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BOTANIC GARDEN

Annual Report

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Mission

The Mossman Botanic Garden presents a roadmap for rainforest conservation, celebration of traditional knowledge and protection for a healthy planet.

Vision

A 21st century botanic garden that demonstrates the crucial contribution of tropical rainforests to life on earth.

Key Economic Drivers

People | Planet | Profit

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

For the 2020/21 year, the MBG set a number of key targets and we are very pleased to advise that the following key achievements have been delivered:

- Geotechnical, soil and drainage testing for groundworks to commence construction of Stage One and Two of the Garden
- Commencement of the landscape design
- Preparation and development of engineering drawings and specifications for construction of Stage One of the Garden, including purchase planning and the bid process for appointment of architects and engineers
- Collection and propagation of seed from native species
- Revegetation using locally appropriate native species
- Continuing to build strong strategic partnerships including with James Cook University and CQU University, the Wet Tropics Management Authority (WTMA), departments and agencies of the Queensland Government and TAFE Queensland, to ensure long-term success of the Garden, as well as with potential, key national and international philanthropic and corporate organisations
- Finalisation of the Community Development Grant Project, to ensure construction readiness of Stage One of the Garden
- The development and implementation of a suite of governance and management policies and procedures
- Transitioning of the board of directors to a skills-based board
- The appointment of our inaugural patron, Professor Tim Entwistle.

IN PROGRESS

Although not finalised, the MBG has seen significant progress in the following areas:

- Development and implementation of the botanical plan for the Garden including how the horticultural collection will be managed and how records will be kept for phylogenetic conservation with the Australian Tropical Herbarium
- Requesting capital contributions for construction of Stage One of the Garden from the Australian and Queensland governments, as well as the philanthropic and corporate sectors
- Preparation and development of operating plans to execute strategies, including enabling technology systems
- Regulatory and town planning approvals for construction of Stage One of the Garden.

MBG PATRON



...I have no doubt that with the expertise and knowledge assembled, combined with the natural beauty of this region, we can make this botanic garden soar."...

The board of the MBG are thrilled to announce Professor Tim Entwisle as our inaugural patron for the MBG! Tim is a highly respected scientist, scientific communicator and botanic gardens director. He took up the role of Director and Chief Executive of Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne in March 2013, following two years in a senior role at Royal Botanic Gardens Kew, and eight years as Executive Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens and Domain Trust in Sydney.

Of his appointment as our inaugural patron Tim has advised:

"Botanic gardens change lives and can save our planet. These are not empty words but my experience from over forty years working for, and visiting, botanic gardens around the world. So often they are in the middle of big cities where, yes, they can change many lives, but they can also be distant from the places that most need their help.

A botanic garden in Mossman, in far north Queensland, has the potential to motivate every visitor to the wet tropics to protect and nurture our precious flora as part of our enduring First People's culture. That's an irresistible attraction for me, and I'm delighted to be the patron of this fledgling botanic garden.

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CHAIR REPORT



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What a dynamic year 2021 has been: Thanks to our CEO Nicky, Company Secretary Erin and your board, the operations, management and governance of the MBG are in the best shape they have ever been. In July we met to plan the future for the Mossman Botanic Garden (MBG) and we signed off on six key economic pillars consistent with the rubric People, Planet and Profit.

The opportunities we identified are so exciting. In tourism, events and arts the MBG will be an Iconic new destination, and a significant venue for events that will attract year-round visitation: It will be a place to interact with, and enjoy one of the world's oldest living rainforests. Top artists, theatre and dance companies are already lining up to perform at the gardens as soon as they open.

Horticulture and agribusiness at the MBG will provide more opportunities. We are the Garden of Origins, enabling people to connect with evolution, to explore the wonder of tropical rainforest species and to generate biodiverse business opportunities for agriculture and health.

Research and biosecurity will play a major role. The MBG will become a globally significant place of collaboration for science, community, industry and government. It will be regional hub for research, and the application and communication for biosecurity best practices. We will establish the MBG as a significant training centre and engage in citizen science opportunities.

Traditional knowledge and ethnobotany are at the core of the MBG. Traditional Owners lead natural resource management, connecting visitors to traditional knowledge and co-creating economic pathways.

There is huge scope for innovation in renewables, carbon, and showcasing market ready technology to the public and potential investors. We can host data on blockchain to increase trust and transparency. We are designing and building for net zero emissions.

For the Mossman and Far North Queensland community and our MBG members, the MBG will provide open space for community gardens, recreation and amenities. The MBG will enhance liveability in Mossman and the surrounding areas, increasing economic diversity and regional sustainability and will provide employment opportunities and stability for people to 'stay local'. The MBG has so much amazing potential for the community, for the region, and for the preservation of tropical rainforests across the world, but we need your support. We are poised to achieve greatness: Please join us now.

Simon Towle, MBG Chair

CEO REPORT



...the Mossman Botanic Garden will deliver a project that defines sustainability, conservation, and economic development...

2021 has been a wonderful year for the MBG team with the skilled working board supporting and guiding all activities. What have we learnt from this year? Well, 2019 was the year that tropical forests scientists said would never be impacted by fire, were impacted by fire. The need to commence the in-situ living collections of Wet Tropics at the MBG, coupled with plant breeding programs that are linked to saving species and the need to start collecting and planting has becoming increasingly urgent.

