

Hi Folks

Staff Achievements

Council would like to congratulate two of our trainees that have also completed their traineeships:-

Elise Grills – Certificate 11 in Administration
Elise has been a school based trainee

Timothy West – Certificate II in Automotive Vehicle Services

Breast Cancer Screening

Council will be strongly expressing our concern and requesting to have the Breast Cancer Mobile Van continue to service Texas at Texas. It is an unacceptable explanation for not going to Texas "that there is a shortage of radiographers". The only extra is a half hour trip and loss of no longer than 2 hours in travel and set up time. We will also endeavor to arrange a meeting with the Minister of Health, Steven Robinson to highlight our concerns.

Local Government Elections

The Local Government Elections have been called officially on Saturday 2nd February and the election date 15th March. This now means Council will enter into caretaker mode. This does not prevent Council from holding meetings and we have chosen to hold our normal meeting on 18th February and another meeting on the 10th March. This will enable us to be correctly a breast of our change-over position on the 16th March to the new Goondiwindi Regional Council.

Thanks to Staff

Council is well and truly on track to deliver a completed capital works program by 30th June 2008. This demonstrates the extra commitment made by the staff as with the added work load with this transition period to the Regional Council. We do appreciate and thank you all your support.

The All Abilities Park at Texas

Council has accepted the tender for the design of this park. Council's Community Development Officer, David Hayward is asking for input through several avenues in the community. He has just distributed a questionnaire to allow everyone to have some input of their expectations and needs to cater for our very young to our senior residence to enjoy areas to accompany their grandchildren. Please participate in one of the sessions David will be holding for input from the community.

Ingle wood Cemetery

Council passed the resolution at its 8th October meeting:

"That the headstones that had been moved at Inglewood Cemetery be put back in their original places where relatives require."

In hindsight the resolution was poorly worded by council and would have read better as *"where relatives made written request"*. I apologize for any angst people may have suffered as a result.

Council also apologises to any staff for any criticism that has been directed at them during this saga. The decision was made by Council, not the staff and they should not be criticised and held up to ridicule by some sections of the Community purely because they have been following Council's instructions.

We will continue with the mayor's corner until the elections.

Until next time
Mayor Joan