

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

**Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer**

**Council Meeting Date: 16<sup>th</sup> August 2011**

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**Executive Summary:**

Cr Sellers submits the following report.

**Background:**

**Councillor Report:**

**Gladstone Road Runners**

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August, Member for Flynn Ken O'Dowd and I attended the unveiling of the new Inflatable Light Tower. This was obtained with a successful funding application to the Gambling Community Benefit Fund. It will improve safety for the runners during the winter months. President Brett Stevens is doing excellent work with this club.

**HAGR – Healthy Active Gladstone Region**

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August Councillor Brushe and I attended one of the Healthy Active Sessions planned for our Region's schools. The session we attended was run by Jessica Bibby and Natalie Hurst both basketballers with the Gladstone Power team. The session went well with the children totally engaged. Our own Prue Maeyke has also done several sessions; she is a champion dirt bike rider. The girls talked about their lives as champion athletes and about the need to have healthy food and lifestyle. This is a wonderful initiative and should be continued as they girls are excellent role models for the school children of our region.

**Gladstone Workforce Skilling Strategy**

Stages 1 & 2 of the Gladstone Workforce Skilling Strategy in now complete. This is a training opportunity for local job seekers to gain long term sustainable employment. There are two elements: Construction and Engineering. The participants have completed their job preparation block and will now move on to job preparation.

**A Gladstone Boy and Dark Wind Blowing**

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August, A Gladstone Boy the story of Valentine (Val) Vallis was opened at the Gladstone Regional Art Gallery and Museum. Prior to the opening the World Premiere of Dark Wind Blowing took place. This is a Song Cycle based on the poems of Val Vallis, composed by internationally acclaimed composer Elena Kats-Chernin, performed by tenor Christopher Saunders accompanied by Stefan Cassomenos. It was an amazing night once again at our Gallery.

**Aladdin**

Gladstone State High School presented Aladdin and once again this was a wonderful Showcase for the talented students. Our community certainly stands tall when we are witness to a show of this calibre. Well deserved congratulations to all those involved in the production.

### **Gladstone Multicultural Festival**

Minister Anna Palaszczuk opened the 12<sup>th</sup> annual festival on Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> August which was once again a plethora of wonderful food, dancers, music, costumes, food, sights and sounds of so many different cultures. Our Gladstone Saiki Sister City Advisory Committee had a display of Japanese arts and crafts. Very large crowds attended and it is a great result for President Craig Butler and his dedicated committee.

### **Gladstone Art Gallery and Museum**

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual **Golding Showcase** was opened, along with Ian **Smith On and Off the Road** and **2011 Intercity Images: Combined Images**. The night was very well attended by a wide range of age groups. Artist Ian Smith and Cyril Golding both spoke about their lives. It is wonderful to be able to have our young artists hanging alongside older and more accomplished artists.

### **Gladstone Show**

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August was the Annual Gladstone Show was held. The weather was perfect and many young families were there enjoying the day. Crowds were estimated at over six thousand. Next year will be the 120<sup>th</sup> Annual Show and a larger event is planned.

### **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