The importance of building community preparedness has also become a much more defined priority as has the Garden's ability to support community growth and liveability by delivering defined economic growth, employment and training, skills, and facilitating the transfer of traditional and contemporary science and knowledge. As we commence development discussions with sponsors and donors that will support green technologies and looking at energy use, responsible water consumption sourcing waste and recycling systems and much more, we will also showcase the many contributions that the MBG can make through research, tourism and events.

In the next few years as the demand for sustainable, green infrastructure and projects shakes up the natural resources markets and reshapes how our finance institutions operate they will also help redefine the technology and tourism sectors. The opportunity right now, as concerns grow around the implications of biodiversity loss, is a return to thinking about our environment in a broader context, start looking at the economic value of our ecosystems and services and uncover what that might deliver to governments and business.

Inviting the rest of the world to see how well Australia is doing could produce some defining blueprints for future projects such as the MBG and pave the way for us to deliver a project that helps define sustainability, conservation, and economic development for both the Douglas Shire region and Northern Australia.

I am so proud to be a part of this project and look forward to seeing it take its place in the region and become a globally significant nature-based project underpinned by the world's oldest living culture and surrounded by the world's oldest Wet Tropics rainforest. We can with focus and support deliver this game changing 21st Century Botanic Garden in the heart of the Wet Tropics.

Nicky Swan, MBG Chief Executive Officer

MBG IMPACT PILLARS

At the MBG board strategy day held in Port Douglas in July 2021, the board confirmed the following six key areas of development within the garden precinct.

1

Tourism: Events and Arts

- Iconic new destination
- A significant venue for events
- Attract year-round visitation
- A place to interact with and enjoy the world's oldest living rainforest.

2

Horticulture and Agri Business

- Garden of Origins: connecting with evolution.
- Exploring the wonder of tropical rainforest species.
- Generate biodiverse business opportunities for agriculture and health.

3

Research and Biosecurity

- A place of collaboration for science, community, industry and government.
- Regional hub for research, application and communication for biosecurity best practices.
- Establish a training centre for upskilling.
- Engaging citizen science opportunities.

4

Traditional Knowledge & Ethnobotany

- Traditional owners lead natural resource management.
- Connecting visitors to traditional knowledge.
- Co-create economic pathways.

5

Innovation: Renewables, Carbon Drawdown, Tech

- Showcasing market ready technology to the public and potential investors.
- Hosting data on blockchain to increase trust and transparency.
- Net zero emissions commitments for MBG's scope 1, 2 & 3 emissions.

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Community and Members

- Open space for community gardens, recreation and amenities.
- Enhancing liveability in Mossman and the surrounding areas.
- Increased economic diversity and regional sustainability.
- Stability for people to stay local.



ACT LOCAL

To support the essential global environmental practices that the world is finally realising have to become the normal, a small town in the Far North of Queensland is forging a path that others would do well to emulate. Mossman and its community, just north of Cairns is working enthusiastically to accomplish a dream that only seven years ago seemed to be way above its fighting weight. Six local Mossman residents, John Anich, Tony Woodall, Frank Fricker, Alan Carle, Marcus Anderson and Peter Wood, got together in 2012 and put their dream onto paper. This detailed plan for a 'Not for profit' community owned botanic garden has been enlarged and elaborated over the years and with the great support of Federal MP, Warren Entsch took its first step in 2014 to becoming a reality when the land upon which the MBG was to be located was purchased. Mossman, as the perfect location for this project, is starting to tick the boxes to support the new 'norm' of protecting the planet and its delicate environment. The town is bordered by the Daintree Rainforest, the world's oldest living rainforest and is adjacent to the Great Barrier Reef. Both these World Heritage areas need protection from the damaging effects which the modern world inflicts upon each of them.

Funding to get the gardens in a position to commence construction has been largely achieved through private philanthropy, an ever growing membership programme plus success with many of the local and national grant schemes that are designed to help this kind of public amenity make a significant difference and enrich our lives. The gardens will become a safe haven for this incomparable region and as such lend its weight to defending and sheltering many vital species for future generations. In addition, as an integral part of the gardens, there will be world class research facilities to ensure that the scientific, educational and medical sectors have a unique facility to explore, investigate and study this unparalleled region and its plethora of species that in many cases appear nowhere else in the world. Developing new medications, treatments and antidotes within these facilities will be beneficial and invaluable for a global market. Who knows what will be discovered?

As the only botanic garden focused on publicly showcasing unique plants from Australia's Wet Tropics World Heritage Area, this platform will share stories and communicate around conservation, regeneration, Traditional Knowledge and how historically, indigenous peoples have managed their land and food resources. It will provide a variety of new and stimulating jobs. And if that isn't enough boxes ticked then consider this...the MBG will be a botanic garden that truly represents Northern Australia as an unrivalled tropical rainforest conservation champion. It will be a centre of excellence for environmental presentation, protection and advancement.... and all from a small sugar town in the Far North of Queensland, Australia called Mossman!

Roy Weavers, MBG board member



CULTURAL HERITAGE

The MBG sits on freehold residential-zoned land. Nonetheless, it behoves us all to work collaboratively alongside the Traditional Owners throughout the Wet Tropics, and other key stakeholders. The MBG Board, management and staff will always strive to do so. Western science and Traditional Knowledge need to move forward hand in hand to provide equal opportunities for first nations, and locals, to work in the Gardens for the benefit of the whole region.

Rainforest Aboriginal people's environment provided everything: spirituality, identity, social order, shelter, food and medicine. They had an economic system in place that involved the bartering of resources amongst different tribal groups. The sharing of stories, the use of language, and the performance of songs and dances are still very important. These activities maintain Rainforest Aboriginal people's unique evolving cultural identity and connection to country.

