

Foreshores & Waterfronts Capability



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about us



*“ we aim to create significant and viable spaces,
with community and the entire life cycle in mind ”*

LA3 is a Queensland based local consultancy with landscape architecture, master planning and urban design professionals providing quality services for a diverse range of projects in Australia and Asia-Pacific. Now 12-years old, the LA3 business includes professionals with experience in the industry of more than 30-years. Our design approach is based on a detailed assessment of the natural systems of a given site and an understanding of the cultural heritage qualities of that place.

We provide creative, robust and strategic visions which result in innovative and practical site-responsive solutions. LA3 provides design services from concept through to detailed design and documentation, and supervision. We can lead the design process or support you in the documenting aspects of your design.

We can also prepare contemporary 2D and 3D visualisations. In providing these services, we aim to create significant and viable spaces, with the community and the entire life cycle in mind.

The LA3 Team advantage comes from its depth of experience in providing full suite of services including:

Landscape Architecture;
Master Planning;
Architecture;
Urban Design;
Planning;
Consultation;
Horticulture;
Visual Impact Assessment;
Design Management; and
Graphics and Visualisations.

Our approach enables our clients to achieve quality design outcomes on time and on budget above expectations. We have experience in a wide range of environments locally and globally and we understand the socio-cultural and environment uniqueness of each. We understand that our clients want the best value for money and we partner with them to achieve mutually beneficial results.

We manage sub-consultants including:

- Civil & Structural Engineering
- Geotechnical & Arborists
- Environmental Consultants
- Specialist lighting Design
- Artists & Community Art Projects

We can manage your contract providing advice on:

- Tendering & Award
- Quality Inspections
- Practical Completion
- Final Completion Certificates



Cardwell Foreshore Redevelopment, Cardwell, QLD - Designed by LA3 after Cyclone Yasi 2011

OUR PEOPLE

We are actively engaged in pushing the boundaries of design locally, putting our products at par with the rest of the world.

The LA3 team has undertaken projects of varying complexities both locally and overseas, and understands the importance of:

- Working collaboratively with clients to identify needs and develop project design and implementation strategies;
- Understanding the contextual and site opportunities and constraints, to develop a solid basis for future strategies;
- Formulating a vision for the future use and management of the facilities and open spaces.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

A strong client-stakeholder-designer partnership inspires us. We strongly believe that a collaborative method of working brings out the best outcomes for all our projects. We always work with our clients and stakeholders to provide robust design solutions that benefit everyone in the partnership in all circumstances.

OUR DIFFERENTIATORS

With numerous firms providing the same or similar set of services, LA3 must demonstrate its point of difference. Our commitment is to deliver premium service to our clients, strive to excel beyond our own limitations, improve upon our standards and continue setting high-standards. We take pride in sharing with you, a few of our differentiators:

- We are advocates of environmentally sustainable design and development;

- We value the inputs of others and we always practise a design approach collaboratively;
- We maintain a very reliable network and we partner with like-minded professionals depending on project requirements.
- We have a broad skill sets to manage a larger multidisciplinary team;
- With our global exposure, we have a great depth of combined individual experiences;
- We operate with a fresh philosophy.



Urban Design at the newly built Yarrabah Jetty, Yarrabah QLD

key people



JOSEPH CORBIN

Managing Director, RLA AILA

Joseph is an AILA-Registered Landscape Architect with 30 years of professional experience in Northern Australia and Asia Pacific and 6 years in the Arabian Gulf. His long list of completed projects reflects his varied experience in design management, landscape architecture, urban design and landscape masterplanning.

He has a strong interest in the tropical Built Environment, place making, landscape and urban design. He enjoys co-design. He has managed large teams on landmark projects such as the Cardwell Foreshore Redevelopment. He was design manager of the significant Al Seef waterfront project for Aldar in Abu Dhabi in 2008 and the Doha Sports City in Qatar prior to that. He is currently designing Bargara Foreshore near Bundaberg.

