

# City UPDATE



City of  
Townsville

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*The latest events, news, reports and happenings in your city*

## YOUR RATES WORKING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Townsville's population is growing quickly at a rate of about three per cent each year, taking the current number of residents to more than 172,000. Council needs to keep up with this rapid growth by providing essential services including roads, water, sewerage, drainage and town planning, as well as community services such as parks, events and sporting facilities. We must also meet the considerable challenge of upgrading old infrastructure. This year, the council has a budget of \$64.9 million. This includes significant progress on Townsville's top five projects.

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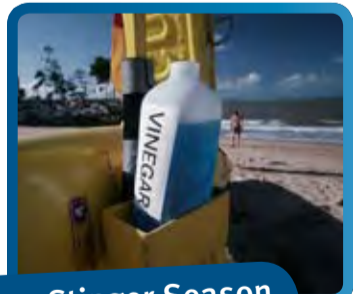
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# Townsville named North Queensland's Tidiest Town

Townsville has claimed the Ergon Energy North Queensland Tidy Town Award for 2009.

Of the 11 outstanding achievement awards for North Queensland, Townsville claimed two. Not only was the vibrant city named the region's overall Tidy Town for 2009, it was also named Ergon Energy's Conservation Champion.

The Ergon Energy Tidy Towns competition focuses on fostering sustainable communities.

Mayor Cr Les Tyrell said he was delighted that Townsville had received these awards.

"Our fabulous city is growing rapidly but we still maintain a respect for the environment and sustainability," Cr Tyrell said.

"This award is a great achievement and proud moment for Townsville."

The Tidy Town category is judged on environmental protection and innovation, litter prevention and visitor friendliness.



Townsville's well-kept parks, gardens and beaches have helped the sunny city claim the title of North Queensland's Tidiest Town for 2009.



Townsville City Council also claimed the State award for Ergon Energy's Conservation Champion. The prize was 12 months of unlimited clean energy drawn

from renewable energy sources. Over 160 towns from nine regions throughout Queensland entered the Ergon Energy Tidy Towns Competition this year.

The North Queensland region covers south to Whitsunday Regional Council, west to Mt Isa City Council and north to Hinchinbrook Shire Council.

## Free youth festival set to go Against the Grind

Townsville's youth are invited to a free youth festival hosted by Townsville City Council in partnership with Youth With A Mission (YWAM) and Townsville PCYC. The skate and BMX festival, aptly named Against the Grind, will be held from Saturday 24 to Sunday 25 October at the Riverway Skate Park to celebrate its opening.

Townsville residents are invited to come along and check out the celebrations, where Townsville's PCYC will host its regional skate/BMX competition finale.

The festival will mark the completion of the skate park which cost \$721,000 and is a partnership between Queensland Government Community Renewal Program and the Department of Communities Sport and Recreation Services.

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Ben Thompson-Corbett, 15, of Heatley shows his skills on his scooter.