

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

**Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer**

**Council Meeting Date: 15th March 2011**

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**Executive Summary:**

Cr Sellers submits the following report.

**Background:**

**Councillor Report:**

**Hillclose - Sod Turning**

The Urban Land Development Authority (ULDA) held a sod turning on the 17 hectare residential development at Clinton. The Clinton Hillclose development will be developed in stages and released over four and a half years. It will provide 297 homes on 254 lots in a range of sizes and styles to suit all household types. The sod turning was held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March and the three building companies were present.

**International Women's Day**

There were four major events held in Gladstone to celebrate International Women's day on the 8<sup>th</sup> March. IWD is an occasion marked by women around the world. The day is also commemorated at the United Nations and is designation as a national holiday in some countries. This year was the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first celebration in Austria, Denmark, Germany and Switzerland in 1911. **Women's Health** held a luncheon to celebrate the unveiling of the photo of 100 women taken by Natalia Muszkat.

**AIM** held a lunch for women at the Entertainment Centre and Amanda Gore was the guest speaker. There was an exhibition opening at the Gladstone Regional Art Gallery and Museum. Photographer **Katrina Elliot** presented **100 Women 100 Portraits 100 Years**. At the end of the exhibition the photographs will be stored in a special archival box and will be opened in 100 years. **Creative Gladstone Region Inc** had an opening ceremony and prize presentation for their annual IWD Art Competition.

**Clean Up Australia Day**

Seven Tonnes of waste were taken to the Benaraby Landfill from Clean Up Australia Day this year. This is as much as the previous two years combined. A contributing factor was the skip service volunteered by Veolia, Burgmann, Transpacific and JJ Richards Industry groups supported this day well, with NRG having over one hundred collectors and the LMAC (Local Marine Advisory Committee) joined in also. Clean-ups are still to occur at Builyan in the Boyne Valley and also car bodies from Curtis Island and Gatcombe Heads. Dennis Toy from Curtis Ferries and Keith Geljon in conjunction with Council are progressing this. Dennis has donated his ferry for the task and John Green has made his tilt tray available to remove the cars from the ferry. Our Gladstone Regional Council staff played a major role in the success of the annual Clean Up Australia Day.

**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