

Bluewater grants help green groups

THREE Cairns environmental groups are a step closer to realising their goals with a \$50,000 grant from the developers of Bluewater at Trinity Park.

The money was courtesy of Consolidated Properties Bluewater Environment Community Fund, established as part of their Deed of Agreement with the State Government.

"I was pleased to present the grants to such valuable and worthwhile organisations," Consolidated Properties managing director Don O'Rorke said.

The Cairns Urban Landcare

Tim Mudge

Group received \$30,000 for a new four-wheel-drive to carry a water tank and to pull an equipment trailer.

The Far North Queensland Wildlife Association received \$10,000 for equipment, signage, running costs and educational material.

The Cairns Frog Hospital received \$10,000 for operational costs and equipment.

Cairns Urban Landcare Group secretary Yvonne Nicoll said the funding came in the nick of time.

"We needed a four-wheel-drive ute for tree-planting projects in and around Cairns," she said.

"It is an absolute lifesaver, it's been very difficult for us to do our work up until now."

Mr O'Rorke said Consolidated Properties was committed to working with environmental organisations to give something back to the Cairns community for its support for the development.

He said the company had won awards for environmentally sensitive developments in the past and was looking forward to similar relationships in Cairns.