

## MNLA PROJECT WINS TWO QUEENSLAND 2009 UDIA AWARDS



The Smithfield Village project in the northern beaches of Cairns, Queensland is a Masterplanned community ultimately housing 4,800 people. McNally Newton Landscape Architects have undertaken the provision of Landscape Architectural services for the project.

In July 2009 Smithfield Village has been recognised by the Queensland Division of the Urban Institute of Australia (UDIA) for the following awards.

- **2009 UDIA (Qld) Excellence in Environmental Sustainability**
- **2009 UDIA (Qld) Joint Best Residential Development – Land Based**

Smithfield Village incorporates the best in urban stormwater runoff techniques to assist in the control and treatment of nutrient and sediment runoff adjacent to the world heritage listed Great Barrier Reef Marine Park and fish breeding habitat. The installation of planted nutrient stripping planting, flood water detention basins and water velocity slowing mechanisms limit erosion while maximising environmental benefits to the local; area.

Located on former sugar cane fields in the wet tropics, Smithfield Village has been designed to reflect the relaxed informal nature of tropical living through built form design, open space layout, materials and local rainforest retention and plantings. The use of tropical styled timber slats, wide eaves, robust building materials and shady canopy trees add to the projects local character.

The careful scheduling of landscape design, approval and construction works has been undertaken to avoid the adverse effects from the annual monsoon and cyclone season. This has enabled on site works to proceed to meet programme and with a minimum of reworking.