The Wet Tropics of Queensland World Heritage Area spans the Ancestral homelands of eight distinct language family groups encompassing some 20 distinct Traditional Owner (TO) groups, who today number about 20,000 Rainforest Aboriginal peoples.*

At the time of publication (December 2021), the Australian Government funds 34 Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Programs in Queensland (the majority in Far North Queensland), while the Queensland Government funds 150 positions with 13 programs with an 24 additional positions promised in 2022. Indigenous Ranger Programs enable First Nations communities care for land and sea country, provide jobs and training and engage future generations. Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger groups work to conserve Queensland's important ecosystems and cultural heritage on country, from Cape York to the Bunya Mountains, and including the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area.

The MBG's very first Memorandum of Understanding, created between the Gardens, the Jabalbina Aboriginal Corporation (representing the Eastern Kuku Yalanji People), and the Australian Tropical Herbarium, is currently under review. We acknowledge the ongoing contribution of the Eastern Kuku Yalanji Bama for guiding the establishment and development of the MBG.

Simon Towle, MBG Chair

* Rainforest Aboriginal Peoples' Alliance 2010.



A LIVING COLLECTION

Botanic gardens are not simply places of plant collection, but they are active places of study. Understanding plants and their relationships with each other and with us, gives us vital knowledge of how plants have evolved over millions of years and how they have been intrinsic to man's development and success as a species. We have always exploited plants and their bounty, which in turn has led to man's ability to move away from just trying to survive and onto being able to develop into large societies, explore and deliver advancements in living standards and science.

What we are only just realizing is how intertwined our natural spaces are and how dependent each species is its ecosystem. What is somewhat more interesting is how plants species can change, survive or thrive outside of their given niche. This provides the most exciting prospect, and hence the very existence of botanic gardens is to allow us to study plants outside of their natural state. To have a botanic garden in Mossman dedicated to the study of the surrounding rainforest species give an opportunity to investigate the genetic range within a plant species in its own climatic conditions.

In a rainforest only a few individual seedlings will ever survive to maturity, and the selection of those seedlings will generally be the same, generation after generation. In a garden we can grow hundreds or thousands of individual plants from one species so that we can investigate the diversity. There may be some that produce large or more abundant fruit. There could be individuals that grow more broadly, have more colourful new growth or more flowers. Some of these traits will be more desirable than others. For example, fruiting characteristics will be highly sort after for developing Bush Food Industries, or the shape and strength of a tree might be more desirable for street tree plantings. From this point those trees with the best traits can be utilized for the given purpose. The bottom line is that unless we spend the time to grow out the diversity of our rainforests then we will never know the capability of so many of our local plant species. The economic benefit to the Mossman Botanic Garden maybe endless, especially when we start to talk about the rich diversity of chemical compounds that plants generate.

The MBG in a natural World Heritage area will attract researchers & students from around the world. It will increase the level of horticultural education for the local farming, natural resource management, urban & tourism landscape, and nursery production in the region. It will foster the development of diverse, innovative, and environmentally aware local businesses, helping to broaden the economic base which the region desperately needs.

John Sullivan, MBG board member



A WET TROPICS BOTANIC GARDEN

The Australian Wet Tropics bioregion, within which the MBG is nestled, is renowned worldwide for its flora. It is incredibly rich, harbouring over 20% of our continent's plant species, including 60% of ferns, in a tiny fraction of the landmass.

Like a living storybook its unique suite of species speaks of the three great themes in the genesis story of the Australian flora: ancient Gondwanan heritage, the great continental drying, and Australian-Asian biotic migration. Recognition of this outstanding universal value led to its inscription on the World Heritage register in 1988 and recent acknowledgement as one of the top ten most irreplaceable protected areas on Earth. But its survival is not assured – 8% of the bioregion's flora (nearly 350 species) are threatened.

Conservation of our priceless natural heritage requires that people know, understand and care about it. Visiting natural places and experiencing the grandeur of life is critical to inspiring an appreciation of nature and humanity's dependence upon it. Yet universal access to wild places impacts the very natural values we seek to protect. This trade-off between access and conservation represents a problem for which botanic gardens provide a solution.

Botanic Gardens are known and loved the world over as places of learning, where stories are told through curated collections, and scientific laboratories that support critical research. But perhaps most importantly, botanic gardens provide an entrée to nature, a place where people for whom raw, wild places are inaccessible can experience a safe, convenient and approachable sample.

Humans need to interact with the natural world. Edward O. Wilson, one of our generation's great natural scientists, speaks of our innate biophilia – affinity with nature – and how rediscovering it is a key to reversing today's environmental crises. Botanic gardens, as gateways to the natural world, will have an increasing role to play and the MBG, as a showcase of the globally significant Australian Wet Tropics flora will stand as a shining example.

Darren Crayn, MBG board member



MBG EVENTS

Every year hundreds of events or festivals are held across regional Australia – including sporting, food and wine, music, arts and culture and community events. Events are ideal for generating awareness for regional destinations and driving visitation. Regional tourism has been long recognised as a significant part of the Australian visitor economy, with 44 cents of every tourism dollar, spent in regions (pre-COVID).* Since COVID, localised tourism and intrastate travel has seen a dramatic increase (of over 8%)** and with the ending of the border restrictions in late 2021, this is expected to continue to grow significantly over the coming years.

