

Mayor Corner

Thursday 30 August 2007

Hi Folks,

Federal Plebiscites Offer

The Council meeting on Monday 20 August 2007 passed a resolution to notify the Australian Electoral Commission that Inglewood Shire Council would accept The Prime Minister's offer to fund plebiscites for Local Government and that the Inglewood Shire community will participate.

The Local Government Plebiscite Bill 2007 will not be presented to the Senate until 4 September and debated on 10 September. Until this process is completed, we will not know when the plebiscite would be conducted.

Texas Delegation

A delegation from the community groups who hire the Texas Hall attended the meeting to question the increase in hire fees and the condition of the floor. The floor has been stripped and resealed and will be buffed, but not polished. Council apologizes for the inconvenience caused during the process of renewing the surface as once it was stripped, was left to ensure the surface was completely dry after the recent water damage.

Council this last financial year conducted an audit of all Council facilities, which included all our buildings. A report was produced to identify the cost to Council to maintain these community assets. This ensured that Council was fully informed before setting the Fees and Charge Schedule for this financial years (2007/2008) budget. The cost to maintain and operate the Texas Hall is \$16,601 and the income \$2,195, therefore Council's subsidy for the social benefit to the community user groups is \$14,406. All Council buildings were addressed in this same manner and fees are uniform across the shire. The Fees and Charges Schedule is available at both the Inglewood and Texas libraries.

Spray Rigs

The rain was beautiful, however with spring knocking at the door Council is very conscious of the weed/seed spread that may have occurred during the winter months feeding stock with fodder from other areas. Property owners now have available through Council 2 spray rigs that are available for dry hire to all property owners and community land care groups. There is a bond to be paid on top of a daily rate and on returning the equipment in the condition it was received, the bond or part of it will be reimbursed where appropriate.

Until next time

Mayor Joan