

**Section: MOTION ON NOTICE** 16 December 2008

**Item: 10.012/08 ASHBY RESERVE TRUST AWARD**

SUMMARY

I propose that the following report and notice of motion be adopted by Council.

PROPOSED MOTION

That Clarence Valley Council formally convey to the Trustees of Ashby Reserve Trust and the Ashby community, the congratulations of Council and the Clarence community for Ashby Community Centre and Recreation Reserve being named winner of the New South Wales Department of Lands Crown Reserve Trust Community Award.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION - item 10.012/08**

**(Crs Tiley/Hughes)**

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**Voting recorded as follows:**

**For: Councillors Williamson, Dinham, Howe, Hughes, McKenna, Simmons, Tiley, Toms**

**Against: Nil**

BACKGROUND

I had the honour of attending the 8<sup>th</sup> November New South Wales Regional Achievement Awards at Coffs Harbour. State Government Ministers Tony Kelly and Philip Costa attended and presented the awards. Ashby Reserve Trust achieved the peak award of the evening.

ISSUES

Ashby Community Centre has been recognised as the best in regional New South Wales. Reserve Trust President Winnifred Willmore-Gibson accepted the award on behalf of the Trust. The Trust commenced 25 years ago and has created many facilities, some with Section 94 funds from Clarence Valley Council and the former Maclean Council. Today the Ashby community enjoys a community hall, kitchen and amenities, children's playground and tennis court surrounded by extensive natural parkland.

Many dedicated volunteers have participated and much fundraising has been undertaken over the years. A \$5000 Commonwealth bank account was provided to the Trust together with a hand crafted glass trophy. Council's support of the Trust was well acknowledged at the Awards evening.

Councillor Ian Tiley

Date: 6 December 2008