

Mayoral Minute

17th January 2012

2012 LGMA Qld

Central Queensland Rural Management Challenge

Our Gladstone Region G-Force Team consisting of Jason Perry, Denise Hallmark, Lee Baker and Dee-anne Paolatto with Mentor Helen Paulsen contested the Challenge in Tambo. Our team spent many hours in preparation, travel time and participating in the challenge and we thank them. I am certain that they will be willing to share their learnings as the aim is to improve our business and to develop leadership skills. The team were Runners-Up. They are now invited to participate in the 2012 LGMA State Challenge in March.

Bruce Highway

Yesterday within the Gladstone Region there were three traffic accidents all in the Mount Larcom Area. Tragically one of these resulted in the loss of a young person. Granted the weather was not good but drivers need to be vigilant and drive to suit the conditions. The fact still remains that the Bruce Highway although undergoing repairs is still in desperate need of major upgrading. I believe I read on the weekend that Premier Bligh stated that the Bruce Highway was the backbone of the State and should be four lanes from Brisbane to Cairns. We all agree with her. The question is how are we going to achieve this? It has been suggested and canvassed among Local Government that the RDA funding be allocated to the rebuilding of the Bruce Highway. A discussion for another day - but still food for thought.