



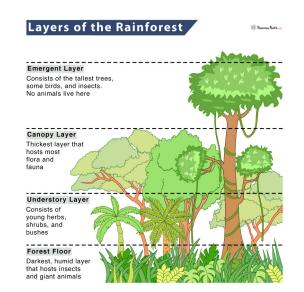
- Remove the pool and install grate at the bottom of the water feature to recycle the water.
- Plant out with native vegetation suitable for the water feature.
- Add bench seating for visitors to enjoy the rainforest setting.







- Install new pathways to link seating and improve wheelchair accessibility - see above
- Remove grass and allow leaves to form the forest floor - see photo right
- Plant out low growing vegetation to form the 'Forest Floor' Layer - see below





## **CONSIDERATIONS**

For Anzac Park, Kuranda (AKA Rotary Park, Botanical Garden, Hidden Jewel, Green Jewel)

A. Cheapest, easiest and least maintenance solutions for council
are not necessarily in line with Kuranda's ethos or core needs as
an International tourism destination

C. The botanical garden is the only "natural" and accessible rainforest area in the Kuranda CBD

 for visitors who are older or disabled and can't walk up the steps on our walking trails –
they can still enjoy the serenity of the rainforest planting in the botanical garden.

**E. Kuranda is an inter-generational village** where we value and respect our forebears and community members who make a contribution.

**F.** The current paver pathways are still serviceable and will be better once the few repairs are undertaken. They will last another generation or two before needing to be replaced. Replacing with concrete now will be wasteful.

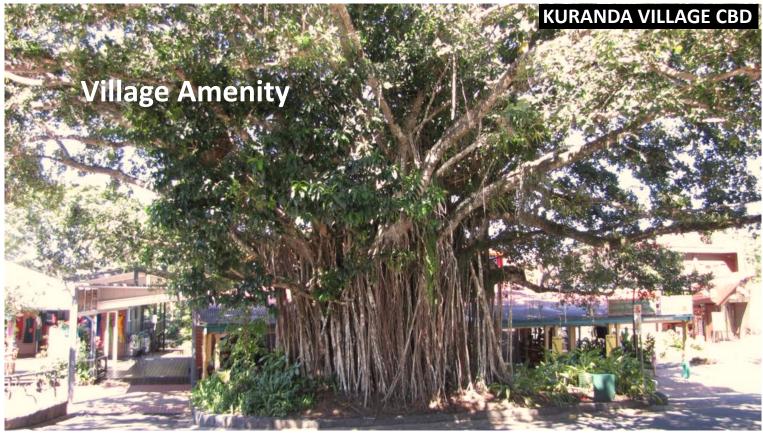
B. People come to Kuranda to see something different - not the same concrete, steel and glass like the Gold Coast

## D. The park is an unfinished project:

- Create land title on the cadastre so the park block is never mistaken as 'road reserve' again
- Install botanical signage for the historical planting, ie.
  - Common names
  - Botanical names
  - Aboriginal Uses, eg. Food, Fibre, Medicine Plant
  - Logging industry uses, eg. Cabinet timber, structural, etc
  - etc
- Install a plaque with a history of the park, who planted it and its purpose.

**G. "Forest bathing" is becoming more popular**, ie. Forest bathing, or shinrin-yoku, is a Japanese practice of immersing in nature for health and wellness benefits

https://www.nationalgeographic.com/travel/article/forest-bathing-nature-walk-health



https://www.cairnspost.com.au/news/state-heritage-listing-for-kuranda-trees/news-story/e17e9db45a5bf66e43747bbe13b9a119

Kuranda Fig Tree Avenue: Kuranda is a small hinterland town approximately 19 km northwest of Cairns in Far North Queensland. The avenue of mature fig trees which line the main street of Kuranda, Coondoo Street, were planted by the Woothakata Shire Council in the early 1930s to beautify the street and enhance the town's appeal to visitors. The trees were planted at a time when Kuranda was experiencing exceptionally high tourist numbers. Kuranda was, and continues to be, one of Queensland's most popular tourist towns.[1] https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kuranda\_Fig\_Tree\_Avenue

## **PROPOSED**

Rubbish to be collected 7 days per week before trade commences at 9am.

All plantings in garden beds and nature strips (council land) in the Kuranda Village:

- Be managed by council employee/s with special interest and enthusiasm for the WTWHA
- All non-native plants to be removed from council land, ie. nature strips and garden beds along the footpath
- Refurbishing of the existing council plantings using native plants only - see 'Investment in the future', right

Over 100 years of nature-based tourism!!

## Investment in the future - introduce new garden beds with signage, eg.

- Gondwana Garden (food of the dinosaurs)
- Hanging Garden (old growth WTWHA)
- Birds & Butterflies (stunning collection of wild species – at home I have ticked off 63 species over the years – WOW:-)
- Tree Ferns, Palms, Pandanus again a stunning vegetation options with fruits that are small not dangerous like coconuts.

Note: The Wet Tropics is a global biodiversity hotspot with remnant populations of ancient plants representing evolution over millions of years.