He is based in Cairns as founding Director of LA3 and currently engaged in several important local projects including the Masterplanning of The Lake Eacham Visitor Facilities upgrade, Misson Beach Master plan and The Bellingen Main Street Redevelopment in NSW, and the Kuranda & Cardwell Cultural Precincts.

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ANDREW PROWSE

Design Director, RLA AILA

Andrew has extensive landscape architectural experience in local community and tourism projects and has been responsible the design of many memorable landscapes in Port Douglas & Cairns. He was the Lead Landscape Architect for the Cairns Cultural Precinct (CPAC).

His design expertise has been recognised by many international, national and state awards including the Australia Council's inaugural Community Environment Art & Design Award for National Achievement in the Arts for the Gordonvale Townscape project. His projects have received several Australian Institute of Landscape Architect's Awards and his design for Munro Martin Parklands in Cairns new Entertainment Precinct won the AIA State Award for Urban Design & FNQ Project of the year Award. His work at the Reconciliation Rocks in Cooktown also won an AILA Award.

Andrew's strength is in connecting with the project team and stakeholders, the visioning of a project at the outset, and providing a unique and inspiring landscape character to a new developments.

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JHAY BANIAGA

Senior Landscape Architect

Jhay is a Senior Landscape Architect with a wide range of professional experience locally and internationally working with LA3 for 7 years.

As well as leading the design documentation for the landmark Cardwell Foreshore project in Nth Qld, he has worked on all aspects of design for LA3 from sketch design to Detailed Design and documentation.

Jhay is familiar with Mossman and Port Douglas and the conditions of Far North Queensland, world tropics and has a keen interest in detailing of landscapes. He has skills in Master Planning and Public Consultation having worked as a facilitator. His solid experience in detailed documentation, conceptualisation and 3D visualisation demonstrates his skills as a talented designer.

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CARDWELL FORESHORE RECONSTRUCTION Cardwell, Queensland, Australia

LA3 has been engaged as Landscape Architects for the landmark project to redesign the 3.5km foreshore and the townscape at Cardwell in North Queensland. The project is the outcome of an extensive public consultation and vision process held in Cardwell in 2011, post TC Yasi. Having carefully facilitated this process, our Principal Landscape Architect, Joseph Corbin developed concept options with the community then developed those community driven solutions into an agreed overall masterplan and community vision for this unique northern Australian coastal township.

The township and foreshore was devastated by the category 5 tropical cyclone Yasi in February 2011. Many people lost not only their belongings but their livelihoods and many had no option but to leave Cardwell. The town is located on the Bruce Hwy adjacent the World Heritage listed Hinchinrook Island and channel. It is the only stop on the coast when travelling from Cairns to Townsville. Many hope that the new works will revitalise this seaside town and help regain the former character whilst bringing a new heart and soul to the town. The community's ongoing involvement will ensure that the outcome is unique and will hold considerable local ownership.

Budget: \$8m



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CARDWELL FORESHORE RECONSTRUCTION Cardwell, Queensland, Australia



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COOKTOWN WATERFRONT Cooktown, Queensland, Australia

Opened in November 2018, the Cooktown Foreshore project created a new public park on reclaimed land stretching from the existing wharves to the historic Gold Rush era explosives magazine building. New facilities includes a splash play, change rooms & amenities building with a cafe and lookout, fishing platforms, barbecues and picnic shelters and extensive lawns to hold public events.

Budget: \$20m



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COOKTOWN WATERFRONT
Cooktown, Queensland, Australia



