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**100% of funds raised stay local & go to the COUCH cause, for the direct and uncompromised benefit of Tropical North Queensland community.**  
**All labour and administration is voluntary.**

***Truly a local need worth your support***

**Re : Acceptance Address by Bob McGill : Cairns Citizens of 2008**

Thank you.

Firstly our apologies that Charles & Pip Woodward cannot be with us this morning, it is a shame that they have missed presentation of this marvellous award.

Honourable Mayor of Cairns City, Councillor Kevin Byrne  
Respective Elected Representatives,  
Distinguished Guests,  
Ladies & Gentlemen.

This is indeed an honour, not particularly for any individual, but in recognition of community solidarity working together toward a common goal.

COUCH was born out of community concern.

The Committee is a small task force of passionate people who are driven to coordinate the oncology needs of Tropical North Queensland.

We are a SOLUTION Group, -- our vision is to attain complete and comprehensive radiation oncology facilities based in Cairns to service the greater region and Pacific rim.

I'd like to acknowledge Liz Plummer who was instrumental in bringing our agenda to the public table, and remains our prime motivator.

I offer special recognition to Charles & Pip Woodward whose business expertise and financial backing has provided the COUCH vision with much substance for success. The Woodward Family, Charles together with his Sister and Brother have donated a parcel of land valued at \$2M for the purpose of COUCH vision.

I'd like to acknowledge fellow Directors & Committee and indeed the general public at large for unwavering and very generous support. Committee members who deserve specific recognition for work undertaken are Lloyd Smith, Mary-Jane Ursu, Sandy Astill & Dr. Andrew Shearer.

I'd like to thank the many service clubs, health associations and foundations who we have worked with and continue to work alongside in our COUCH campaign. I acknowledge Glenys Duncombe, sitting down here on my left, here today representing Far North Queensland Hospital Foundation.

I'd like to thank The Cairns Post for their positive and enthusiastic support of the COUCH cause.

THANK YOU - Please be assured that the COUCH vision will be realised in the near future.

***'Committee for Oncology Unit for Cairns Hospital'***