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Clean up king meets the princes of green up

The founder of one of the largest community-based movements in the country will inspect residents' local efforts to green Townsville this weekend.

Clean Up Australia Chairman Ian Kiernan is making a stop over with Mayor Tony Mooney at a community greening project on a site off Kings Road this Saturday (9 Jul).

Cr Mooney says the Greening Townsville program is in the spirit of Clean Up Australia.

"Clean Up Australia engenders everything that's good in the community in terms of shared values, pride and cooperation," Cr Mooney says. "That's exactly the spirit we are developing in the suburbs through Greening Townsville.

"Giving residents the opportunity to beautify their 'patch' has led to greater ownership and community responsibility. In the end, it leads to a stronger and more sustainable community."

The Saturday planting has allowed for the area's facility as a floodway.

The Kings Road swale (drainage depression) is part of an ancient watercourse that once flowed from behind the Vale Hotel through Anderson Park.

Advice to Greening Townsville from Citiworks allows for plenty of open areas to ensure adequate flow in times of high rain.

The result is that the 200 melaleucas, gums and Livistonia palms which are well suited to low lying areas, will be planted in small stands. They are also 'clear trunked' trees which offer reduced impedance.

Media Information: Mayor Mooney and Mr Kiernan are expected at the site roughly opposite Palmerston St at 11:00 am this Saturday (9 July). There will be a display stand and Marquee.

Ian Kiernan - Biography



Ian Kiernan is the Chairman and Founder of Clean Up Australia (CUA), a community-based not-for-profit organisation that co-ordinates Clean Up Australia Day and the international Clean Up the World campaign run in conjunction with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). Ian started Clean Up Australia Day in 1989 and it has since grown to become the largest community-based participation project in the country.

Ian has 30 years experience as a fully licensed Master Builder and property investor specialising in the repair and rejuvenation of historic and heritage buildings.

Ian is Chairman of the Co-operative Research Centre (CRC) for Waste Management and Pollution Control Ltd and a Director of CVC Reef Ltd..

In recognition of his leadership in the environment and the community both in Australia and internationally, Ian was named 1994 Australian of the Year. He holds the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) and was made an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) on Australia Day 1995.

In 1993, Ian was made a UNEP Global 500 Laureate for his work and leadership in the local and global environment. In 1997 he was inducted as a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow. Ian is a Vice-President of the international organisation ACOPS (Advisory Council on Protection of the Seas). In 1998, Ian was awarded the prestigious United Nations Environment Programme Sasakawa Environment Prize.

Ian is a Patron of Sailors with Disabilities and the Lord Howe Island Public School. He is also the Chairman of the Lord Howe Island Museum Trust. Ian is an honorary Golden Circle member of the Slocum Society, as well as being a member of the Cape Horners-Australia and League of Ancient Mariners.