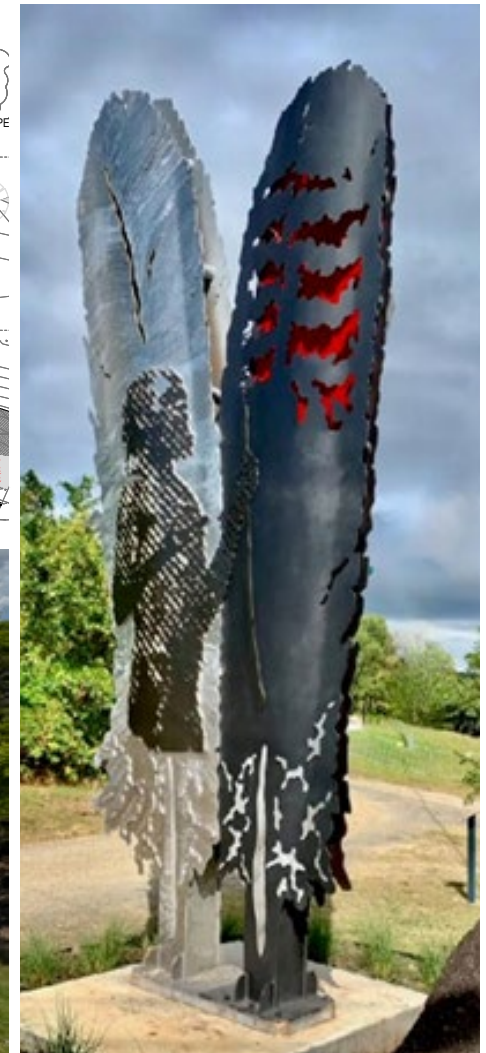
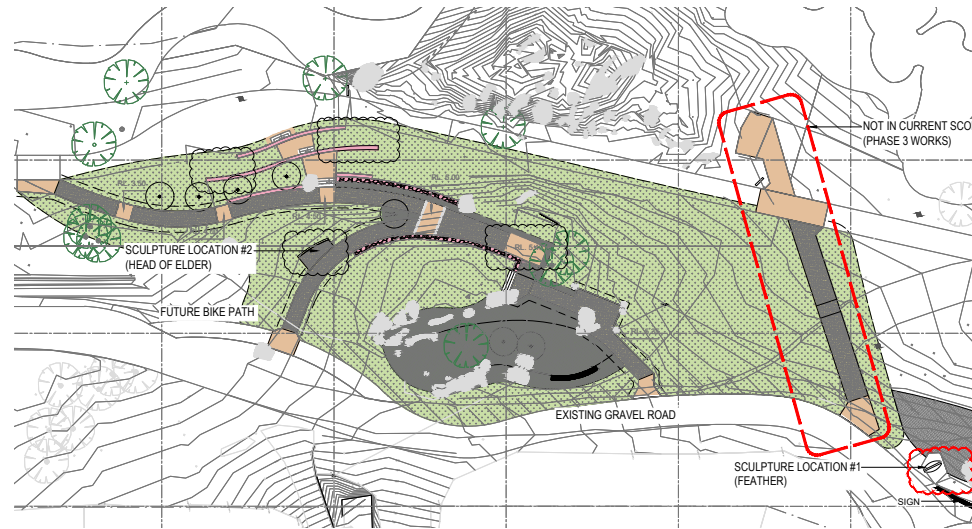
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RECONCILIATION ROCKS COMMEMORATION PARK Cooktown, Queensland, Australia

This Federally funded memorial park commemorates the site and the first act of reconciliation after a conflict in 1770 between the Cook expedition and traditional landowners on the foreshore of what is present day Cooktown. The reconciliation took place at a large outcrop of boulders, still present today, although divided into 2 sections by a 19th Century gold rush railway cut. LA3 provided the Landscape Architectural component of design, documentation, and construction of the Reconciliation Rocks project for Cook Shire Council.

The design utilises the former rail cut to install, off the embankment, a series of shallow cast concrete and grass terraces to create an informal amphitheatre overlooking the significant remaining boulders where reenactment of the event occurs annually.

LA3 worked closely with the project Architects, CA Architects and local artist Braham Stevens, Cook Shire Council, and various stakeholders, including the Guugu Yimithirr Elders & Bama-ngay Traditional Custodians of the White & Black Cockatoo Clans, to help bring their nationally significant, ancestral reconciliation story to life in a symbolic empowering way. Along with the boulders the two artworks are the heroes of the project, one of the two clan cockatoo feathers, the other a portrait of the peace making elder. The project, while delayed due to Covid 2020 Restrictions, was designed and delivered within budget for the rescheduled opening in June 2021.



