



A cheque to be proud of – pictured at the presentation are Geoff Stephens (Leightons), Terry Conway (Devine), Cr Les Tyrell and Andrew Bolger (Leightons)

## Jezzine site officially returned to community

Townsville City Council has welcomed the transfer of the Jezzine Barracks site and Kissing Point Headland to community ownership.

At a ceremony on-site on 23 July, Townsville Mayor Cr Les Tyrell signed the Land Trust Deed with Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Support, the Honorable Dr Mike Kelly, which transferred most of the Jezzine site and Kissing Point to the council.

The council and the State Government have each committed \$10 million and the

Commonwealth Government has committed \$20 million to redeveloping the site for community purposes.

Concept plans include a boardwalk from The Strand to Rowes Bay, as well as other public amenities including pathways, a walking track, memorial areas, and a restaurant, kiosk and community hall. There is also provision for a military museum to highlight Townsville's role in the Pacific during World War II.

Concept plans for the Jezzine Barracks site.



## Developers support local charities

Leighton Properties and Devine Limited have fulfilled their pledge to deliver \$150,000 to local charities and projects, handing over of the funds to some of the city's most important causes. Food Relief (\$45,000), the Australian Volunteer Coast Guard

(\$26,000), Townsville City Council's All Abilities Playground at Riverway (\$29,000) and the Deployed Soldiers Welfare Association (\$50,000) were grateful recipients of the funding. Thanks to the generous support of local suppliers, Leighton Properties and

Devine were able to allocate \$150,000 from the total sale price of a three bedroom, two-garage home in Devine's \$350 million River Parks master planned community in Kelso.

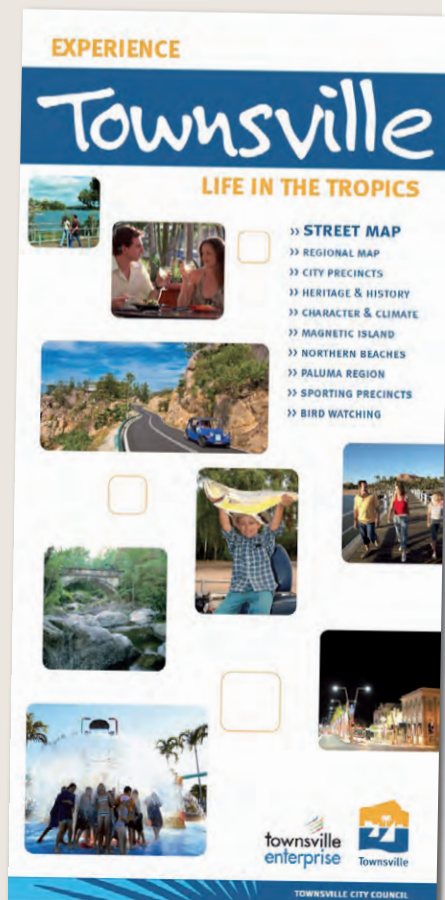
## A better experience for tourists

Council has launched its latest tourism publications in the "Experience Townsville" range: The Paluma Region, Northern Beaches and Bird Watching brochures.

The three brochures are part of a collection of directories that highlight the region's tourism hotspots, help navigate visitors around the city and assist locals in getting to know their own backyard.

The "Experience Townsville" range of brochures and maps offers more than just a street directory, aiming to encourage visitors to maximise their Townsville trip and extend their stay in our region.

The council worked closely with Townsville Enterprise Limited and local tourism operators to create a range of brochures, which will be available from visitor information centres, local tourism operators, and the council's Customer Service Centres.



## A special month to celebrate our environment

While most parts of the country were gearing up to celebrate Environment Day, or Environment Week, Townsville had so many activities planned they named the June celebration Environment Month.

It began with the distribution of more than 1000 native plants at The Strand and Cotters Markets, followed by a bush tucker and eco-catchment tour with 50 Wulguru State School students trekking up Castle Hill and touring the new Rowes Bay Sustainability Centre.

Mid June, and it was time for the signature events of Eco Fiesta and the Smart Home and Lifestyle Expo. Eco Fiesta saw thousands of residents enjoy the environmental displays and plant giveaways, determined to make a difference in their own back yard.

Environmental Excellence and Sustainability Awards were presented by Mayor Les Tyrell. The Individual Initiative Award went to Richard Henderson, from Coastal Dry Tropics Landcare. The Balcony Restaurant won the

Sustainability in Business Award. The Community Group Award was won by Reef Check Australia and the Townsville Recycling Education Centre's reef recycling workshops for young people. The Neighbourhood/ Local Resident Award went to Winston Sleaforth for his dedication to the rehabilitation of Louisa Creek. Thuringowa High School and

Belgian Gardens State School won the Schools Awards.

Thirty local businesses set up displays at the Smart Home and Lifestyle Expo over the weekend of the 20 and 21 June. Thousands of residents converged to explore a diversity of displays from reflective roof paint and solar power to green developments and home appliances.

Free trees and energy efficient light bulbs were just a small reason people attended the Smart Lifestyle & Sustainability Expo.

