

Mayoral Minute

17/08/10

A major milestone for the region is the Commissioning of the **Gladstone Airport Runway** today. A project which was delivered on time and on budget by local company Golding Contractors Pty Ltd.

The **Deputy Prime Minister Wayne Swan** was in Gladstone, and committed an extra \$95 million to the building of the *Calliope Crossroads Overpass* as well as \$50 million to State 2 and 3 of the *Port Access Road*.

Gladstone was host to the **Botanic Gardens of Australia and New Zealand Queensland Conference** last week. The State Conference was organised by our officers and the key note speaker was Dr Lucy Sutherland. Lucy commenced her career at our Tondoon Botanic Gardens. During the conference a Gladstone Publication was launched, ***The Biggest Brush Turkey's Nest in the History of the Tondoon Botanic Gardens***. This was written by local Artist Rosemary Anderson and illustrated by Irene Sparks.

This week is **Seniors Week** and there is a host of activities organised for the Seniors in our Region.