

TO: Mareeba Shire Council

DATE: 15 April 2024

Re: Anzac Park, Kuranda (AKA Rotary Park, Botanical Garden, Hidden Jewel, Green Jewel) - *Feedback

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

-----**Email thread #1**-----

From: Jo Martin

Sent: Monday, April 15, 2024 10:54 AM

To: Cr Angela Toppin <mayor@msc.qld.gov.au>; Cr Lenore Wyatt <LenoreW@msc.qld.gov.au>; Cr Amy Braes <AmyB@msc.qld.gov.au>; Cr Nipper Brown <NipperB@msc.qld.gov.au>; Cr Ross Cardillo <RossC@msc.qld.gov.au>; Cr Kevin Davies <KevinD@msc.qld.gov.au>; Cr Mary Graham <MaryG@msc.qld.gov.au>; 'Kuranda Region Planning Group' <info@kurandaregion.org>

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RE: Anzac Park / Village CBD

Please see feedback - link below (PDF, 6 pages)

<https://kurandaregion.org/content/uploads/2024/04/KRPG-Anzac-Park-Village-CBD-Kuranda-April-2024-DRAFTv1.0.pdf>

Thank you.

Kind regards,

Jo Martin

for Kuranda Region Planning Group

-----**Email thread #2**-----

On 19/04/2024 11:13 am, Cr Angela Toppin wrote:

Dear Jo

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

Council concluded its engagement on this project last year. The work is planned and will progress as ground conditions from the recent wet weather events and contractor availability permits. The fountain will be removed and not replaced.

There were no concerns raised through any of the engagement sessions about removing the fountain, and the overwhelming verbal feedback on the fountain removal was positive.

When finalising the plan for Anzac Park, Councillors and Council officers considered the feedback provided through the engagement sessions, Shire-wide Parks and Open Spaces Strategy objectives and what is affordable for the community to maintain.

I understand that Council Officers will continue 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. This will add a wonderful feature to the park and I look forward to seeing this initiative completed.

Kind regards,

Cr Angela Toppin AM

Mayor

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

From: Jo Martin

Sent: Sunday, April 21, 2024 9:35 AM

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Hi Angela,

Hope you had a lovely weekend - saw you on Facebook at the Netball season kick off yesterday :-)

Thank you for your reply.

I know that coming into the community consultation it was council's preferred option to remove the fountain. It's been broken and derelict for many years and now an eyesore and the costs to repair and then maintain is not something that council is interested in - I understand that.

I would like to ask you if you would consider leaving the vertical rocks in place - we can still plant that out with pretty native vegetation - see sample below - which will survive without running water.

The option put forward for the big rocks when they are removed was to 'scatter' them around the park under the trees - not to actually remove them which would be a logistical nightmare. So my proposal now is the remove the pond, water and electricity but leave the vertical rock wall so it can be planted out and made into a feature of the botanical garden. The real upside for this option is we will be able to put more plant species on there for the botanical garden which will make it even more interesting :-)

This is an excellent compromise Angela - and I know we have Kuranda Conservation's (Jax) backing to plant it out. We will get started as soon as the pond is removed.

Kuranda Envirocare (Cathy) have some funds left over on a grant and have offered to get the first round of plant ID's printed and installed :-)

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Kind regards,

Jo Martin
for Kuranda Region Planning Group

-----**Email thread #4**-----

On 23/04/2024 8:55 am, Cr Angela Toppin wrote:

Dear Jo

Thank you for your understanding of the broader community consultation outcomes and Council's decision regarding the fountain and pond.

I can confirm that the large rocks will remain and will be re-arranged as a feature within the fountain site, rather than relocating to other garden beds.

Once again, I would like to express my appreciation for your ongoing dedication to Kuranda. The collaborative efforts of the Kuranda Region Planning Group, Kuranda Conservation, and Kuranda Envirocare are commendable and contribute significantly to our community.

Kind regards,

Cr Angela Toppin AM
Mayor

-----**Email thread #5**-----

On 24 Apr 2024, at 15:21, Jo Martin wrote:

Hi Angela,

Thank you for getting back to me.

I emailed Christopher this morning to clarify what 're-arranged' means - Shellie called me to confirm.

I am preparing my written response to you now and will send it through tomorrow.

Kind regards,

Jo Martin
for Kuranda Region Planning Group