

Mayors Corner – Thursday 13 December, 2007

Hi Folks,

Texas Storm Clean Up

All those Texas residents that do not have the capability to take green waste branches etc to the dump can place outside their gate and Council is operating a collection service. Our staff will continue to do the rounds around Texas every second day with Monday 17 December being the last collection. This will allow the weekend to complete cleaning up in your gardens. If there are any special needs for assistance could you please ring Inglewood office on 4652 1444 or Texas 4653 3000.

Grants Success

I would also like to congratulate the various local organizations who have been successful in attaining grant monies in the most recent round of notifications. The total for the 2007 year to date processed through Council amounts to \$1,182,834. This is a marvelous result which can be a benefit to the whole community. The Community Dwelling for older people in St John St Texas providing an extra 2 units which was submitted by the Greenup Masonic Lodge is a major player. There are further applications pending but the recent elections do affect some of these decisions. I am confident that we will get more approvals before the end of the financial year.

Australia Day Nominations

May I please remind people that the Australia Day awards are to be in by close of business Friday 21 December, 2007. This is the last chance for Inglewood Shire to have these awards presented to our own citizens as next year's format could be across a whole new Goondiwindi Regional Council.

Council's Annual Report 2006/07

The Annual Report is now available at the Inglewood and Texas Libraries and on Council's website – www.inglewood.qld.gov.au. Council would encourage people to access it. Our next report for Inglewood will be to the 15 March elections. However we are able to continue the adopted budget until the end of the financial year 30 June 2008. It will then be the responsibility of the new Regional Council to prepare the budget for 2008/09.

New Director of Engineering Services

We have the pleasure of welcoming new Director of Engineering Services Paul Turri, his wife Samantha and three children not only to our work force but to our community. Paul, Sam and family come to us from Denelequin in Southern New South Wales and Paul will fill the missing link as the Head of our Engineering Department. His commencement will enable our quite extensive works program to continue efficiently and to be completed on time within the current financial year.

Inglewood Airstrip

The new sealed runway at the Inglewood Airstrip has now been opened for regular use. We will be holding an official opening and air pageant in conjunction with Australia Day in January 2008. This will be advertised closer to the event, but is shaping up for a great celebration.

The Inglewood Councillors and Staff wish you all A VERY MERRY AND HOLY CHRISTMAS AND A SAFE AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

Until 2008,
Mayor Joan