KPMG (February 2021) found that recreational travellers will be driven by three key mindsets over the next 12-24 months, the need to tick off the backyard bucket list and really explore Australia, experimenting with the working holiday as the recent prevalence of flexible working brought about by the pandemic and romancing with the great Aussie road trip, given that much of the growth in domestic travel will be shorter, more frequent and more affordable holidays.

Upon completion of all stages of the MBG, the delivery and hosting of events on the site will be a key pillar of expected revenue and activity. As part of the building program, there will be the development of commercial grade and iconic indoor event spaces and an outdoor amphitheatre.

These types of facilities (which currently do not exist in the Douglas Shire), will be a game-changer for the region and will help drive tourism across all seasons.

The types of events and activities that the Gardens will be aiming to attract are weddings, festivals, moonlight cinema, art shows, music festivals and concerts, business conferences, events & training and local community events, such as farmers markets, swap meets etc.

A key event the MBG board are keen to develop is a world-class garden show, similar in some ways to the Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show. The purpose of the event will be to publicly showcase the unique plants from Australia's Wet Tropics World Heritage Area, to share stories and communicate around conservation, regeneration and traditional knowledge. This truly international event will focus on the Wet Tropics role in combating climate change and we hope will put Mossman and the region onto the international tourism map.

Nathan Clarke, MBG board member

*Designing our tourism future May 2021

** OECD Tourism Trends and Policies 2020



A PROJECT OF NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE

It is rare to find projects for people to invest in where there is a triple bottom line. The MBG project delivers on social, economic, and environmental sustainability. The core of the project is about creating a greater quality of life for current and future generations.

Social Sustainability

This is a project that has at its heart working with and employing locals and traditional custodians of the land. This not only preserves their culture by allowing them to tell their story and share knowledge with future generations, but it also provides opportunity for them to be employed “on country” in a job they are passionate about. The gardens also provide a meeting point for locals to gather and create a greater sense of community and pride in their region.

Economic Sustainability

The Mossman region is looking for diversity in its economy and has always had a proud history of farming and tourism but it needs more product if it is to capture a greater share of the spend from free and independent travellers who are now looking for “experiences” which the gardens will deliver. It is proposed that the gardens provide both a northern biosecurity option along with partnerships with local universities to deliver a centre of excellence that attracts more students who are so important to the local Far North Queensland economy.

Environmental Sustainability

MBG is proposed to be a research centre of excellence working on protecting the worlds oldest living tropical rainforest at a time of climate change threatening biodiversity and rainforest species. It will be an example for others to follow for sustainable low impact tourism that gives back to the environment whilst still allowing the community and visitors to experience world class facilities, events and indigenous culture.

With any project of this scale, where the focus isn't just profit, there needs to be a funding arrangement that partners government funding with private philanthropy, corporate philanthropy, and grants. I would expect that once the gardens are built entry fees, partnerships, membership, and commercial funding sources/investment will also play an important role. Initially however we are reaching out to corporates, private wealth, and government to bring to life a project that they will be able to be both proud of and that will deliver a triple bottom line. They will be delivering economic growth outcomes, supporting traditional owners into employment and preserving their culture, protecting biodiversity and world heritage sites of global significance for future generations to come.

Jeff Schrale, MBG board member



TOURISM

As Queensland re-imagines its future, the visitor economy – Australia’s fourth largest export sector – is at a pivotal moment. The MBG exemplifies the opportunity to create visionary and accessible new infrastructure and experiences that spark recovery in every area of the visitor economy: domestic and international tourism; international student, business and leisure travel; arts, community, corporate & cultural events; hospitality and accommodation.

Located on the Traditional Lands of the Kuku Yalanji people, the MBG will fuse First Nations culture and traditional knowledge with contemporary science and technology, celebrate the diverse species and stories of the world’s oldest continuously surviving tropical rainforest, and explore our ongoing relationship with the natural world, offering a unique and unparalleled insight into life in the Wet Tropics and its contribution to the future of our planet.

Internationally, gardens are amongst the world’s most successful visitor attractions and have proved an enduring resilience. The UK’s Royal Botanic Gardens Kew were the most visited paid attraction in England during 2020 – the first time a garden had taken the top spot. Closer to home it’s hard to look past the staggering success of Gardens by the Bay, which welcomed over 13.7 million visitors in 2019 and continues to be Singapore’s top visitor attraction.

The MBG will be a game-changer for the Douglas Shire and Wet Tropics, delivering a globally significant nature-based experience underpinned by the world’s oldest living culture.

On top of the leisure and educational tourism and events opportunities, its contribution to growth in Business Events – a significant pipeline for regional recovery - should not be underestimated. While business events visitor numbers to Tropical North Queensland are on average 25% of total visitation, spend and yield are much greater. Most critically, business events also contribute to overcoming the seasonality that presents a major challenge to our regional tourism industry.

The Douglas Shire already proudly offers world class tourism experiences based around our natural reef and rainforest assets and First Nations culture. Now is our chance to take it a step further.

The MBG takes everything we know and love about the tropics and places it in a global, social and scientific context. It’s our chance to contribute to the regenerative, collaborative future of tourism and I sincerely hope we’re able to realise it.

