

Housing Guides popular with builders and renovators

Townsville residents have been eager to adopt the energy-saving strategies in council's Sustainable Housing Information Kit.

The guides are designed to help owners, investors and the industry to build or modify homes to suit the city's hot, humid weather.

From designing a new home to suit the climate, to planning gardens to enhance cool airflow or even fitting awnings or screens to existing windows, the 10 guides in the existing kit offer practical guidance for any resident to make a home more comfortable during our warmer months.

The Sustainable Housing Information Kit is available from Customer Service Centres, CityLibraries branches or council's website.



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2009 Arts Awards

The limelight shone on some of Townsville's best artists in March, with the city's annual Arts Awards presented at the Riverway Arts Centre.

Winners

Limelight Award in Memory of Stan Newman » Dr Linda Ashton

Public Acknowledgement Limelight Award » Katelyn Aslett

Theatre Award » Tropic Sun Theatre Company

Production Of The Year Award » Remember Me – Dance North

Event of the Year Award » Australian Festival of Chamber Music

Public Acknowledgement - Event of the Year » Spindle Sideshow

Visual Art Award » Threads of Habitat – Fibre and Fabrics Association

Multi-Media Award » LOL – La Luna Youth Arts

Writing Award » Arminelle Flemming

Public Acknowledgement – Writing Award » Anita Berry

Music Award » Elle Graham

Public Acknowledgement – Music Award » Arik Anidjar

Dance Award » Extensions Youth Dance

Public Acknowledgement – Dance Award » Raul de la Paz and Joan Whyte (Barrier Reef Cloggers).



Winner Production of the Year (above and right), Remember Me By Dance North. Photograph courtesy of Fiona Melder. Aquapella (top) entertain the crowd at the ceremony.



Construction work flows at city's biggest water treatment plant



Major construction work is underway at the city's biggest water treatment facility as part of moves to cater for the city's rapidly growing number of residents.

With the population growing at around three per cent each year, the Townsville City Council is seeking to improve the quality and quantity of supplies from the Douglas Water Treatment Plant.

The work at the Douglas facility is being carried out by United Utilities Australia as part of a wider \$330 million capital works project to improve and expand the water and wastewater network.

Mayor, Cr Les Tyrell, said the work would ensure residents and businesses have industry-standard water at all times of the year, including the wet season when the

water supply can be difficult to treat.

"Essential infrastructure such as our water and sewerage networks have to be one of the major priorities for this council," Cr Tyrell said.

"It is not something we can afford to neglect. Failure to invest in water and wastewater plants can lead to massive financial costs down the track, as growth outstrips the ability of the infrastructure to cope."

The next major step in the project will be the construction of the Northern Water Treatment Plant near Rollingstone.

The new facility will use water from Crystal Creek and Lake Paluma and service the growing northern suburbs and beach communities.

New foundations being poured at the Douglas Water Treatment Plant.