

Fuel for Thought

2016 Council Elections

As you probably know, following the election, there has been somewhat of a changing of the guard at Gladstone Regional Council.

As with most election campaigns it was no doubt tough and exhausting for all the candidates. As Eleanor Roosevelt once said, anyone in politics needs to develop "...skin as tough as rhinoceros hide". In an age of cynicism about politics, we sometimes forget that politicians are human. Most people who enter politics do so to serve the public interest. Public life demands a lot of people – many sacrifices – long hours and time away from family and friends, representing the interests of the local community.

I'd like to take the opportunity to thank Gail Sellers and the previous Council for their many years of contribution in the Gladstone Community. In particular I'd like to express my gratitude for their support of QER's work in Gladstone. We've been grateful for the opportunity to regularly brief the Council on our progress, and have appreciated the councillors taking the time to understand our project and its potential benefits for Gladstone, for Queensland and for Australia.

On behalf of QER, I want to wish Gail and all the retiring councillors all the very best for the new challenges and experiences that lie ahead.

I'd also like to congratulate our new Mayor, Cr Matt Burnett, Deputy Mayor, Cr Chris Trevor and all the newly elected councillors. From all of us at QER, we wish you every success.

We look forward to maintaining a strong relationship with Council as an active member of the Gladstone community and in time, we hope, an important part of Gladstone's economic future.



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