

Date: 7 May 2024

To: Mareeba Shire Council

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

Hi everyone,

I hope everyone had a lovely long weekend - I did :-D

Last Monday 29 April I received a brief reply from Angela saying thank you for my email and information.

I am now wondering if I am on the 'do not engage' list regarding this topic? :-D

Or if further discussion is now taking place on how to answer my proposal to leave the vertical wall standing?

We will need a very good reason why the wall needs to be demolished as there doesn't seem to be one yet - only that it is an inconvenience for Christopher and Jackie who have done a lot of work on this project according to Shellie - however the quotes have not been submitted so I'm not sure why it is difficult or cumbersome to amend the brief to leave the vertical wall standing?

Other than that there is no good reason to destroy what is otherwise a very pleasant arrangement of boulders which can be planted out with beautiful native ferns, mosses, epiphytes, etc - see sample below - and be a stunning addition to the botanical garden collection of plants.

Council decided before the 'community consultation' period that the fountain would be demolished and concrete paths would be installed - that was never up for 'community consultation'. In actual fact the \$ could be better spent elsewhere in the village but it seems there is budget to be spent on machines and concrete whether it is required or not.

I need to know now the result of my request please so I can move to the next stage:

a) Yes, vertical wall can be retained - I will then be able to put this out of my mind and sleep better at night :-) Kuranda Conservation can start propagating and collecting the plants which takes time. There is no downside on this option.

b) No, the vertical wall will be demolished without good reason - I will be putting a media release together that will include the Rotary Club's work is to be demolished without good reason - and that this excellent compromise to retain some of their project was not accepted by council to the detriment of the botanical garden and the additional species we could feature on the wall.

Please advise.

Kind regards,

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for Kuranda Region Planning Group

