



## Working towards a P.A.

The Malanda North team is working towards a Preliminary Approval (P.A.) for Lot 1, approx. 4.6ha of land located adjacent to Ozcare, Malanda.

Town Planner Greg Oven- den has been engaged to oversee the process, including liaising with Tablelands Regional Council (TRC). Some of you will remember Greg from his time as a Town Planner with the former Atherton Shire Council.

Greg will consult with the MN team and council over how best to translate the design initiatives and community interests discussed at previous Malanda North Economic Focus Group meetings into a P.A.

Project feasibility consultant Peter Evans has successfully undertaken a number of innovative re-designs of new

and existing neighbourhoods in the south east corner. He has been engaged to undertake market research and crunch the numbers to identify current and future demand in the Malanda area.

Landscape architect John Mongard, with a special interest in the renaissance of small rural towns, has been advising on the design for Lot 1 and building on the initial Concepts Report conceived by ARUP Cairns.

The P.A. process also includes assessment of expensive water and sewerage infrastructure, with engineering firm Bligh Tanner working on this aspect of the project, having significant expertise in the field.

Land owner Christine Doan said she was appreciative to her many valued associates who had provided input into

what was possible and desirable for her land at Malanda North, with a view to supporting future sustainability of the southern Tablelands community.

As per your suggestions, the project team has decided to start with Lot 1 and depending on the outcomes, address plans for the bulk of the land on Lot 3 in due course.

The plan is to have a P.A. for Lot 1 before the TRC by the end of the year.



Malanda North Lot 1, beside Ozcare  
Photo: Alan Carmichael



The Malanda North team inspects builder Jon Nott's version of an easy build sustainable home for the Tropics at his property Rose Gums near Malanda.



*Landscape architect John Mongard, market research and feasibility consultant Peter Evans, Malanda North land owner Christine Doan and commercial manager Michael Lawrence, working towards a preliminary approval on the land at Malanda North.*



*Natural systems consultant Paul Taylor and builder Jon Nott consult on Malanda North.*



*Jon Nott shares his experience of quick build affordable housing at Rose Gums, Malanda.*



*Queensland Senator Barnaby Joyce shows interest in the Malanda North project.*

## Malanda's Riverside Precinct

*The North Johnstone riverbank needs a serious makeover!* Christine Doan and Lake Eacham Nursery have been steadily re-vegetating the Malanda North side. The push for a rainforest walking and interpretative wonderland on both banks is a huge project

but one inspiring enormous community energy. An environmental upgrade would mean more trees and less weeds, improved community health and education and economic return through



*Under utilised: Malanda's North Johnstone riverbank*

more nature tourism and the town's improved amenity. Support is coming from all over, including Cr Rhonda Sorensen, landscaper Rob Clarkson and Malanda Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Centre volunteers.

# Malanda North's Economic Focus Group

Essential to the enterprise of creating a new neighbourhood at Malanda is the future prosperity of the existing town.

As many as 20 progressive local business people with money and soul invested in the future of Malanda have joined a Malanda North Economic Focus Group, which meets at key intervals to advise on directions and initiatives it feels will be good for Malanda.

Also integral to the community consultation process is the work of a group of Malanda State High School students with a commitment to the future sustainability of their town. The students also assist at the Malanda North monthly market stall.

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for a quality community*



*Left: Christine Doan with Malanda State High School's Emily Foster and Brett Hapgood. Students in teacher Peter Axford's geography class have done considerable discovery work about what is best for the future of their town.*

*Above: Michael Lawrence chairs a Malanda North Economic Focus Group meeting.*

*Right: At the meeting, Malanda electrician Des Brennan.*



## Malanda's Most Sustainable Billy Cart

Malanda's second annual Billycart Race Day was a fun event, proudly supported by Malanda North. Christine Doan sponsored the Most Sustainable Billy Cart, won by Brenden Crago, 15, of Tolga (*main photo*) with his recycled bicycle and deck chair lean mean racing machine.

Second place for Most Sustainable was won by Brandon Crawford of Ravenshoe (right) who welded up an old trampoline base into a speed demon. There are 11 children at Brandon's place so his billy cart will be recycled many times in coming years.



*Winner of Most Sustainable Billy Cart at Malanda's Second Annual Billy Cart Race Day, Brenden Crago of Tolga.*

Third place was Flynn Forsyth from Tolga, a Year 5 straight A's student with a flare for design and construction whether dinosaurs or billy carts.



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**MSHS Link** A group of Malanda State High School students have been taking an active interest in researching the present and planning for the future of their community under geography teacher Peter Axford (*below left*). The students have been consulted about the Malanda North project and asked to be kept informed on an on-going basis. Land owner Christine Doan was so impressed with the calibre of the students she offered to employ a number of them in community liaison roles, including at the project team's monthly stall at Malanda markets. Christine and the Malanda North 'market mob' plan to make appearances at other Tablelands monthly market days soon.



*MSHS students Garrett Perks and Kathryn McCabe on MN land.*



**QUT Link** The Malanda North story is followed with interest by a group of students undertaking Built Environment and Engineering studies at Queensland University of Technology in Brisbane. Malanda North sponsored a design competition as part of their second year studies. The students' brief was to design a village considering materials and features suitable for the tropics with maximum sustainability, principles held dear by the Malanda North team. Maximum conservation of resources and cheaper on-going maintenance and running costs are design features both the Malanda North team and most residents of the Far North feel are important priorities. Lecturer Paul den Ronden (*pictured right with Christine Doan*) and his classes of community focused students previously designed and built a school house for orphans in Botswana.



*Christine Doan's Malanda North team and friends, raising money for cancer research at Australia's Biggest Morning Tea*

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