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RECONCILIATION ROCKS COMMEMORATION PARK Cooktown, Queensland, Australia



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YARRABAH JETTY

Yarrabah, Queensland, Australia

LA3 worked with the Department of Transport & Main Roads (TMR) and the Yarrabah community on the new jetty at Yarrabah. The jetty features built-in artwork of the local wildlife found in the jetty and Yarrabah vicinity. LA3 managed the implementation of artwork from assisting with the artist's engagement and the documentation of local artist Anthony Yeatman into several steel stencils used for the sandblasting the designs into the jetty pavement.

The jetty features a series of interpretation panels telling of the Yarrabah community's history, traditional stories behind the animal artworks and environmental information. LA3 managed the progression of the interpretation signage working closely with the TMR, local elders, rangers and graphic designers on the series of 10 interpretation signs.

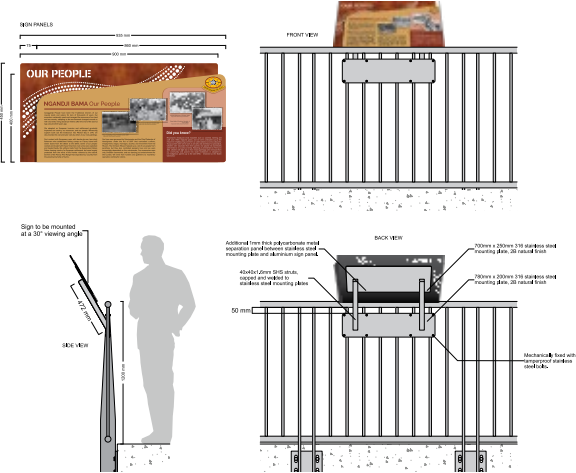
Budget: \$12m



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YARRABAH JETTY Yarrabah, Queensland, Australia



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CAIRNS CHINESE FRIENDSHIP GARDEN Cairns, Queensland, Australia

This garden commemorates the Sister City Friendship between Cairns and Zhanjiang, China. In 2007 Zhanjiang opened the Sino-Australian Friendship Garden, a 40 hectare garden designed by Kim Morris & Andrew Prowse with Zhanjiang City Governments landscape team to celebrate the Sister City relationship. In 2015 Cairns Regional Council commissioned Kim & Andrew to design a Chinese garden that included a lakeside pavilion, Moon Gate, pergola and dramatic rock features.



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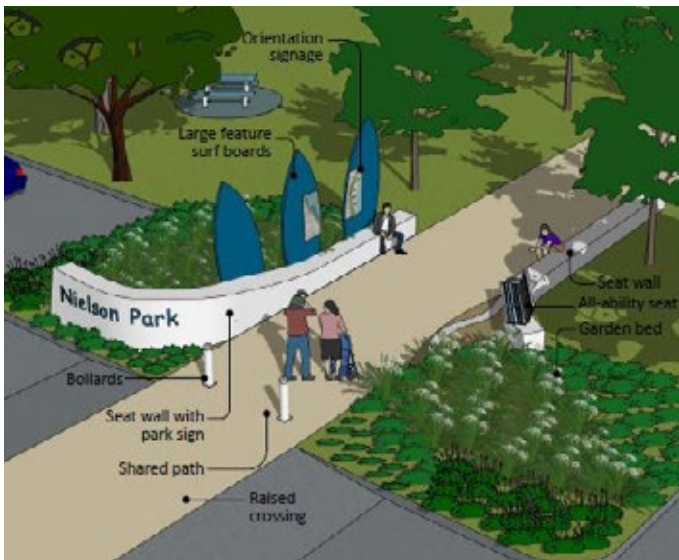
CAIRNS CHINESE FRIENDSHIP GARDEN
Cairns, Queensland, Australia



