Councillors Chapman, Hansen and Sellers attended the Central Queensland Graduation at the Gladstone Entertainment Centre on 26th May. Our staff members who graduated on the night were:

- Gail Griffiths (Customer Services) – Diploma of Business (Human Resources Management)
- Kristen Lavia (Payroll) – Diploma of Business (Management)
- Carla Roulston (Design Services) – Associate Degree of engineering (Civil)
- Shelley Williamson (Executive Support) – Bachelor of Business (Management)
- Kiara Featherstone (Library Services) – Bachelor of Learning Management (Primary)

We congratulate our graduands and thank them for their years of external study and appreciated how difficult this task is, when combined with their position with us.

### **Art Gallery and Museum**

On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May I opened two exhibitions. *Strike A Pose* was a National Archives Touring Exhibition on 60's and 70's Fashions. *Replant* was a botanical art exhibition. This event was a great success and visitors from the Rockhampton Art Gallery enjoyed the opening. The highlight of the day was the gowns worn by the Art Gallery Staff.

### **GAGAL Awards Night**

On the 28<sup>th</sup> May I attended the GAGAL Awards night at PCYC and it was a wonderful evening to support training in our region. Our Gladstone Regional Council nominated apprentices were:

- Prue Maeyke (electrician)
- David West (carpenter)
- Jayde Daniels (painter),
- Scott Brushe (plumber)

Awards went to:

- GAGAL Apprentice of the Year - **Michael Chadwick and Jaimee Hosking**

- GAGAL Trainee of the Year Award - **Benjamin Cant.**
- Col Brown Memorial Award - **Owen Richards**
- Commitment To Success Award - **David Ambrum**
- CEO Award - **Richard Rousseau**

### **Wings & Wheels @ the Old Station**

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> saw the Wings & Wheels Event at the Creed property Old Station. Planes, helicopters, trucks, tractors and old machinery was on display and a large crowd was present on both days. Our own Councillor Clyde Cameron Band performed on the Saturday night and CEO Graeme Kanofski was the judge for the machinery show. The money raised went to the Helicopter Rescue Service.

### **MC(QCLNG)JV Presentation**

On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June a cheque for \$20 000 was presented to the Gladstone Regional Council by Andy Seaton, MCJV Narrows ,Project Director. Also present were partner, CCC Michel Latouf, Paula Shields, MCJV Export Pipeline & Gas Collection Header, Social Impact and Indigenous Engagement Adviser and Davina Illing, MCJV Narrows, Social Performance Manager. The money is to be allocated to Gladstone Regional Council Flood relief efforts and will be used to assist with the Calliope River Camping Grounds (South Bank) Safety Bollards. This imitative will improve community safety at Calliope River and will mitigate the impacts of potential future flood events.

### **QER**

Council representatives attended the QER information session for Yarwun-Targinnie and Mt Larcom residents at their new Fuels and Development Centre on Landing Road. The function is part of QER's commitment to ensuring local residents are kept up-to-date on the progress of their oil shale technology demonstration plant and provided an opportunity for local residents to ask any questions they may have regarding the project. QER's commitment to keeping the community informed on their development is to be commended and I am sure, very much appreciated by the local community.

### **CQ NRL Bid**

On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June Councillors attended the CQ NRL Bid presentation at the Gladstone Entertainment Centre. CQ has a population of around 600 000 with 450 000 living within a 3.5 hour drive of Rockhampton. At the moment we have no National Sporting entity currently representing Central Queensland. Geoff Murphy Chairman of the CQNRL Bid Company Ltd gave a very enthusiastic presentation. There is commitment from the Queensland Government to build the stadium if the bid is successful. Local members are mark Graham, Jason Hetherington, Gary Larson, Peter White and Leo Zussino.

### **Reconciliation Week Breakfast**

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, Councillors Hansen, Chapman, Butler and Sellers joined the community at the Gladstone Marina to celebrate Marbo Day and Reconciliation Week. The Breakfast was organised by Nhulundu Health Service, Women's Health Centre and Centrelink. The weather was beautiful, surrounds delightful, excellent company; a fine example of a community working together.

### **Saiki Children's Day**

Over 350 school children visited the Art Gallery and Museum for an immersion in Japanese culture. This was to celebrate the annual Children's Day in Japan. The activities were presented by local artists who volunteered their time for the morning.

The Gallery was a hive of activity with children enjoying: painting, stamping, cutting, folding and numerous other art and craft activities all with a very Japanese theme. The beautiful displays were on loan to the Gallery.

### **Australian Navy Cadets**

On Saturday, I attended the annual Navy Cadets Training Ship Annual Assessment. This was held at the Gladstone Army Reserve Base and the District Commanding Officer was in attendance to inspect the Cadets. Our young cadets presented well and were a credit to their parents and their instructors. The group performed a flag raising ceremony, a marching display and then a series of rescue operations. This was followed by a play which told the history of the navy. The group has grown from twelve cadets to over forty in the past few years because of the leadership of Brad Lawson. He has just been promoted.

### **Officer's Recommendation:**

That

1. The report be received.

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### **Attachments:**

1. Nil

### **Tabled Items:**

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**Report Prepared by:** Mayor Cr Gail Sellers