

MAYORAL STATEMENT ON CURRENT ISSUES

The Mayor delivered the following address on current issues.

LOCAL STUDENT REPRESENTED AT CANNES FILM FESTIVAL

The Mayor was pleased to report that former Calliope resident, and now student at Griffith University's Film School, Hannah Ariotti has had her short film selected to be played at the Cannes Film Festival which will run from the 11 - 21 May 2011. The Mayor commented that it is a wonderful achievement for Hannah and it was very pleasing to see our local residents achieving in all areas of endeavour.

QUEENSLAND CRUISING YACHT CLUB

The Mayor tabled a plaque which was presented to Council from the Queensland Cruising Yacht Club in appreciation of Council's valuable support in the running of the 63rd Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race.

VISIT BY PREMIER ANNA BLIGH MP AND VISIT BY OPPOSITION LEADER CAMPBELL NEWMAN

On Wednesday morning (27 April 2011), the LNP Leader Campbell Newman hosted a breakfast in the city and spoke to community and business representatives.

Last week was a very busy week with a three day visit by the Premier Anna Bligh. I met her at the airport on Wednesday morning and the Acting Chief Executive Officer, Cale Dendle and I had a meeting with her at 3pm. We found she was very receptive to our concerns and raised some of her own. Announcements during her visit included:

- Airport Land
- Urban Land Development Association (ULDA) Projects at Clinton and a new site at Tannum Sands
- QGC Gladstone Hospital \$3.5million
- Renal Unit \$2million for Gladstone Hospital
- An upgrade of the Gladstone Hospital Operating Theatres \$1.5million
- GLNG – Rescue Boat for Port Curtis Sailing Club \$40,000
- Entertainment Centre Combined Development.

She also had meetings with Gladstone Regional Council Councillors and Senior Staff, Community members, Sporting Clubs, Zonta Club members and spoke at the Gladstone Area Promotion and Development Limited luncheon.

G/1.1 APPOINTMENT OF NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Executive Summary:

The Mayor reported that it is with pleasure that she announces that Council has unanimously resolved to appoint Stuart Randle as the next Chief Executive Officer of Gladstone Regional Council. The Mayor advised that after an extensive national advertising process, Council received fifteen quality applications for the position which were shortlisted to three potential candidates, who were interviewed during the month of April 2011. All elected members took part in the interview process which was facilitated by the Council appointed employment consultants.

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Stuart has extensive experience and broad credentials to lead the region forward during this significant growth period. Stuart is the current CEO of Maranoa Regional Council based at Roma and has served as CEO of three Queensland local government authorities. He possesses a background in civil engineering and is a former city engineer of Rockhampton council. He is also the holder of a Masters degree in Business Technology. Council opted to appoint Stuart well in advance of the retirement of current CEO Graeme Kanofski on July the eighth to ensure an orderly transition into this critical role.

The Mayor reported that she spoke with Stuart and he was thrilled by the news of his

appointment. He asked me to express to Council, staff and the community that he is very pleased to have been granted this opportunity at such an exciting time in the region's history. He also indicated that his wife Louise and two teenage children would relish the opportunity to move to the coast and be closer to family in Rockhampton. Stuart will commence duties shortly before Mr Kanofski's retirement on July 8 for a short handover period.

The Mayor asked that Council formally endorse the appointment by passing a formal Council resolution.