

# Pioneer's road honour

SARAH CARROLL

THE late patriarch of a prominent Cairns family has been recognised in his hometown of Edmonton as council made the decision to rename a road in his honour.

Cairns Regional Council announced on Monday a formerly unnamed service road that runs directly outside of Piccone's IGA Edmonton will now be officially titled Louie Piccone Way, named after the well-known figure of the community.

Louie's sons John and Peter Piccone were in attendance at the renaming ceremony on Tuesday and thanked the Cairns Regional Council for the "wonderful gesture".

"Dad grew up on this road, it's where the family home was until the late '80s and it's the entrance to the Piccone's Shopping Village so it's very fitting," John Piccone said.

"We're so lucky to have had a father who has done so much for the community and to see it rewarded with many accolades."

Peter Piccone said they were raised to contribute in their community, something Louie was very passionate about.

"He always said to look



after the Edmonton area because the Edmonton area has always looked after us," he said.

"This road means a lot to the family, this is recognition of what Dad did and what he stood for."

Cairns Mayor Bob Manning said the decision to rename the service road after Louie was an easy decision with the family being leading members of the Edmonton community for a number of years.

"Their father, Louie, was larger than life, he was the best at everything and a nice bloke, too," Cr Manning said.

"He was a generous guy who was liked by everybody and this is our way of saying thank you."

"It's just right that this stretch becomes Louie Piccone Way."



John and Peter Piccone at the road sign named in tribute to their father, Louie Piccone (inset), in Edmonton. Picture: Brian Cassey

## Renewal project to lift CBD

ALISON PATERSON

A VIBRANT new energy is alive in the CBD as the Renew Cairns project is allowing a win-win between creative entrepreneurs, commercial landlords and Cairns Regional Council.

At the Cairns Chamber of Commerce luncheon on Wednesday, Project Manager Phil Drury (right) said five businesses had transformed empty shopfronts into creative spaces.

"So far we have three businesses on Shield St, one on Lake St and one about to open on the Esplanade," he said.

"We have the Golden Orb Collective, Bespoke Stitchery, The Cheek Co and Kiss Teas already open and on Friday at 53-55 The Esplanade, Yakal - Pandanus will be opening."

The 12-month project — a collaboration between not for profit Renew Australia, CBD landlords and Cairns Regional Council — allows artists and businesses to occupy empty tenancies without charge.

Mr Drury said there were currently 75 expressions of interest to participate.



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