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COUNCIL CARAVAN PARK WINS AWARD

The Mayor of Cairns, Kevin Byrne officially opened the Caravan Parks Association of Queensland's Annual Conference at the Cairns International Hotel last week. At a gala function on Thursday night Cairns Holiday Park located in James St was awarded the Association's, **'Turnaround Award'**.

Cairns Holiday Park has undergone a major redevelopment by the lease holders Australian Tourist Park Management Pty Ltd (ATPM) over the past 18 months. In presenting the award, Mr Ron Chapman the Association's CEO said, "The park has improved from a 1.5 star property to a 3.5 star property in 18 months which is a remarkable achievement."

Cairns Holiday Park offers guests quality affordable lodgings, large shady powered and unpowered sites, camp kitchen, brand new swimming pool, refurbished amenities, managers' residence, kiosk and baggage storage. Other unique services include free wireless internet to all guests with a laptop and 4 free wireless internet kiosks in reception for those travelers without laptops. Upgrades to internal roads, the camp kitchen and recreational facilities are scheduled next year.

Mr. Steve Billett the Managing Director of ATPM in accepting the award gave credit to Cairns City Council's foresight in leasing the park and allowing its upgrade to a quality tourist accommodation venue. Mr. Billett said, "With many caravan parks closing in the Cairns Region over the last 3 years it has been a pleasure to be involved in reversing this trend by providing an improved facility for those caravanners and backpackers visiting Cairns. The Council staff and the local Councillor Margaret Gill have been very supportive of the project and it is a credit to all those involved to receive such an award.

If you would like more information about Cairns Holiday Park, please see www.cairnscamping.com.au or contact Steve Billett (Managing Director) Australian Tourist Park Management on 07 5607 1405.

