

## **OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE BOTANIC GARDEN MOSSMAN MASTER PLAN - 21<sup>st</sup> April 2016**

An invited stakeholder audience of about 70 guests will be privileged to be the first people to enjoy the Master Plan presented by architects, Cairns Consultants LA3 for the Botanic Gardens Mossman concept.

Guests will gather at the Gardens site in north Mossman to witness the first symbolic planting at the proposed entrance way. Rt Hon Warren Entsch MP for Leichhardt, who has been an ardent supporter of the project, will be attendance to cut the opening ribbon with Douglas Shire Mayor Julia Leu and councillors showing their support plus VIPs from the various Community, Scientific and environmental stakeholder groups who are keen to be involved in the Gardens.

Gardens Chairman John Sullivan said "It has taken over 5 years to get to this exciting point and we are all looking forward to being able to show our guests what has been designed."

The party will then move down to Mojoes Restaurant where drinks and nibbles will be on offer while the guests enjoy the first showing of the three dimensional digital fly through of the proposed garden layout. The consultants, LA3 will also present an outline of what is proposed and the options as to how such an iconic project may be funded.

The design layout has been created to ensure that the venue attracts garden enthusiasts, the scientific world as well as tourists who will be irresistibly drawn to the architecturally amazing structure together with the phenomenal diversity of tropical flora which will be exhibited.

Chairman John Sullivan summarised by saying that, "The story and theming of the gardens has been carefully designed in association with the local Ku Ku Yalanji people and their elders have assured the board that they are fully supportive of the project and are very excited about the opportunity to tell the story of their people and their country within the venue.

Garden Chairman John Sullivan declared that, "With the launch of the master plan it is now possible to commence the all-important job of fund raising. We now have an impressive document to present to potential supporters at all sponsorship and membership levels. The digital presentation ensures everyone who is shown the presentation will get an instant understanding of why this catalytic venue is so important to Mossman, The Douglas Shire and the far north of Queensland."

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