

OSUBJECT: COUNCILLORS' REPORT - MAYOR CR GAIL SELLERS

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Council Meeting Date: 3rd May 2011

Executive Summary:

Cr Sellers submits the following report.

Background:

Councillor Report:

Community Arts on Goondoon

On Tuesday 19th April the Creative Gladstone Region Inc opened their premises. This centre has been named *Community Arts On Goondoon*. A first for our region, this not-for-profit Centre provides a long awaited home for the arts; a place to showcase local artist work, develop skills, and above all provide a place to share ideas and a passion for the arts. The Creative Gladstone Region Inc has been operating for one year and have worked tirelessly to see the Centre become a reality. Rio Tinto Alcan Community Fund provided funds to lease and fit out the basement premises at 89 Goondoon Street. Congratulations to President Liz Farrell and her band of dedicated and committed workers.

Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race – Line Honours Winner

The Qld Yachting fraternity approached Gladstone Regional council about the community of Gladstone sponsoring a new Line honours Winner Trophy. Rio Tinto Alcan offered to sponsor the trophy and Margaret Worthington was commissioned to design the trophy. The trophy revealed to the public on Wednesday the 20th April.

Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race

I attended the launch of the Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht race for the first time. I fired the one minute to start gun and the starting shot was fired by the Governor of Queensland Ms Penelope Wensley. The race was off to a slow start and no records were broken this year. **Lahana** was the line honours winner and received the new trophy. Again this year Councillors rostered on to meet the yachts and a thank you to Councillors Burnett, Hansen, Chapman and Butler. I attended both the Multi-hull Yacht Presentation of Trophies and also the Single Hull event.

Anzac Day

Councillors attended Anzac Day ceremonies across the region. Attendance numbers were slightly down on previous years, but were still well supported. Figures were up at the Agnes Water service and this was because of the Easter School holidays.

Easter Harbour Festival

The Gladstone Harbour Festival commenced with the usual Rotary Club of Gladstone Midday run Rio Tinto Street Parade with the theme **Mad Hatters**. The festival was supported by large numbers, but was hampered by rain on the Monday and Wednesday. A favourite this year was the annual Raft Race which created much amusement for the onlookers. Performances by local and out of town artists were well

received by the community and Jazz and Shiraz was a sell out success. Next year will be the 50th Harbour Festival.

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

