

Mayors Corner for Thursday 8th

Hi Folks

Australia Day Awards

Once again we are looking at the Australia Day awards for January 2008. This is the last time that Inglewood Shire Council will be able to allocate these awards. I would like you all as members of our community to put long and hard thought into this as I know there are some very worthy people in our community.

Tentative plans are in hand to have this year's celebrations to be held in conjunction with the official opening of the new Inglewood Airstrip.

We will be advertising for nominations in the next week for all our usual categories as a Shire. This is your last chance to have members of the Inglewood/Texas communities recognized by Inglewood Shire. Nomination forms are available from Council's libraries at Inglewood and Texas and also online on our website.

New Council staff

We welcome a new Works Manager, Mr Dion Jones who comes to us from Gunnedah Shire in New South Wales. If you have the opportunity, please welcome him to our area.

"Amalgamation Wrong Song"

The "Amalgamation Wrong Song" has been released by Yvonne Barlow, a Councillor from Pine Rivers Shire. You are all encouraged to access it through our Inglewood Shire website - www.inglewood.qld.gov.au and go to the link shown. It is extremely well done, is being played all over Queensland and will form part of the Local Government Association of Queensland's campaign leading up to the anti-amalgamation plebiscite being held at the end of November.

Local Laws

Council has adopted two new Model Local Laws, one for Camping and the other for Caravan Parks. We are currently preparing a subordinate law to support these Local Laws which will enable us to identify what recreational use is permitted in each area.

This approach will enable us to decide the most appropriate method for catering for visitors right across the Shire and in particular at Coolmunda Dam and the Dumaresqu River Reserve where different needs and wants from visitors require different outcomes to be addressed.

Local Transition Committee Community Meetings

Everyone is invited to Goondiwindi Regional Council Transition Committee Community Meetings that will be held in Inglewood at the Civic Centre on Thursday 15 November 2007 and Texas at the Sports Centre on Friday 16 November 2007 respectively. Both meetings will commence at 7.00pm sharp. This is an opportunity for the local communities to raise any issues they have in relation to the coming amalgamation direct with the Local Transition Committee Chairperson, Councillor Tom Woods and the Interim CEO, Mr Peter Stewart.

Until Next time

Mayor Joan