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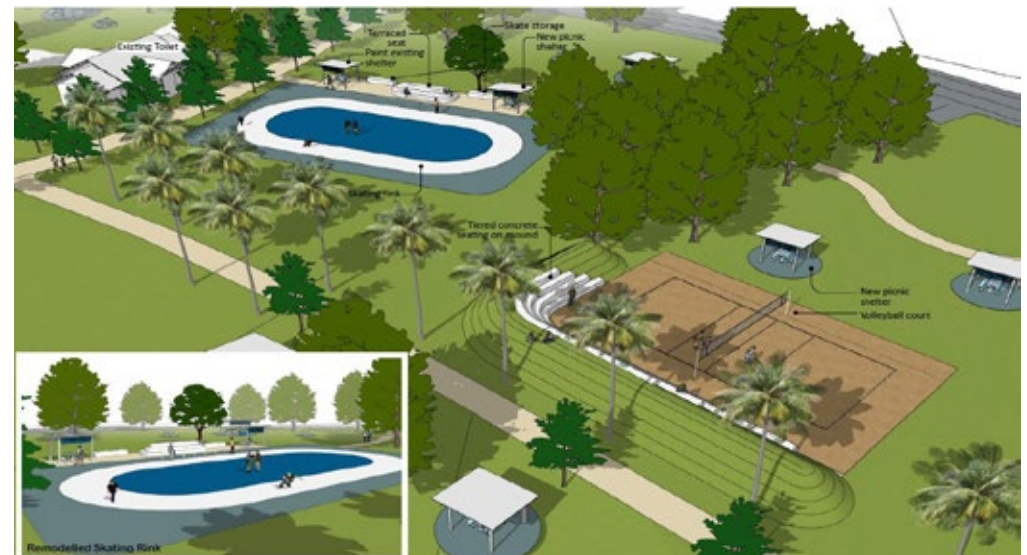
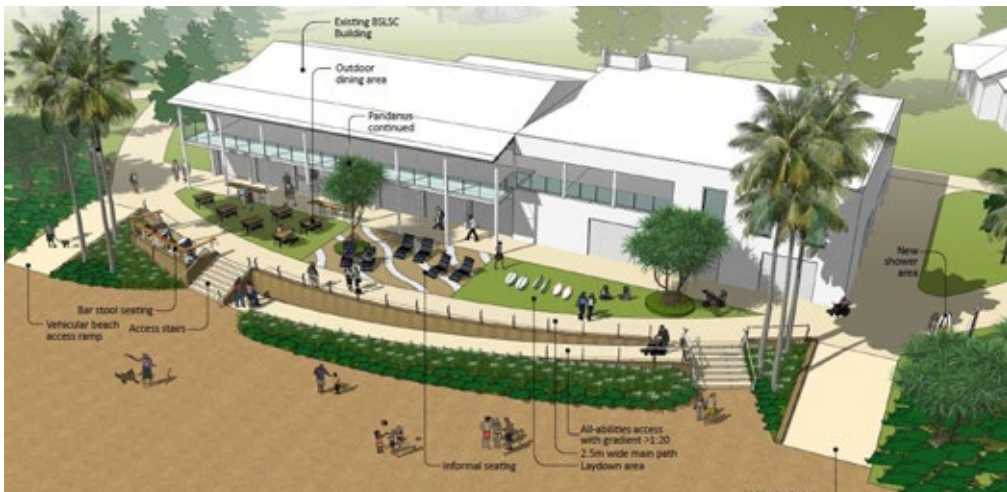
NIELSON PARK UPGRADE Bargara, Queensland, Australia

LA3 is currently working on a masterplan for the upgrade of Nielson Park which is located on the beachfront at Bundaberg and is a major recreational asset for the Council being a focus point for Bargara and Bundaberg residents and visitors to the region. It is one of the Bundaberg Region's premier beachside recreation parks providing a variety of activities including a skate bowl, junior and senior play areas as well as providing access to the Nielson Park Bathing Reserve. The park is a popular destination park, frequented by both locals and visitors and is home to the Bargara Park Run and the Bargara Surf Life Saving Club. Currently, Council is undertaking a number of improvement works to activate the northern end of the recreation park through the installation of a formal carpark and shade structures over the adjacent skate bowl to further increase usage of the park.



