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# Dengue cases on the rise

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DR Donohue said one of the confirmed cases is now in the Townsville Hospital.

"We know that one of the cases that popped up actually declined spraying when the teams came through," he said.

"These guys are professionals, they really know what they are

"So I guess my advice to the community is to not only get rid of breeding sites, but if the spray teams visit you, if there was one time in your life where it was important to use an insecticide, this is

Dr Donohue said teams are

covering areas close to the CBD as well Richmond Hill area and near Lissner Park.

Charters Towers Regional Council environmental services manager Michael Langburne said so far the Council has covered 500 properties and during the next few days a further 500 will be inspect-

"Because we haven't had an outbreak for 21 years or so I guess there has been some relaxation of people realising what it's actually like to go through it and be sick, and it is not pleasant," Mr Langburne said.

He said in every 100 houses they inspect, there is roughly 7-8 houses where they find vessels that contain water where mosquitos are

breeding.

He said this week there will be three Queensland Health Dengue Action Response Teams working in Charters Towers.
"The teams from Townsville

and Cairns will assist the Council team in targeting the key areas," he

Dr Donohue said he thinks peo ple assume that when the cool dry weather comes along dengue will

go away. He said if there are containers holding stagnant water, mosquitos can sustain an outbreak indefi-

"These mosquitos are highly adapted to human households and habitation, so bird baths, pot plants, anything holding water in it can potentially pump out a lot of these mosquitos and keep the thing

The mosquitos bite during the day, in the morning and evening and dengue fever symptoms in clude onset of fever, extreme tiredness, intense headache (especially behind the eyes) and muscle and joint pain (ankles, knees and el-

"It is important people with suspected dengue fever are tested so we know where there are locally acquired cases," Dr Donohue said.

- SOPHIE KESTEVEN



Graduates - Michael Camenzuli, Leroy Dallachy, Matthew Masso, Rex Corporal, Sean Presley, Dale Anderson, Geoffrey Koraba, Joe Reid, Jakeb McLachlan,
Bradley Cameron and Dameon Hunter.

## Graduates are Ready for Work

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THE inaugural Charters Towers indigenous Ready for Work program concluded last Friday with II graduates successfully completing the Jenagar

Jenagar general manager Craig Collins said the idea behind the program was to give participants a head start while they were looking for

"They are intelligent and they have had an education but they haven't been lucky enough to get a job and get that first-hand experience," Mr Collins said.

"That's what we give them." Mr Collins said the program was a trial for the Charters Towers area and a huge success.

"We interviewed 30 applicants and brought it down to 12," he said. "Of those II have graduated with one partially completing the course, but unable to complete it due to family "That's a pretty good strike rate."

The graduates received their Certificate II in workplace and infrastructure preparation at an award ceremony held at the Council Administration Centre.

The Council supported us very well as did other businesses in town with work experience placements," Mr Collins said.

"This is very good. I understand that eight or nine of the boys are local Gudjala boys," Charters Towers Regional Council Deputy Mayor Wally Brewer said.

"Council is very pleased to participate in these types of training

enterprises for our local people." Graduates Joe Reid and Michael Camenzuli said they were proud of their achievement.

"I take a lot of pride in completing the course it has given me the qualifications I need to find employment," Mr Reid said. "From the bottom of my heart we

would like to thank Jenagar for the opportunity and I speak for all the boys as well," Mr Camenzuli said.

"It's given us a positive step towards



Member for Dalrymple Shane Knuth presents Dameon Hunter with his Trainee of the Program award at the graduation Picture: SAM BIDEY