

Mayor's Corner – November 22 2007

Hi Folks

Time is fast moving onto the end of 2007 and Council is working at a full rate of knots to complete our works program by June 2008 as it certainly is a big year.

Inglewood Airstrip/Australia Day Celebrations

The Airstrip at Inglewood just needs some minor finishing touches and it will be open for business. Council would like to coordinate the official opening with our Australia Day celebrations in January 2008.

Plebiscite

The news on the Plebiscite is that the Electoral Commission will be posting out the voting papers on Friday the 23rd of November and the closing date is the 14th of December. The Local Government Association will be notified of the individual Council results as they come to hand and I should imagine they will be published widely throughout the State. I would encourage everyone to vote and return as quickly as possible as this is your chance in a democratic society to have a say.

Elections

The McIntyre Gazette will be taking it's Christmas Break from mid December so we will need to make sure everyone is informed of our Christmas functions across the Shire before then. Please keep this in mind and watch for my column after the Christmas holidays.

Details of next year's Election arrangements have now been released by the Electoral Commission. The closing date for the electoral rolls will be 31st January, therefore if you have missed enrolment for the Federal Election you will have time to make application to be on the roll for the Local Government Elections to be held on the 15th March 2008. The calling for nominations will be from the 2nd February until 12noon, 19th February.

We are not sure if it will be at polling booths or a postal provision will be provided for this new regional area as we have two areas of rural population in Inglewood and Waggamba.

Local Transition Committee Public Meetings

I would like to thank all those who took the time to come to the Local Transitional public meetings across all the venues with Texas and Inglewood having the greatest attendance.

Until Next time
Mayor Joan