

## Mayoral Statement 16<sup>th</sup> August 2011

Deputy Mayor Matt Burnett, CEO Stuart Randle and I met with the Treasurer the Honourable Andrew Fraser and the Coordinator General Keith Davies on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August.

We had a long list to discuss with the Treasurer and were delighted that he took an hour to listen to the concerns we have about services in our region.

Our first topic was **Roads** in the region and the ones mentioned specifically were the advancement of time frame of the Calliope Crossroads, the condition and amount of traffic on Port Curtis Way, the large number using Gladstone to Boyne Tannum Road on a daily basis and the need for a solution to the issues at the Kin Kora Roundabout.

The current status of the **Gladstone Foundation** was discussed.

We asked if it was pre-determined who is eligible for the **new local government funding program** and he suggested that the Gladstone Regional Council apply.

We explained the impact that the new **Infrastructure Charges** would have on the Gladstone Region.

**The Housing Crisis** within our region and the impacts on those with fixed incomes, old, young and service industries. Following this with our **Public Servants** and that we needed to retain State held land to develop housing for our teachers, police, ambulance, harbours and marine and hospital staff.

Also that the Locality Allowance here in Gladstone was \$27.50 per family per fortnight and raised the possibility of this being increased

We talked on staffing and conditions at the **Gladstone District Hospital** services being carried out in Rockhampton.

The issue of compensation for **Kangaroo Island** was discussed.

The Treasurer was asked if these **Autopsy findings** could be released and if the **Scientific panel** could come to Gladstone.

We asked for a large injection of money for the Gladstone Regional Council to attack some of these problems

We were given a great hearing by the Treasurer and Co-ordination General.