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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **21 June 2013**

#### **WELCOME TO TOWNSVILLE FOR WALKING GREAT GRANDMA!**

June Norman, a 72 year-old great-grandma walking the 1200km from Cairns to Gladstone to draw attention to the need to protect the Reef, will be arriving in Townsville on Monday 24 June.

June left Cairns on 1 June and plans to walk an average of 20km a day to arrive in Gladstone at the beginning of August.

On Monday, supporters will be organising an official public welcome at the Gregory Street headland on The Strand. The welcome is scheduled for 5pm and the community is invited.

On her journey, June has been joined by many in the communities through which she has passed – some walking a few metres, some a few kilometres and some for a few days. June would be thrilled to have some Townsvilleans join her for a while.

Around Cardwell, June was joined for 5.5km by 86 year-old Margaret Thorsborne AO, a founder member of North Queensland Conservation Council back in the 1970s and life-long campaigner for conservation issues who received her gong for her contribution as a conservationist and environmental activist.

June's schedule around Townsville can be found on NQCC's Facebook site.

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Attached photo: L-R Kerry Johnson, Garner's Beach Habitat Action Group, Margaret Thorsborne AO, June Norman, Suzie Smith, President WPSQ Tully.