

TO: Mareeba Shire Council

DATE: 23-25 January 2024

**RE: Anzac Park, Kuranda (AKA Rotary Park, Botanical Garden, Hidden Jewel, Green Jewel)**

<https://kurandaregion.org/anzac-park-kuranda/>

-----Email thread 1-----

**Subject:** Kuranda "Anzac Park" Fountain to be demolished  
**Date:** Tue, 23 Jan 2024 10:57:32 +1000  
**From:** Jo Martin  
**To:** Info (Shared) <[info@msc.qld.gov.au](mailto:info@msc.qld.gov.au)>, 'Kuranda Region Planning Group' <[info@kurandaregion.org](mailto:info@kurandaregion.org)>

Hi MSC,

I was involved in a community engagement for the "Anzac Park" project in Kuranda. I attended the most recent one where it was decided to remove the fountain, ie. demolish it.

In the time since that meeting in November last year there has been some concern from the community about removing it. Some of the residents who have been in Kuranda for decades and got to see it in it's "hey day" are questioning the removal and asking for more time to decide.

At the meeting I was at in November 2023 there wasn't any community members there to speak to, for or of the fountain - so the decision fell to removing it as the easiest way to move forward.

If it's ok with council can we please put a hold on removing the fountain until we carry out an internal community engagement to get more opinions to form a proper decision. It would be terrible for the machines to turn up and have people not be more informed about this project.

Please advise.

Kind regards,

Jo Martin  
for Kuranda Region Planning Group



-----Email thread 2-----

**From:** Jo Martin

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:14 AM

**To:** Christopher Lea <[ChristopherL@msc.qld.gov.au](mailto:ChristopherL@msc.qld.gov.au)>; 'Kuranda Region Planning Group' <[info@kurandaregion.org](mailto:info@kurandaregion.org)>

**Subject:** Fwd: Kuranda "Anzac Park" Fountain to be demolished

Hi Christopher,

Please see my email below sent to [info@msc.qld.gov.au](mailto:info@msc.qld.gov.au) just now.

We have the Kuranda Paper deadline this week so I'm thinking we'll put something in there to get more opinions.

To keep it real - can you please advise the approx cost per year to run / maintain the fountain? Any other downsides we need to be aware of?

Thank you for your patience :-D

Kind regards,

Jo Martin  
for Kuranda Region Planning Group

-----Email thread 3-----

On 25/01/2024 11:12 am, Jacqueline Perkowicz wrote:

Good morning Jo,

Thank you for your email regarding the Kuranda Anzac Park refresh project.

In response to your request for further information in the Kuranda Paper, I can advise the following:

1. There was public notification in the July 2023 edition of the Kuranda paper with an open invitation to the community engagement event for this project at two 'drop in' information sessions.
2. Residents that identified specific concerns about the Anzac Park project at the drop in sessions were invited for further discussion on site at the park in late July and a further session was held in November to confirm the feedback had been incorporated into the final designs.
3. The Kuranda Paper ran a front page news article in the August 2023 edition about the project and community engagement and also provided Council's contact details asking for people to share their thoughts.
4. Council also ran a sponsored Facebook post in July that reached over 20,000 people in the area.
5. There were no concerns raised through any of these engagement sessions about removing the fountains, and the overwhelming verbal feedback on the fountain removal was positive.
6. The Councillors and Council officers considered all of the feedback provided through the engagement sessions and have balanced this with the Shire-wide Parks and Open Spaces Strategy objectives, which were also developed through extensive community engagement.

Council is very grateful for the time that you and many other residents took to help our team plan this project. Council has concluded its engagement on this project, which will progress when weather and contractor availability permits.

The project management team look forward to continuing to work with you and other community members to finalise naming and labelling the trees in the park to add a botanical point of interest for locals and visitors.

Kind regards,

**Jacqueline Perkowicz**

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