



**JOURNEY'S END:** Gladstone Regional councillor Clyde Cameron showing the final upgrades to the Gladstone Airport. *Picture: BRENDA STRONG GLA\_airp080710-3*

## Airport gets its final \$27 million

THE final \$27 million has been allocated to complete the Gladstone Airport.

Gladstone Regional Council handed down its 2010/11 budget on Tuesday which included funds to finish the project.

The funds will allow for the completion of the Gladstone Airport Runway Reconstruction Project, as well as the road and bridge works associated with the Callemondah Drive diversion.

Airport portfolio spokesman Councillor Clyde Cameron said there was also funding to refurbish the eastern end of the terminal.

"Other works to the terminal involve new gate access to the lower apron via a lift and escalator, modifications to check-in area and upgrades to baggage handling facilities," he said.

"A full security system will also be installed, including walk-through metal detectors, and check bag and carry-on baggage x-ray equipment.

"We expect the runway reconstruction works to be completed by the end of August and the terminal upgrade by the end of 2010."

### CORPORATE SERVICES

- ▶ CCTV network upgrade
- ▶ \$130,000 to update council's aerial photography in a joint project with State and Federal governments and DERM
- ▶ \$20,000 to enable public to access limited GIS information via web
- ▶ \$80,000 to replace cubicle partitions at 1770 camping grounds and Boyne Tannum Community Centre repairs and maintenance \$179,000

## Population boom plays role in council budget; project funds allocated

A POPULATION boom expected for Gladstone Region has played a role in the new budget.

Gladstone Regional Council has allocated funds for a number of planning and regional studies projects in its 2010/11 budget.

Planning and Development portfolio spokesperson councillor Craig Butler said council had provided ongoing funding for the continued development of the Our Place Our Plan land-use planning scheme for the entire Gladstone Region.

As part of the scheme's development, council has already commissioned several studies - a Rural Living Strategy; an Industrial Land Strategy; and, a Retail and Commercial Strategy, which were due for completion in November this year.

In addition, provision was made for a Housing Needs Assessment Study, which was due for completion in December this year; and the production of the draft planning scheme document by June next year.

"We're also moving ahead with ensuring our Priority Infrastructure Plans (PIPs) are delivered in accordance with statutory requirements by December this year for the Miriam Vale area; and June next year for the Calliope and Gladstone areas," he said.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ \$300,000 for the continuation of the Our Place Our Plan planning scheme development.
- ▶ \$200,000 for Priority Infrastructure Program (PIPs) consultants.
- ▶ \$180,000 for the southern corridor linkage study.
- ▶ \$26,000 for the identification of a reservoir site at Agnes Water.
- ▶ \$130,000 to conduct sewer gauging to ensure models remains correct.
- ▶ \$35,000 for Environmental Impact Study assessment and policy work.
- ▶ Ongoing development application tracking.
- ▶ Continuation of council's plumbing and building certification process.
- ▶ Continuation of council's statutory planning program, including the implementation of a HAF eDA project.

"We want to assess just how much commercial and community use land may be needed for the future growth of the area before proceeding with discussions with the various stakeholders."

Cr Butler said there would be a master plan undertaken for the realignment of the parking area and road access through the Seventeen Seventy Marina precinct, and evaluation of a Captain Cook Drive link at Agnes Water.