Sheena Walshaw, MBG board member



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

In 2015 the United Nation member states agreed on a plan of sustainable development for the world with 17 Sustainable Development Goals, commonly known as the SDGs, at its heart. This plan and its goals represent the understanding that we cannot aim for economic growth without considering the social and environmental impacts of our economic activities. Economic development must go hand-in-hand with preserving the earth's biosphere as human life is depending on the natural world and social fabric that promotes peace. This is in line with the envisioned purpose of the MBG which is to conserve plants found in the regional Wet Tropics World Heritage environment and demonstrate the crucial role that this rainforest environment plays for the survival and prosperity of humanity while also delivering economic benefits to the region. Similarly, the six economic pillars of the garden will contribute positively to several key SDGs.

Most visibly, the MBG will be a tourism attraction and a venue for events and art exhibitions. This will provide jobs and economic growth in the region (SDG 8), but also an opening for educating all visitors to the site on topics such as protecting life on land (SDG 15) and climate action (SDG 13). In addition, the garden will also include infrastructure for innovation and development of new industries (SDG 9), in particular horticulture and agribusiness. This will open up pathways on how to consume more responsibly and will cover sustainable local production of food (SDG 12). Research and biosecurity will provide strategic education and training opportunities within the region (SDG 4) and will be central to protecting the tropical rainforests and their biodiversity (SDG 15). Science through the Australian Tropical Herbarium offers the opportunity for new economic pathways, therefore providing chances for reconciliation and stronger bonds between traditional owners and non-indigenous populations (SDG 16). The garden will also support and showcase innovations related to renewables and carbon sequestration and is strongly linked to SDG 12, addressing responsible consumption and production, and SDG 13, climate action. Finally, the community focus of the garden is directly supporting the SDG 11 of sustainable communities as the garden will become the village hall, meeting ground and food garden for the locals, which is contributing to a healthy, inclusive and peaceful community.

The MBG fits into the global plan for sustainable development and preservation of natural environments as agreed by the United Nations. In addition, the garden is going to be part of a regional, national and international network of partners that are similarly working towards achieving the global plans, therefore supporting the SDG 17 of partnerships for the goals. With its vision and mission, the MBG will be an excellent example of a 21st-century enterprise with a strong local and community orientation while supporting sustainable development on a global scale in every aspect of its venture.

Markus Kaufmann, MBG intern

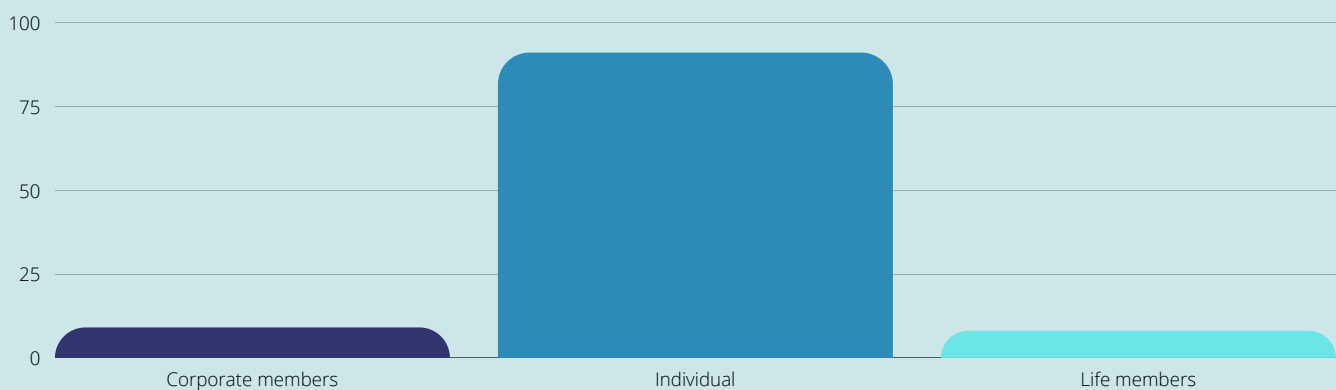
MEMBERSHIP & WEBSITE UPDATE

A new website was developed for the MBG in 2021, which provided more functionality and usability for our members and stakeholders. The new website also integrated the new garden designs that have developed as part of the engineering drawings and specifications for construction of phase one and two of the Gardens. To visit our website visit: <https://mossmanbotanicgarden.com.au/>

Furthermore, the MBG board agreed to discontinue their iMIS member management software trial and transitioned to HelloClub member software.



At the end of December 2021, the MBG had 108 members, spread across Australia and has grown significantly during the year. In 2022 and beyond we expect membership to greatly expand as the MBG moves from construction phase to opening.



MBG BOARD



Simon Towle is an Adjunct Research Associate at The Cairns Institute, James Cook University, currently working with Traditional Owners in the Pilbara to develop a ranger program and cultural heritage strategy, and on a post-Covid recovery plan for the performing arts industry in the Northern Territory and Regional Queensland.

Simon has qualifications in Antarctic environmental science, ecology and geography, political science, planning and environmental law, small business management and industry qualifications in journalism. Simon was previously CEO for the Gunggandji Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC and Regional Manager, Cape York Peninsula, for the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority.

He worked for the QLD Govt in the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships on Thursday Island and for the Department of Environment and Resource Management in Cairns as Team Leader for the successful Wild River Ranger program.



Dr Georgina Davis is the founder of the Waste to Opportunity Enterprise and current Chief Executive Officer of Queensland Farmers' Federation which is the peak body for agriculture in Queensland.

She has an Adjunct position at the Australian Rivers Institute at Griffith University where she develops policy interventions for the consequences of the water-energy-climate nexus on agriculture and monitors the impacts of soil contamination.

