

**5th April 2011**

**Last week I attended the inaugural Gladstone Region Community Plan Annual Muster, where I had the pleasure of being in the company of a group of people who have committed to transforming our region into one that is identified nationally and internationally as achieving the best integration of community wellbeing, environment, industry and commerce.**

**The Annual Muster, held on 23 March, gathered together the members of the Community Plan Community Reference Groups, who are charged with advancing the many and varied actions detailed in the Gladstone Region Community Plan.**

**In committing to advancing the actions of the Community Plan, these groups have, in turn, committed to transforming the vision of our community into a reality.**

**The reference groups, made up of a broad cross-section of the Gladstone Region, including local and state government, industry, commerce, community organisation and community member representatives, will be calling on other groups and organisations around the region to share in the immense task of advancing the Community Plan actions.**

**The Annual Muster was successful in cementing a mutual understanding of the common purpose of the community reference groups and validating the vision of our community in the draft Gladstone Region Community Plan.**

**The draft plan is nearing completion and is now available for viewing on Council's website.**