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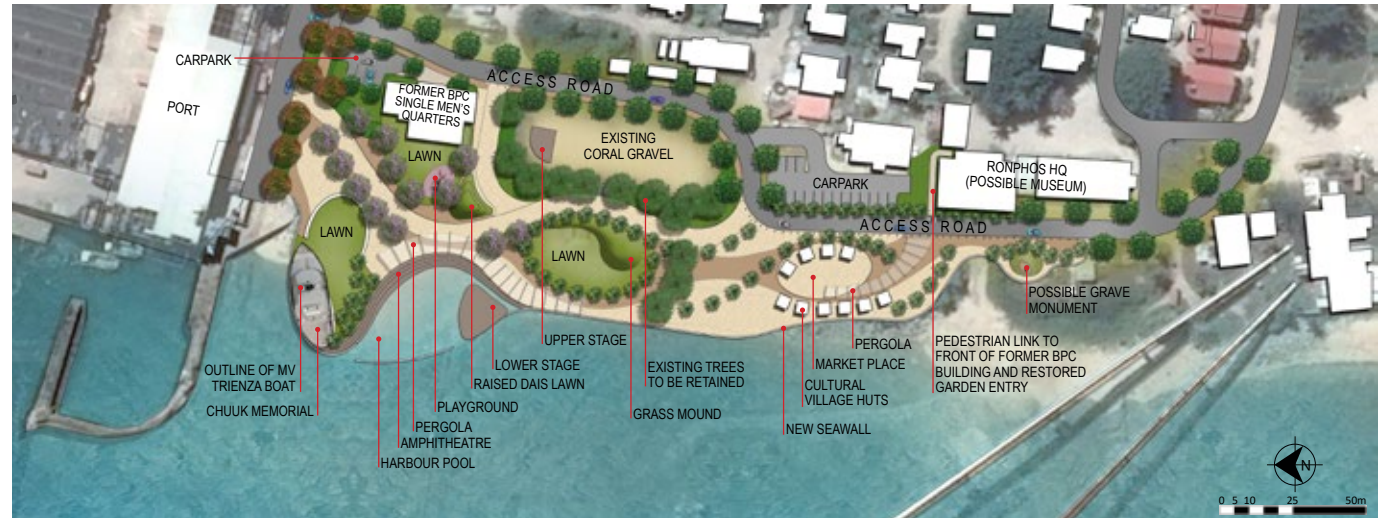
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NAURU GOVERNMENT PRECINCT AND WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT Nauru, Queensland, Australia

The Pacific island nation of Nauru has planned a major upgrade of their port facility, as part of this redevelopment project LA3 APLA prepared foreshore master plan options stretching from the harbour to the historic and still operating cantilevers structures for phosphate loading. The foreshore development creates a significant civic space for events including an amphitheatre, waterfront stage and market place locations. Recreational facilities include a harbourside ocean swimming pool. Historic buildings from the British Phosphate Company era are incorporated into the plan. A new memorial celebrating the return of Nauru survivors from Chuuk Lagoon after the Japanese occupation in the Second World War is planned as a first stage of the redevelopment.