Georgina is a Chartered Environmentalist (CEnv) and holds several Board positions and various roles on government bodies and statutory authorities.



Jeff Schrale completed a Bachelor of Science at the University of Queensland followed by a post graduate degree in education.

All up he has been with ANZ for over 10 years and more recently spent two years on the TTNQ board as an independent director whilst still performing his current role at ANZ.

This role has him leading a team that works with a diverse range of commercial and agricultural businesses across the region. He is a passionate advocate of; tourism, agriculture, indigenous opportunity and regional development.

He believes in the potential of Northern Australia and wants to see new opportunities for remote and regional towns to create economic opportunity that leads to their sustainable future.

MBG BOARD



John Sullivan (Bach.App.Sc.Hort.) is principle Landscape Designer at Hortulus, Port Douglas. John has specialised in tropical horticultural for over 30 years working to identifying a strong sense of place, environment and the future management of landscapes for both commercial & residential clients.

John has been actively involved in the horticultural industry, being a founding member of the Cairns Landscape Industries Cluster Inc, a member of Landscape Queensland and a past member of the Australian Institute of Horticulture.

He and his company volunteered & presented at the Cairns Tropical Garden Show for several years and he has been a contributor to several gardening publications. John is currently a committee member for the Douglas Shire Ratepayers Association Inc and was the previous MBG Chair.



Nathan Clarke moved to the Douglas Shire in 2017 from Melbourne, where he had a long and successful career in the personal injury industry.

Nathan currently co-owns and operates an accommodation business in the Douglas Shire with his partner and was the founder and organiser of the incredibly successful Port Douglas Hot & Steamy Festival. Nathan is currently the CEO of the Australian Rehabilitation Providers Association.

Nathan brings to the MBG strong business acumen, brand management, digital marketing, events management and membership management skills, which have been heavily utilised during the redevelopment of the MBG website and the introduction of the new member management platform.

Nathan holds a Master of Public Policy, a Graduate Diploma of Business and a Bachelor of Business (Economics).



Professor Darren Crayn is the inaugural Director of the Australian Tropical Herbarium and he has led this organisation through its formative, establishment and growth phases. It now boasts a significant national and international profile.

His research interests include studies of the taxonomy, evolution and conservation of Australia's and the region's tropical flora. His career has involved research in many tropical countries.

As a leader in the plant sciences in northern Australia, Prof Crayn has held many positions on a wide range of advisory and representative bodies including roles advising state and Commonwealth governments, leadership roles in professional societies and sector peak bodies, and roles on granting bodies.

MBG BOARD



Sheena Walshaw is a creative and strategic tourism professional with over 20 years experience developing, operating, marketing and mentoring tourism businesses in Tropical North Queensland.

A former Chair of Tourism Port Douglas & Daintree and Board Director of Tourism Tropical North Queensland, she brings to the MBG Board an in-depth understanding of international and domestic visitor markets, an extensive trade and industry network, broad expertise in developing contemporary First Nations tourism experiences, an enduring belief in the power of storytelling and a genuine passion for preserving and protecting the Wet Tropics of Queensland through sustainable business development.

As the Principal of her tourism development consultancy Plum Tourism, Sheena brings a wealth of experience around indigenous tourism and the opportunities for the MBG going forward.



Roy Weavers who is originally from England, started his media career, working in and around the marketing and promotional departments of most of the UK's major national newspapers.

Emigrating to Australia in 2003, Roy joined the Port Douglas and Mossman Gazette team before, in 2007, co-founding Newsport Daily online news service and Port Douglas Magazine.

Roy was General Manager of Carnivale from 2013 to 2015. Carnivale is the region's keystone tourism event celebrated annually in May. He has now moved back into the family print business, Mossman Print which has rapidly become a vital support utility for both the residential and business sector of the Douglas Shire, the Tablelands and Cairns.

Roy joined the board for the Botanic Gardens Mossman in 2015 within which his media skills have proved invaluable for the promotion and development of the project.



Barney Swan through a regenerative portfolio accelerates ecosystem protection, carbon drawdown and leadership expeditions.

He is currently in Far North Queensland, Australia, leading a project to restore 370 acres of the world's oldest rainforest: Daintree.

Prior to Founding the charity, ClimateForce Limited, Barney skied 1,000km over 60 days to the South Pole, pulling a sled with supplies and shelter. Surviving off clean technologies including a NASA-designed solar ice melter, biofuels made from waste products, vacuum flasks, and solar batteries.

With a spirit of collaboration, he connects audiences to better understand their environmental footprint and the responsibility to do more about it. Open-sourcing solutions and making sustainable development inclusive to businesses, students, and families.

Financial Statements

Mossman Botanic Garden Ltd

ABN 36 635 423 068

For the year ended 30 June 2021

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Directors Report

Mossman Botanic Garden Ltd For the year ended 30 June 2021

Directors Report

The directors present their report on the company for the financial year ended 30 June 2021.

