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Mossman Botanic Garden Newsletter

The Mossman Botanic Garden project represents an opportunity for Far North Queensland to invest in an iconic project of global biodiversity significance.

As we start 2023 the MBG team want to take a moment to express our gratitude for our members' ongoing support of the Mossman Botanic Garden.

We look forward to moving on from the last couple of challenging and unpredictable years and taking this critical project into its next developmental stage.

The passion of the Mossman Botanic Garden team has truly kept this critical regional project moving forward with the clear recognition that relying purely on grants and government funding is just not a major option in 2023.

The board have had to think both strategically and laterally at how to encourage the corporate and private sector to also invest in the MBG despite this incredibly competitive funding environment.

Out of this thinking an exciting funding platform has evolved that promises to be a game changer in 2023. We will keep all members and the community in general fully briefed as this next stage of the gardens unfolds.

Meanwhile there have been some terrifically exciting events held at the garden with the promise of more to come:

Major Financial institution visits

The MBG had a visit in November 2022 from 142 key staff and executive team members of a leading Australian bank to the garden.

The team helped build out the Garden of Woven memories with the addition of black palms and other key native plantings.

Their contribution enabled their executives from all over Australia to visit the unique Mossman Botanic Garden site and get a better understanding of the critical importance of caring for the Wet Tropics and the rare and endangered plants within this extraordinary biodiversity location.



The MBG will be a significant piece of infrastructure for the community delivering a range of social and environmental outcomes

KPMG Quote

KPMG Strategic Road Map for the Garden

International accounting firm KPMG has developed a fantastic Strategic Roadmap for Mossman Botanic Garden which will guide the Board in its decision-making going forward and will also be an extremely valuable marketing and fundraising tool.

One of the MBG's primary goals is to reduce and eventually eliminate our dependence on Government grants.

The Strategic Road Map is a document that we can present to potential corporate sponsors and philanthropic organisations.

Training and Education

Considerable progress has been made in the last 12 months in cementing the Mossman Botanic Garden as a significant regional training and education centre.

Memoranda of Understanding have been signed between the MBG and TAFE, James Cook University (JCU) and Central Queensland University (CQU).

Discussions are also underway with the MBG, Jabalbina Aboriginal Corporation representing the Eastern Kuku Yalanji Traditional Owners, and the Federal Department of Agriculture and Fisheries to deliver training programs in Tropical Biosecurity.

The Department has developed a new Certificate IV course in Tropical Biosecurity for the managers of First Nations Ranger programs that was trialled in Darwin in late 2022. The MBG, Jabalbina and TAFE are interested in developing Cert I-III programs specifically for First Nations rangers and the wider community.