

SNAPSHOTS**EBAI Executive:**

Di Morris (President)

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Ergon Energy Tidy Towns 2007
Central Queensland Region

Judge's report for Biloela

Population: 5,600



Some recommendations and projects EBAI continues to be involved with:

Strengths:

- Preservation of the past is obviously important to the Biloela community. The Banana Shire Historical Society have relocated Greycliffe Homestead (listed by the National Trust of Queensland) and are repairing and restoring it. The Ruth Maynard Historical Village features relocated buildings, machinery and artefacts. A colourful mural entitled *Spirit of the Land* which is painted on the town's water reservoir celebrates the history of the area as well as the connections between people of different cultures.
- A number of festivals throughout the year draw members of the Biloela and surrounding communities together. Major events include the Comedy and Food Festival, the Callide Multicultural Festival and the annual celebration and demonstration of historical machinery -- *Wheels in Motion*.

Opportunities:

- When appropriate, plant trees along the pathway/bikeway to provide shade, particularly where there are garden seats. The tree-planting program along Melton and Callide Streets should be continued as part of the greening and beautification of the town. Businesses should be encouraged to plant and tend shrubs and trees in front of and around their premises. Local clubs, community and school groups should also be encouraged to participate more extensively in greening and caring for their town. Active participation engenders a sense of ownership.

(Contact Rosemary Munroe for full 2007 report: 4992 6664)

OUR MAJOR PROJECTS:**1. Biloela Medical Centre Project:**

Queensland Health, Central Queensland Rural Division of GP, EBAI Management Committee, Private GPs and a private investor working toward the establishment of this community run facility in 2009.

Contact: Di Morris, Alan McTaggart or Rosemary Munroe

2. Enhancement of lower Melton St and Callide St Project:

EBAI, Banana Shire Council, Gladstone Area Promotion and Development, with Queensland Rail to improve the amenity of this area, with better parking, opportunity for development, and improved community liveability.

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3. Affordable Accommodation Project:

EBAI, Banana Shire Support Centre, Housing Queensland, Banana Shire Council, re funding to establish a studio apartment facility to improve the supply of affordable housing in the Biloela community .

Contact: Rosemary Munroe

4. Biloela and Surrounds Tourism Strategy:

Queensland Tourism, QANTASLINK, Banana Shire Council, Gladstone Area Promotion and Development, and Tourism operators of Biloela and surrounds. Branding, signage, promotion, maps, linkages, product audits & new opportunities....next meeting 18/03/08 contact Alan McTaggart

5. EBAI membership maintenance and increase and operation of www.biloela.com

Contact us: we're working for you to continue to make Biloela the great place to invest, live, visit and to retire that we all know it is!