

Mayoral Review

1st February 2011

GLNG

Friday 29th January saw the announcement of \$2.05million of Social Infrastructure approved by GLNG for the Gladstone Community. The concerns of the community were certainly heard as Health and Housing were addressed. \$1million was approved for the Gladstone Hospital for a High Dependency Unit. \$250 000 was approved for the Rotary Health Bus, which will be purchased and then be used to transport patients to the Rockhampton Hospital for weekly visits. Gladstone Regional Council received \$800 000 which will be used at Community Advisory Service to fund a Housing Worker and other practical on-ground measures to mitigate the effects of increased costs of accommodation in our city. Gladstone Regional Council is most appreciative of the consultation process and the open and transparent dialogue. This is a very good start.

Flood Relief Ball

Plans are well under way for a major fundraiser for Flood Relief in Queensland. The community committee has attracted sponsorship of over \$30 000 and this is increasing each day. The Ball is to be held at the Gladstone Entertainment Centre and four hundred tickets will be sold.

Cyclone Yasi

Queensland is being threatened by a major cyclone. Yasi is a Category 5 cyclone which is extremely large, severe, powerful and destructive. There is a watch on the coastline between Yeppoon and Cooktown and it threatens to cross the coastline between Townsville and Cairns. Northern communities are expecting a storm surge, heavy rainfall and destructive winds of between 150 and 200 kms an hour. It is necessary to keep a close watch on this system as cyclones are very unpredictable.

Boyne Tannum County Club

On Monday 31st January the Boyne Tannum Country Club Estate was launched. The original concept was approved by Calliope Shire Council, CEO Kanofski and Director Jeff Kinder were both heavily involved in the negotiations. After six years the project is ready to commence, and will include an 18 hole Golf Course designed by Graham Marsh, a 10 lane swimming complex, Bowling Greens, there will be a Retirement Complex and accommodation towers. All of the facilities will be available for community use and the complex will attract many visitors to the region.