

# Fuel for Thought

## Gladstone A Great Place to Live

There's been some talk around town this week that Kim Kardashian is looking to buy Turtle Island, and I've heard that some media commentators questioned why she would want to invest in property in an industrial town.

Well my thinking is – why wouldn't she?

In my view we're blessed with the best of both worlds here in Gladstone – a range of industries which provide employment and, for many of us, a good standard of living, along with plenty of places and activities which contribute to having a great lifestyle.

Let's face it. Gladstone is an industrial town. But that doesn't mean we don't care for the environment, can't have fun, or enjoy this wonderful part of the world and the diversity it offers us.

For instance, a couple of weeks ago I had the good fortune to spend a weekend fishing out at Sykes Reef, and in between bites (and the odd beer) I had plenty of time to reflect on how much I like living in this region, and the wonderful things that are available to us to enjoy.

Gladstone has fantastic access to recreational facilities and outdoor pursuits such as fishing, sports and boating, and there is plenty available for those who prefer cultural activities, whether it is the arts, music or drama.

Our region has some great natural features, from Barrier Reef islands and wonderful beaches through to the bushland beauty of our national parks. Boyne Island and Tannum Sands offer their own special lifestyle opportunity along with beautiful beaches and picnic areas, and here in Gladstone we have everything from the quiet reflection of the Tondoon Botanic Gardens through to the noisy excitement of the recently-opened East Shores water park at Auckland Point, which is already proving to be a big winner, especially with the kids.

So come on down Kim, I think you'll enjoy any time you spend here.

And as for those media commentators from down south – don't knock it until you've tried it!



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