

# Youth Week Your Way

If you're aged 12 to 25 and have a big idea for a live event, Townsville Youth Council wants to hear from you!

Following the success of Townsville City Council's Create Your Youth Week 2009, the youth team is on the hunt for inspirational youth ideas that can be transformed into Townsville-based National Youth Week activities for 2010.

We're throwing the control over to you. The sky is your limit! It could be a hip hop workshop, a skate or BMX display or a giant pool party. After all, who better to design a youth activity than youth themselves?

Applications close 30 October, 2009.

For information or an online application form visit [www.townsville.qld.gov.au](http://www.townsville.qld.gov.au).



## What's on your mind

The council's Customer Service Centre has been busy over the past few months handling customer enquiries, with rates, dogs and events dominating the phone lines. Here's what you have been calling about:

- » Dog registrations
- » Seniors' Picnic in the Park and Pioneer's Luncheon registrations

- » Rates
- » Mosquitoes
- » Defence Force Air Display and Townsville City Council Family Fireworks spectacular.

If you have an enquiry about a council event or service, please call the Customer Service Centre on 4727 9000.



# Seniors get together for lunch, lifestyle expo and awards

Two people who make the lives of others much easier and more enjoyable were recently named this year's Townsville Seniors of the Year for 2009.

Retired engineer, Ron Piper, and aged-care volunteer, Glenys Davey, were presented with their awards before a crowd of nearly 2,000 people at the annual Seniors Picnic and Lifestyle Expo at Sherriff Park in Mundingburra in August.

Mrs Glenys Davey has worked with the Good Shepherd Nursing Home and the Masonic Home for more than 20 years. At the Good Shepherd she serves on the fundraising committee and looks after fish and birds that provide companionship for residents.

The committee also gives welcome baskets to new residents upon arrival and has purchased a karaoke machine, television and DVDs for sing-alongs.

As if that is not enough, Mrs Davey entertains aged-care residents throughout Townsville, Ayr, Charters Towers and the Burdekin. She spends her "spare" time sewing, crocheting, knitting, making curtains, doing craft and re-covering lounges for Good Shepherd residents, families and staff.

Mrs Davey is renowned for her kind heart and for arriving with a smile on her face and her sleeves rolled up – whether it be for a cent sale, serving a Devonshire tea or baking a pie.

Mr Ron Piper is an ex-major from the Army Reserve and a former district engineer with the Main Roads Department. Since 1974, he has served with clubs and movements such as Scouting, Apex, Rotary and Probus.

He has also helped Pimlico High School students practice for job interviews and is now the treasurer and newsletter editor for the Association of Justices of the Peace and Commissioners for Declarations.

Mr Piper is regarded as a dedicated and loyal person, always willing to help others. At the Brooklea Lifestyle Village, he has performed an Anzac Day ceremony and

regularly acts as a JP for residents.

Awards for Voluntary Contributions to the Community were also presented to five seniors: Mr Colin Hills, Mr Zoltan Florian, Ms Bev Hacck, Mr Anton Van Reyk and Mr Evan Gannon.

Townsville Mayor, Cr Les Tyrell, commended the award winners and all of the guests on their contributions to the community.

"Seniors play a vital role in our society and their efforts often go unnoticed or unrewarded," he said.

"They are the quiet achievers, taking time to volunteer in so many ways – as workers, carers and grandparents. This is our way of saying thank-you.

"The theme of this year's Seniors Week was 'Positively Ageless' and I encourage you to take up the challenge and live life to the fullest. Our community can only benefit from your participation."

**Above: Seniors of the Year, Ron Piper and Glenys Davey.**

**Below: Serving the masses – Cr Trevor Roberts and Cr Dale Last serve lunch.**