Information on Directors

The names of each person who was a director for the 12 months ended 30 June 2021 and up until the date of this report:

Director	Appointment/Resignation Date
John Sullivan	Appointed - 30/10/2019
Heather Carle (Secretary)	Resigned - 01/09/2020
Roy Weavers	Appointed - 30/10/2019
Peter McKeown	Resigned - 01/01/2021
Antoinette Brandi	Resigned - 01/03/2021
Nathan Clarke	Appointed - 23/07/2021
Darren Crayn	Appointed - 28/02/2021
Georgina Davis	Appointed - 08/04/2021
Erin Murray (Secretary)	Appointed - 23/07/2021
Jeffery Schrale	Appointed - 08/04/2021
Barnaby Swan	Appointed - 08/04/2021
Simon Towle (Chair)	Appointed - 02/01/2021
Sheena Walshaw	Appointed - 24/06/2021

Operating Result

The surplus for the financial year amounted to \$143,387

Principal Activities

Recognising that the gardens will be established on the Traditional Lands of the Eastern Kuku Yalanji people, our plan for the Mossman Botanic Garden is to:

- Establish and maintain a community owned world-class botanical institution and horticultural collection, which will provide new jobs and skill sets for the region
- Provide a facility to host a range of festivals, conferences, concerts and community events in the Douglas Shire
- Increase the whole of destination touring experience in Far North Queensland to increase domestic and ultimately international visitor numbers to the region
- Build an attraction of international standard which would indirectly contribute to the economic growth and development of the Far North Queensland tourism industry.

Significant Changes

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the financial year.

Events After The Reporting Date

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the company in future financial years.

Environmental Issues

The company's operations are not regulated by any significant environmental regulations under a law of the Commonwealth or of a state or territory of Australia.

Dividends Paid or Recommended

The Constitution of the Corporation prohibits any distribution of profits to members. No dividends/distributions were paid or declared at the start of the financial year. No recommendation for payment of dividends/distributions has been made.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors on:

Simon Towle (Chair)

Date / /

Nathan Clarke (Director)

Date / /

Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

Mossman Botanic Garden Ltd For the year ended 30 June 2021

	NOTES	2021	2020
Income			
Donations	7	25,050	161,200
Grants	8	430,136	28,500
Unexpended Grant Movement		(93,319)	-
Memberships		3,523	3,854
Total Income		365,390	193,554
Gross Surplus		365,390	193,554
Other Income			
Interest Income		56	151
Royalties Received		1,062	1,513
Total Other Income		1,118	1,664
Expenditure			
Accounting Fees		4,130	980
Advertising & Branding		8,895	9,905
Bank Charges		134	-
Board Meeting Expenses		566	-
Bookkeeping		1,592	945
Computer Expenses		100	-
Consultants		108,334	134,180
Survey Costs		-	8,715
Event Expenses		1,200	1,486
Filing Fees		383	495
Hire of Plant & Equipment		-	1,648
Insurance		4,351	-
Office Expenses		4,484	582
Rates		2,875	2,789
Subscriptions & Memberships		2,189	1,050
Project Management		52,000	10,000
Project Officer Expenses		-	2,500
Rubbish Removal Costs		-	5,700
Software & Website Expenses		4,776	-
Spraying & Weed Control Costs		-	6,109
Travel & Accommodation		331	-
Watering & Planting Costs		15,094	9,750
Total Expenditure		211,432	196,834
Current Year Surplus/ (Deficit) Before Non-Cash Adjustments		155,076	(1,616)
Non-Cash Adjustments			

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements. These statements should be read in conjunction with the attached Independent Auditors Review Report.

	NOTES	2021	2020
Depreciation		11,689	2,172
Total Non-Cash Adjustments		11,689	2,172
Current Year Surplus/(Deficit) After Non-Cash Adjustments		143,387	(3,788)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements. These statements should be read in conjunction with the attached Independent Auditors Review Report.

Statement of Financial Position

Mossman Botanic Garden Ltd As at 30 June 2021

	NOTES	30 JUN 2021	30 JUN 2020
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	2	198,613	164,149
Trade and Other Receivables	3	1,630	19,635
Total Current Assets		200,242	183,784
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant & Equipment	4	1,618,289	1,398,630
Total Non-Current Assets		1,618,289	1,398,630
Total Assets		1,818,531	1,582,414
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Borrowings	5	-	31,350
Trade and Other Payables	6	46,595	15,834
Unexpended Grant Funds		93,319	-
Total Current Liabilities		139,914	47,184
Total Liabilities		139,914	47,184
Net Assets		1,678,617	1,535,230
Member's Funds			
Capital Reserve		1,678,617	1,535,230
Total Member's Funds		1,678,617	1,535,230

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements. These statements should be read in conjunction with the attached Independent Auditors Review Report.

Notes to the Financial Statements

Mossman Botanic Garden Ltd For the year ended 30 June 2021

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Act 2001.

The corporation is a not-for-profit entity and AASBs include requirements for not-for-profit entities which are inconsistent with International Financial Reporting Standards. Hence, these financial statements and associated notes do not comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

The significant accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and are consistent with prior reporting periods unless otherwise stated.

Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE)

Property Improvements, Office equipment & Computer Software are carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

The depreciable amount of all PPE is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the company commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

Land is measured at cost and has not been revalued.

Architecture & Sites plans are recorded at cost.

Revenue and Other Income

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument. Dividend revenue is recognised when the right to receive a dividend has been established.

Grant and donation income is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.

If conditions are attached to the grant that must be satisfied before the association is eligible to receive the contribution, recognition of the grant as revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax.

Cash & Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held on call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

Trade & Other Receivables

These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached Independent Auditors Review Report.

Trade receivables and other receivables, including distributions receivable, are recognised at the nominal transaction value without taking into account the time value of money. If required a provision for doubtful debt has been created.

Trade & Other Payables

Trade and other payables represent the liabilities for goods and services received by the company that remain unpaid at 30 June 2021. Trade payables are recognised at their transaction price. They are subject to normal credit terms and do not bear interest.

