

## Community group funding

The Townsville City Council provides financial assistance to community organisations and individuals through our Financial Assistance Program which incorporates grants coordinated through the Community Planning and Services Department.

Council's Financial Assistance Program aims to support local initiatives and pursuits of

excellence that enhance community well-being.

The Financial Assistance Program scheme includes the following grants. The next round closes on 27 March 2009.

- » Sport and Recreation Grants
- » Sport and Recreation Facility Assistance Program
- » Cultural Development Grants
- » Regional Arts Development

- Fund (Closes 31 March 2009)
- » General Community Grants
  - » IPA Aspire Youth Career Grants
  - » Community Organisations Grants Program
  - » Partnerships and Sponsorships Program

Application forms are available from the Townsville City Council website at [www.townsville.qld.gov.au](http://www.townsville.qld.gov.au) or phone 4727 9000.

## Creativity flourishes



PICPAH Cultural Centre Dancers accept the 2008 award for Dance.

**Townsville's premier arts awards will be held on 20 March at the Riverway Arts Centre, with local residents invited to attend.**

The Arts Awards are an annual event honouring excellence and creativity across an extensive range of art forms and featuring a presentation ceremony and an exciting entertainment program, showcasing some of the cultural highlights of the past year.

Awards will be presented in the following categories:

- » Visual Arts
- » Writing
- » Theatre
- » Dance
- » Music
- » Multi-Media
- » Event of the Year
- » Production of the Year
- » Limelight Award (for continuous achievement or service)

Tickets are essential and can be booked by calling the Riverway Box Office on 4773 8889.

## Sports skills on show



Olympic Swimming Champion, Elka Graham, congratulates the 2008 Sports Award winners.

Nominations are now open for the 2009 Townsville City Council Sports Awards.

These annual awards recognise the achievements of amateur Townsville athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers that have represented Queensland or Australia between 1 January and 31 December 2008.

Nomination forms are available from Townsville City Council's Customer Service Centres in Walker Street or Thuringowa Drive or online at [www.townsville.qld.gov.au](http://www.townsville.qld.gov.au). Nominations close Monday 20 April 2009.

A selection panel will determine the following awards:

- » Queensland and Australian representation awards
- » Junior Sportsperson of the year (< 18 years of age at 31 December 2008)

- » Senior Sportsperson of the year (18 to 50 years of age at 31 December 2008)
- » Veteran Sportsperson of the year (> 50 years of age at 31 December 2008)
- » Sports Volunteer of the Year
- » Sports Team Awards including Team of the Year

The Awards Ceremony will be hosted at the Townsville Civic Theatre on Wednesday May 27 and will feature guest speakers Alistair Lynch and Paul Wade, plus appearances by local Crocs, Cowboys and Townsville Fire stars.

Lynch was former captain and key member of the history-making Brisbane Lions team that won an extraordinary premiership hat-trick for the three seasons spanning 2001-2003 and rated arguably the best team of all time.

He will be remembered as one of

the all-time greats of AFL after a career which spanned 17 years and 306 games at the highest level.

'Wadey' as he is known around the world, had a remarkable international career, including the Olympic Games, two World Cup campaigns and one of the toughest tasks in world football to mark Diego Maradona, who was arguably the best player in the world at that time in the world cup play off with Argentina.

In a career with over 100 appearances for his country Wadey also won two National Soccer League championships and was voted NSL player of the year in 1988.

For more information visit council's website at [www.townsville.qld.gov.au](http://www.townsville.qld.gov.au) or contact the Sport and Recreation Project Officer on 4727 9000.

## Arts funding available

**The Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) is a partnership between Townsville City Council and Queensland Government through Arts Queensland that supports the development and sustainability of Townsville's arts and culture.**

The RADF program focuses on bettering our community by incorporating arts and culture, offering funding to individuals, community groups, government and non-government agencies and organisations for one-off, short term activities that employ professional artists and arts and cultural workers.

If you are looking for finance to support a creative project or activity, then apply for the RADF grant. The program is easily accessible and less competitive than other programs out there.

Applications for the next round of funding close 27 March 2008.

Applicants are encouraged to contact council's Cultural Development Officer on 4727 9000 to discuss their ideas.

Application forms are available from Community Planning and Services Department – Level 1 Northtown, Flinders Street Mall, and can also be accessed via the Townsville City Council website at [www.townsville.qld.gov.au](http://www.townsville.qld.gov.au)

