

Mayors Corner

Thursday 27 September 2007

Hi Folks

TV and Radio Blackspots

The Local Government conference took all but one day of the last week in August and Inglewood sent Cr Rick McDougall for a day, Cr Richard Pietsch for two days, and the CEO and myself were in attendance all three days.

I made valuable contact with a company that has in the past been investigating our TV and radio coverage in the blackspot areas which have become worse in the last couple of years. I met with them on Wednesday 5 September and the outcome was that we will need to have the whole Shire reassessed so that we are addressing the problem for everyone. Would all those people having major problems with a good reception, ring the Council Officer on (07) 4652 0220 and ask David Killen to place your location on a map. This will be the third time I have attempted to have this problem sorted and I have had a guarantee we will get a result this time.

Goondiwindi Regional Council Local Transition Committee

The Local Transition Committee has been formed and details of its membership (and contact numbers) have been published in the local press. We will keep you all informed as to its progress.

The next Local Transition Committee meeting will be held in Inglewood on Wednesday 3 October, 2007. Inglewood Shire has written to the Chairperson requesting that future meetings be open to the public and also that Councillors who are proxies for our two delegates be allowed to attend meetings as observers as it is quite clear that the more conversant both our delegates and proxies are with the Local Transition Committee business and protocols, the more effective they will be as representatives of our community.

Amalgamation Plebiscites

Inglewood Shire resolved at its September Meeting to request the Australian Electoral Commission to hold a plebiscite for the residents/ratepayers of the Shire to allow them to express their views with regards the forced amalgamation issue.

It is anticipated the plebiscite will be conducted by post late in October. It is understood some 87 Council across Queensland including our neighbouring Shires of Stanthorpe, Warwick, Clifton, Cambooya, Rosalie and Pittsworth are also holding plebiscites.

Recording a vote during the plebiscite is a very positive way of expressing your view on the forced amalgamation of Local Council's issue and I believe that the outcome will be the basis on which any future actions by either the State or Federal Governments will be taken.

Community Forums

Over the next three weeks, Council will be running a series of community forums to review our corporate plan, go over the 2007/08 budget provisions and in particular our capital works programme for the year as well as discussing the likely consequences of local government reform.

Details of the locations and times of these forums are published in the local paper and flyers throughout the CBDs in Texas and Inglewood.

Until Next Time

Mayor Joan