

Worklink

Employment Support Group

Cairns West Community Garden Project

Six months of hard work by 12 participants on a "Skilling Queenslanders for Work" project, coordinated by Worklink, culminated on Friday with the official handover of the Cairns West Community Garden to the Cairns West State School. Desley Boyle, Member for Cairns, officiated over the proceedings and gave the participants their certificates for "Work Placement project and Training Plan". It was obvious, by the beaming smiles of the participants when they received their certificates, that they were very proud of the work that they had done. Other speakers included:

- **Anne Mauger** - School Principal
- **Jodi Peters** - Worklink Chairperson
- **Dorothy Dunne** - Worklink Manager

Morning tea, a "sausage sizzle", along with fresh fruit, and a cake to commemorate the occasion, was provided.



The community garden includes garden beds, covered barbeque and picnic area with a sail, and seating and tables. A rainwater tank, composting and a worm farm are also features of the garden.

Decorations such as indigenous dreamtime painting and wall murals also abound. Now that 12 participants have completed their part of the partnership, the school children will now experiment and turn the project into an exciting focal point that will produce food and further their education.