

# Applications for grants open

## Call for Australia Day Nominations

Australia Day is a day for family, a day for friends and most importantly a day for celebrating terrific achievements among us.

Townsville Mayor, Cr Les Tyrell, is urging all Townsville residents to take a few minutes to nominate a deserving citizen for the Townsville City Council's 2009 Australia Day Awards.

"There are hundreds of people within our community who work tirelessly to make life better for those around them," Cr Tyrell said.

"The Australia Day Awards are a great way to say thanks to those people who put in such a huge effort year round.

"Recipients don't need to be high-profile members of the community, just honest, hard-working people, deserving of a pat on the back."

There are eight awards up for grabs including the Citizen of the Year Award, Young Citizen of the Year Award, Community Event of the Year Award, Sports Award, Junior Sports Award, Sports Administrator Award, Cultural Award and Achievement Award.

Winners of the Australia Day Awards will be announced and presented as part of the Australia Day celebrations on Monday 26th January 2009 at Riverway.

Other celebrations will include a fun run, free breakfast and local entertainment by the river.

Nomination forms are available from [www.townsville.qld.gov.au](http://www.townsville.qld.gov.au) or from Townsville City Council administration buildings on Walker Street and Thuringowa Drive.

Nominations must be returned by 4.30pm Friday January 2 2009.



Applications are now open for Townsville City Council's March round of Community Grants.

The Townsville City Council's Community Grants Scheme supports local initiatives and pursuits of excellence that enhance community wellbeing and opportunity.

The provision of financial assistance is currently being offered to individuals, community organisations, corporations or government spheres via the following:

- » Community Organisations Grants Program
- » Sport and Recreation Facility Assistance Program
- » Regional Arts Development Fund
- » IPA Aspire Youth Career Grants Program

Applications for council's new Community Micro-Grants are also being called for.

The Community Micro-Grants Program provides one off grants of up to \$1,000 to assist Townsville community organisations with quick response funding. Funding will be awarded to those organisations seeking to make a positive contribution to the quality of life for Townsville residents through the provision of social services and community development activities, projects and programs.

Applications for these grants close Friday, 27 March 2009.

For more information or to apply visit [www.townsville.qld.gov.au](http://www.townsville.qld.gov.au) or email the community grants team on [communitygrants@townsville.qld.gov.au](mailto:communitygrants@townsville.qld.gov.au)



IPA's CEO Rabieh Krayem and Cr Dale Last with IPA Aspire Youth Grant recipient Summar Lea Nielsen.

## Council staff awarded for Pride of Workmanship

Two Townsville City Council staff have collected Rotary Club of Port of Townsville Pride of Workmanship Awards at a ceremony in October.

Customer Service Relationship Co-ordinator, Leisa Fenton, and Regulatory Services Officer, Sandi McClintock, both collected the prestigious award at Rotary's Formal Presentation Dinner at the North Queensland Club on October 20.

The Rotary Pride of Workmanship Awards enable

managers to publicly recognise the efforts of those employees who consistently strive for excellence in their work.

Customer Service Manager, Megan Leavy said that Leisa has done an outstanding job during amalgamation.

"Leisa has been working with teams on a customer relationship module and to develop policy and procedures for the new Townsville

City Council Customer Service Centre," Ms Leavy said.

"This is a big task and Leisa has done an outstanding job in getting things moving under very difficult conditions.

"Leisa was involved in many hours of negotiation, problem solving and analysis and she often works in her own time to ensure every thing goes ahead on time.

Executive Manager of council's Environmental Health Services, Gavin Hammond said Sandi was nominated for the award because her dedication and exemplary work ethic as a Regulatory Services Officer deserved recognition.

"Sandi has assisted in the training and developing of new officers while also maintaining her own workload and provides equitable and consistently high levels of customer service" Mr Hammond said.

"Sandi assists in ensuring the continual development of the services we provide to the community and her "can do" attitude is an example to us all."

Townsville City Council congratulates Sandi and Leisa on their awards, and thanks them for their dedication to serve the residents of Townsville.

