

## **Kirwan Sustainable Home opens to the public**

Sustainable Home Kirwan will officially open its doors to the public on Sunday 9 September to coincide with Sustainable House Day across Australia and New Zealand.

Minister for Public Works, Housing and ICT Robert Swarten said Sustainable Home Kirwan, which will open until October 21 2007, is the latest demonstration home in the Smart and Sustainable Homes program in Queensland.

“The home will demonstrate the principles of sustainable housing which allows the community to inspect and appreciate the design features first-hand,” Mr Swarten said.

“The Smart and Sustainable Homes program is a unique collaboration between state government, local government and industry.

“The Rotary Club of Mundingburra, with the support of the Thuringowa City Council, is to be applauded for making this project happen,” he said.

The Rotary Club of Mundingburra built Sustainable Home Kirwan with the design undertaken by a local Thuringowa designer, Bill Barber Design and Drafting.

Located in the Willowbank Estate on the corner of Rochford Street and Burford Court, Sustainable Home Kirwan is a 4-bedroom, 2-bathroom house.

“Homes built as part of the Smart and Sustainable Homes program use the Department of Public Works “Smart Housing” principles which are based on the triple-bottom-line concept of economic, social and environmental sustainability,” the Minister said.

“The Kirwan home has been built with accessibility and liveability in mind, while using housing design concepts suitable for the dry tropics region, including a well considered passive design approach”.

“In a point of difference to most design and construction methods in the region, Sustainable Home Kirwan has been built using aerated concrete cladding to provide good insulation,” he said.

The Rotary Club of Mundingburra will sell Sustainable Home Kirwan by auction after the display period on Saturday 27th October. A portion of the profits will go to a number of local charities, the major beneficiary being the Spinal Injuries Association.

Sustainable House Day across Australia and New Zealand aims to showcase to the public how sustainable living can be simple, easy and cost effective. All the Smart and Sustainable Homes projects that are currently open will participate and this is a perfect opportunity to see first-hand how these principles can be applied.

For more information go to: [www.sustainable-homes.org.au](http://www.sustainable-homes.org.au)  
[www.sustainablehouseday.com](http://www.sustainablehouseday.com)

**When: 10am, Sunday 9 September 2007.**

**Where: Lot 120, corner Rochford Street and Burford Court, Willowbank Estate,  
Kirwan.**