



The Townsville City Council is pleased to present the Townsville Healthy City Plan 2003-2008.

The Healthy City Plan incorporates all areas of environmental health promotion and action and outlines strategies to build and sustain a safe and healthy Townsville.

We believe that good health and quality of life for local residents can be achieved through preventative programs established in partnership with the other levels of government and the community.

Whether it be in improving our natural environment to develop healthy bodies and minds, working with local primary health providers and hospitals to ensure the highest level of care, or trying to keep our streets and neighbourhoods safe from crime, we are working on strategies that keep us healthy and more productive as a community.

Importantly, our Plan utilises local resources within a best practice international framework. The international health promotion 'Ottawa Charter' advocates the holistic approach to environmental health promotion that I have outlined and it provides the basis for the ongoing development of our local Plan.

As well as the international charter, the plan has combined the best of local planning in key areas of health promotion. For example, Plan is based on programs such as Sustainable Townsville, Safe Communities, the Liveable City Strategy and the State of Environment Reporting.

I am delighted to say that community input has added considerably to the Plan's development and programs such as 'Townsville Have Your Say' have assisted us create a Plan that reflects local aspirations.

The Council acknowledges the valuable contribution of the community groups, agency representatives and all residents who provided assistance to the development of the Townsville Healthy City Initiative 2003-2008.

We look forward to now working with all these groups to implement this far sighted plan to achieve a healthier, happier and more productive community.

Tony Mooney

Mayor

TOWNSVILLE CITY COUNCIL