

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

**Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer**

**Council Meeting Date: 1<sup>st</sup> November 2011**

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**Executive Summary:**

Cr Sellers submits the following report.

**Background:**

**Councillor Report:**

**Control Group**

The Control Group set up in the Gladstone Region comprising DEEDI, DERM, Liz Cunningham Member for Gladstone, Ken O'Dowd Member for Flynn, Gladstone Regional Council – CEO and Mayor, Fisheries Qld, Safe Food Qld, Bio Security, Qld Health and GPC. The meetings have been on a Monday and a Thursday and it was decided to reduce frequency to once a week and on a Monday. The **Scientific Advisory Panel** appointed to give oversight to the investigation will visit Gladstone on the 16<sup>th</sup> November. A meeting has been arranged with Council and Member for Flynn Ken O'Dowd and Member for Gladstone Liz Cunningham will be invited to attend.

**Library Openings BER**

BER (Building Education Revolution) facilities were opened with Senator John Hogg in attendance at Gladstone South State School, Miriam Vale State School, Bororen State School and Baptist Christian School. Councillors attended several of these functions and the pride in the new facilities was evident at each of these events.

**School Presentation Evenings**

Councillors have been busy attending School Presentation Functions across the region at St Stephens Lutheran College, Gladstone State High, Tannum Sands High School and Toolooa State High School. These Award Ceremonies were a showcase of the talent we have in our young people and the excellent work happening in our local schools.

**RADF**

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Purpose of Grant</b>	<b>Amount</b>
SUNfest 2012	Building Community Cultural Capacity	employing a professional chalk artist to work with SUNfest participants and wider community during SUNfest 2012.	\$4132
Natisha Strudwick	Building Community Cultural Capacity	engage professional artists to workshop with youth to present CQ play Juice.	\$2405

Nhulundu Wooribah Indigenous Health Organisation Inc.	Contemporary Collections/Stories	photography and storytelling of 12 local Elders, including audio	\$6830
Lorna McGrath	Developing Regional Skills	attend artspoken conference	\$730
Creative Gladstone Region Inc.	Building Community Cultural Capacity	hosting 5 innovative workshops including 2 residencies during 2012	\$7700
Agnes Water Social Ukulele Musicians Club	Cultural Tourism	composing and performing a club song for the 1770 Dragon Boat Club, developing AWSUM group	\$1395
Gladstone Regional Council RADF Committee	Arts Policy Development and Implementation	engage professional facilitator to lead an innovation session to develop Cultural Policy Implementation Plan	\$1428
Gladstone Regional Council Youth Development Officer	Building Community Cultural Capacity	host two workshops in wearable art for youth	\$1040
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$25660.00</b>

### **Central Queensland Local Government Association**

The AGM was held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October at Gracemere. Elections were held and Cr Cedric Marshall was elected President. A new Constitution and MOU was adopted. This was followed by a Management Committee and elections were held and Cr Craig Butler as Vice President, Cr Tony Williams as Treasurer and Cr Brad Carter as Secretary. The following items were discussed: Low Carbon Australia; Central Qld Regional Plan Update; 5 Point State Election Plan; Celebration Dinner and the RSPCA van.

### **Sister City Advisory Management Committee AGM**

The Annual General Meeting of the Gladstone -Saiki City Sister City Advisory Management Group was held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October. The committee for the 2011/12 year is:

**President:** Wendy Marsh

**Vice-President:** Julie Charles

**Secretary:** Luis Arroyo

**Committee members:**

Maureen Mason, Tennille Dykstra, Roz Donohue, John Abood,

Bev Fellows, Julie Charles, Pamela Whitlock, Peter O'Dwyer,  
Hiroko Price

### **Golding Conference 2011 - RBS Morgans Industry Gala Dinner**

This was held as part of GEA's Golding Industry Conference on the 20<sup>th</sup> of October. The night was a wonderful winding up function and the highlight of the evening was the presentation of several new awards.

- Cyril Golding was the first inductee into the **Industry Hall of Fame**.
- Boris Antic of Gladstone Pressure Welders was awarded the **Forty Calis Memorial Award**
- James Robertson the **Wayne Peachey Memorial Award**.

### **Safe Work Week**

During Safe Work Week, Councillors expressed their appreciation to all staff members for the excellent result in the Safety Audit and the awarding of a Gold Award. Small morning and afternoon teas were held across the region and councillors, CEO and Directors attended where possible.

### **Annual CBA/QTC Australasian Fixed Income Conference**

On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October CEO Stuart Randle and I attended the Fourth Annual CBA/QTC Australasian Fixed Income Conference and Infrastructure Tour. Treasurer Andrew Fraser and Minister for Finance, Natural Resources & Arts Rachel Nolan hosted bankers and International investors to a tour of the Gladstone Region. In the group were bankers from Asia, Europe and the Middle East along with domestic and international private sector fund managers. The Conference is designed to provide investors the opportunity to view elements of the significant capital works program currently being undertaken in Queensland and to demonstrate that it is an attractive, safe and secure place to invest.

### **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