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the assets and liabilities statement.

	2021	2020
2. Cash & Cash Equivalents		
ANZ General Account 44197	213	14,657
ANZ Public Fund Account 14808	-	17
Bendigo Bank Account	-	442
Petty Cash	100	100
OLD Westpac Public Fund Account 0990	100,597	146,755
OLD Westpac Project Account 1010	-	1,405
OLD Westpac Investment Account 1029	103	103
OLD Westpac Membership Account 1002	4,282	671
OLD Westpac Major Grants Account	93,319	-
Total Cash & Cash Equivalents	198,613	164,149

	2021	2020
3. Trade & Other Receivables		
GST	1,630	19,535
Trade Debtors	-	100
Total Trade & Other Receivables	1,630	19,635

	2021	2020
4. Property, Plant & Equipment		
Design & Civil Planning	233,710	4,545
Land at Cost	1,375,698	1,375,698
Property Improvements - at Cost	8,000	8,000
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Property Improvements	(1,192)	(992)
Office Equipment at Cost	2,918	734
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Office Equipment	(845)	(682)
Computer Software at Cost	-	13,260
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Software Costs	-	(1,935)
Total Property, Plant & Equipment	1,618,289	1,398,630

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	2021	2020
5. Borrowings		
Loan - Cyprinoid Solutions	-	31,350
Total Borrowings	-	31,350

	2021	2020
6. Trade & Other Payables		
ATO Integrated Client Account	-	3,561
Trade Creditors	46,595	12,273
Total Trade & Other Payables	46,595	15,834

7. Total Donations to Date

Financial Year	Amount Received
2016	\$7,000
2017	\$20,000
2018	\$25,052
2019	\$100,500
2020	\$161,200
2021	\$25,050
Total	\$338,082

8. Total Grants to Date

Financial Year	Amount Received
2016	\$130,000
2017	\$80,000
2018	-
2019	\$50,000
2020	\$28,500
2021	\$430,136
Total	\$718,636

9. Entity Details

The principal place of business:

2 Foxtan Avenue

MOSSMAN QLD 4873

These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached Independent Auditors Review Report.

10. Events after the Reporting period

The directors are not aware of any significant events since the end of the reporting period.

Statement of Changes In Equity

Mossman Botanic Garden Ltd
For the year ended 30 June 2021

CAPITAL RESERVE

Movements in Equity

Prior Year

Opening Balance	1,539,018
Net Surplus / (Deficit) attributable to members	(3,788)
Total Prior Year	1,535,230

Current Year

Opening Balance	1,535,230
Net Surplus / (Deficit) attributable to members	143,387
Total Current Year	1,678,617

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements. These statements should be read in conjunction with the attached Independent Auditors Review Report.

Statement of Cash Flows

Mossman Botanic Garden Ltd For the year ended 30 June 2021

	2021	2020
1. Statement of Cash Flows		
Cash flows from operating activities		
Receipts from Donations	25,050	161,200
Receipts from Grants	430,136	28,500
Receipts from Memberships	3,623	3,754
Receipts from Royalties & Interest	1,118	1,664
Payments to Suppliers & Employees	(162,765)	(223,699)
Total Cash flows from operating activities	297,161	(28,581)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Payments - Design & Civil Planning	(229,164)	(4,545)
Payments - Office Equipment	(2,184)	-
Payments - Property Improvements	-	(3,000)
Payments - Software	-	(13,260)
Total Cash flows from investing activities	(231,348)	(20,805)
Cash Flows from financing activities		
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities	(31,350)	31,350
Total Cash Flows from financing activities	(31,350)	31,350
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	34,464	(18,036)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year	164,149	182,186
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	198,613	164,150

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements. These statements should be read in conjunction with the attached Independent Auditors Review Report.

Directors Declaration

Mossman Botanic Garden Ltd For the year ended 30 June 2021

The directors have determined that the company is not a reporting entity and that this general purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

The directors of the company declare that:

1. The financial statements and notes, present fairly the company's financial position as at 30 June 2021 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements; and
2. In the directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Chair: _____

Simon Towle

Date:

Director: _____

Nathan Clarke

Date:

Independent Auditor's Review Report

Mossman Botanic Garden Ltd For the year ended 30 June 2021

Conclusion

We have reviewed the 2021 financial report of Mossman Botanic Garden Ltd, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2021, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the declaration by those charged with governance.

Based on our review, which is not an audit, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the accompanying 30 June 2021 financial report of Mossman Botanic Garden Ltd does not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the entity as at 30 June 2021, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the 12 months ended on that date, in accordance with Corporations Act 2001.

Basis for Conclusion

We conducted our review in accordance with ASRE 2410 Review of a Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity. Our responsibilities are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Review of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of Mossman Botanic Garden Ltd in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants that are relevant to our audit of the annual financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

Responsibility of Management for the Financial Report

Management of the company are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the 2021 financial report in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 and for such internal control management determine is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of the 2021 financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility for the Review of the Financial Report

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the financial report based on our review. ASRE 2410 requires us to conclude whether anything has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial report does not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Mossman Botanic Garden Ltd as at 30 June 2021 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the 12 months ended on that date, in accordance with Corporations Act 2001.

A review of a financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.



Auditor's signature: _____

Mitchell K Williams (CPA)

Auditor's address: 10/32 Macrossan St PORT DOUGLAS QLD 4877

Dated:

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