

## **Seasons Greetings From Craig!**

As we approach the end of 2024 I would like to personally thank everyone for their contributions towards building a better community.

We have worked hard all year to have Council to be held accountable for the decisions that they are making and how we as a community have educated Council officers and councillors alike to know we are watching what they are trying to implement.

We as the community have educated the councillors to challenge the directives of Council when they attempted to implement policies that are driven by the Qld government that are not in the best interests of the people.

We have held council to account when they have tried to deviate from their own standing orders. If it was not for our community the council would have ignored the fluoride petition many times throughout the year, but we maintained the pressure by communicating with councillors to ensure the matter was not ignored, to the point the motion to continue fluoridating Gympie Regional Council Town water was defeated by 6 votes to 3.

Council officers have tried to ignore the vote of the councillors who represent the community by delaying the removal of fluoride. This is our challenge for 2025, that we continue this pressure until the best interests of the community are followed through with the removal of fluoride from the drinking water.

I would also like to make special thanks to the small group of volunteers in John, Korrinne, Sally, Regine and Jenece that have contributed in making the markets such a resounding success in educating the broader community. Without their help we would not have been able to make an impact on such key events as the NO Campaign against the divisive referendum.

I would like to thank Graham for his commitment to improving our

communications to be more effective and secure through his work on the newsletter, our My Place Gympie website and his work in the community in educating us on our internet and phone use.

We were able to educate the broader community and gain a lot of support through 'Check Cash Alive and 'CASH is King' campaigns.

We had a very large impact on educating the community regarding the Mis/Disinformation Bill that we the people were able to stop passing through their system.

I know we have made such a difference in the community that we may have been labelled conspiracy theorists 12 months ago to where we hold face to face discussions with councillors who altered their view of our group to the point look to us for information so they are now holding council officers to account.

We have achieved this respect because in everything we do we do it legally, lawfully and peacefully and we use their system against them by holding them to account to their system.

This was represented well in the fluoride petition because if a vote had been taken early this year the majority of councillors would have voted for its continuance. How things have now changed with our communications in educating the councillors to have a majority vote to discontinue fluoridation.

We must continue on our journey for next year as the narrative is changing and we need to ensure every aspect of growing our community is communicated to as many as possible.

Enjoy this time with your families and friends and and behalf of the committee in Korrinne, Jon and Graham I look forward to next year being even more successful than this year.

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Craig

I have been researching the effects of AI used by fakebook, instagram, and twitter(X) and will have some definite recommendations for you all very soon. So stay tuned, and I will announce it through this newsletter, the digital privacy group newsletter, our fakebook and telegram groups, and SMS to all those that have expressed to me an interest in the privacy topic. I believe we'll need to be vigilant this coming year.

I am sorry there are no reindeers and santa images to make this letter more like a traditional christmas, but I'm just not very good at that stuff.

Hooroo, Graham

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