



## Civic Theatre extension

The V8 Supercars are barely across the finish line and work will shortly kick off on the Civic Theatre's \$12M extension.

The major extension is being funded jointly by the Townsville City Council and the State Government through Queensland's 150th Legacy Infrastructure Program.

The extension will transform the theatre into a modern, multi-purpose arts centre that will encourage far greater community use.

New facilities include a rehearsal space, function room, meeting room and kitchen, more space for technical staff, workshop, additional toilet facilities, lift access to the two upper floors, improved disability access and improved box office and administration area.

## Council gives young people ownership of Youth Week

Young people aged 12–25 years are urged to get involved in National Youth Week 2010.

Townsville City Council has launched "Create Your Youth Week" to increase involvement of young people 12–25 years in the development and running of activities to be held during National Youth Week 2010.

National Youth Week is a Federal Government initiative to create the largest national event calendar and celebration for young people, to encourage them to share ideas, attend live events, have their voices heard, showcase talents and celebrate their contribution to the community.

Last year it was a great success with four inspirational ideas from young people. Last year's winners included:

- » Youthography – photography workshops and displays proudly presented by the headspace YABBIES Youth Group
- » Shake it Nesian Style – a Pacific Island dance competition proudly presented by Nesian for Christ Youth Group
- » Social Sports Competition – proudly presented by the Cook Island Youth Group



- » Youth Rock Out – a rock concert proudly presented by Nathan Wrattan in collaboration with Humblepine Productions.

### How do I get involved?

Young people can submit ideas on activities they would like to see during National Youth Week 2010. Successful entries will then be supported by council's Youth

Development Officers to assist young people in planning their activity, offer budgeting and financial support, promotion and assistance with running the activity. Anyone living in Townsville, aged 12–25 can get involved.

Information and an application form are available at [www.townsville.qld.gov.au](http://www.townsville.qld.gov.au).

**Get involved... create the youth week you want.**

*Applications close 30 October 2009.*

*For more information please contact a Youth Development Officer on 4727 9000 or at [youth@townsville.qld.gov.au](mailto:youth@townsville.qld.gov.au).*

### Townsville Park Profile

## Western Lions Park

Cnr Fulham Rd and Charles St, Heatley

### Facilities

- » Picnic facilities, BBQ
- » Gazebos, shelters
- » Playground equipment (5–12 year-old age group)
- » Wheelchair accessible toilets
- » Pathways
- » Full basketball court
- » Sports ground

Western Lions Park, used by local schools, a rugby league club and many local families, is one of two parks in the suburb of Heatley, and it has just undergone a significant refurbishment.

Formerly known as Charles Street Park, the park was renamed in 2007, and has been the home of the Western Lions NRL football team since 2004.

After an upgrade of the field's playing surface in 2006, council committed to replacing the aging playground equipment in 2008.

Funding was secured under the Queensland Government's Community Renewal Program, and with matching funding from council, the \$450,000 project began.

The local community and user groups provided input into the landscape master plan which resulted in the installation of new footpaths, play equipment, solar lighting, barbecue facilities, shade structures, seating, landscaping and shade trees.

Western Lions Junior Rugby League Club chair Brett Barrie said

the club was heavily involved in the consultative process. Mr Barrie said the upgrade of the park was a great benefit given the club uses the grounds every weekday for training, with competition games held on the weekend.

"The biggest benefit for us with the upgrade has been the new playground and facilities as they provide great entertainment for the kids," Mr Barrie said.

"We're also looking forward to the upcoming installation of a \$60,000 outdoor fitness circuit which is similar, but even better than the exercise stations on The Strand."

A community celebration was held early in July at the park, with hundreds of locals turning out for the occasion. Townsville Mayor Les Tyrell attended the event and said he was impressed with the number of attendees and positive comments about the improvements.

"It's great to see the community out enjoying the park improvements and many families have commented that the new play equipment will keep the younger children actively entertained for quite some time," Cr Tyrell said.



James (12), and Katelyn (10) Hoffman of Kirwan enjoy the new play equipment at Western Lions Park celebrations in July.

### *Parks in the spotlight*

#### **Charles Moroney Park, off Hammond Way, Kelso**

The \$350,000 redevelopment of Charles Moroney Park in the Upper Ross, another joint partnership with Community Renewal, is expected to be complete in the coming weeks.

#### **All Abilities Playground, Riverway**

Specifically focusing on accessibility and engaging all the senses, this \$898,000 playground has been jointly funded with Queensland Government Department of Communities. The community has played a significant role in both the design and installation of this playground, which is expected to be completed in September.

#### **Pioneer Park Skate Park, Riverway**

The youth of Townsville had their say, and come October, the \$721,000 skate park will be complete. With funding contributions from Community Renewal and Department of Sport and Recreation, this new recreational space will include seating, drinking bubblers and bins under shade with skate facilities including a quarter-pipe, steps, fun box, rails and ledges.