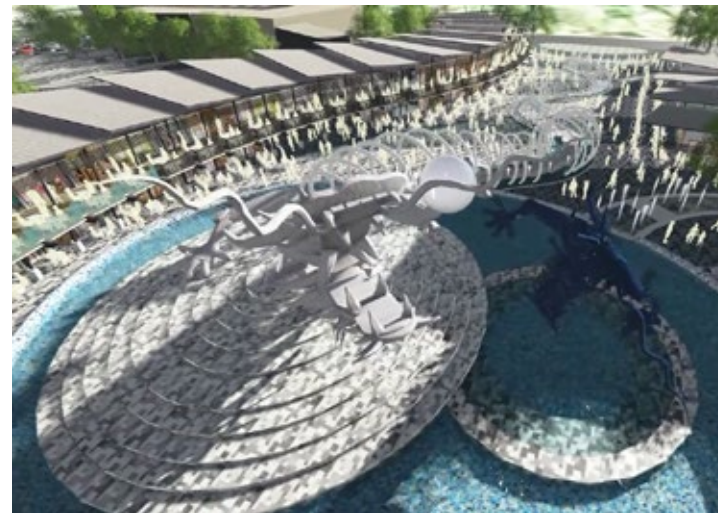
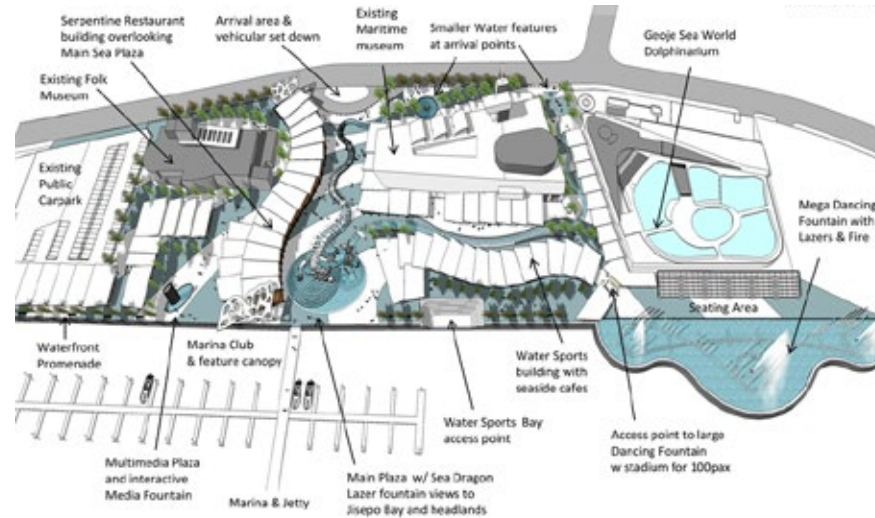


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JISEPO BAY WATERFRONT Geoje, South Korea

LA3 has designed the Geoje Harbour Town Waterfront in S.Korea. The client was attracted to LA3's innovative and contemporary solutions including mega water features from China-based Yicity Show and custom designed 'Multimedia Fountains' featuring the Korean Sea Dragon folklore story as center piece to a well planned commercial & restaurant district surrounding the existing Maritime Museums, Jisepo Bay commercial district and the Geoje Sea World currently under construction. The design which includes a new Marina Club overlooking a new 180 berth marina with floating Ship Building Museum was also well received by the Mayor of Geoje and locals.

[See the video here.](#)



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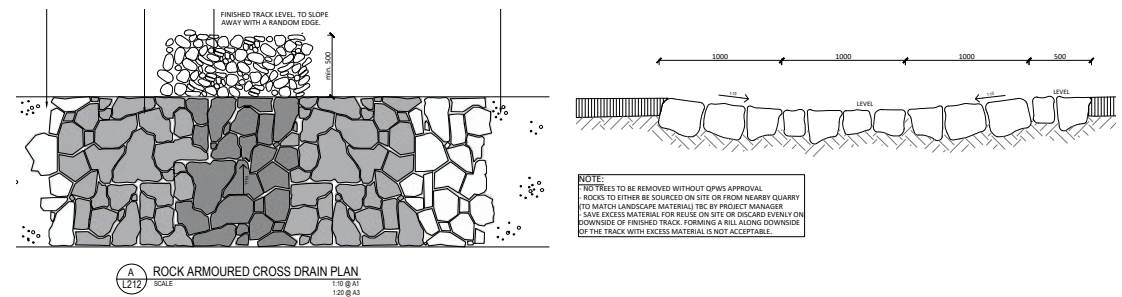
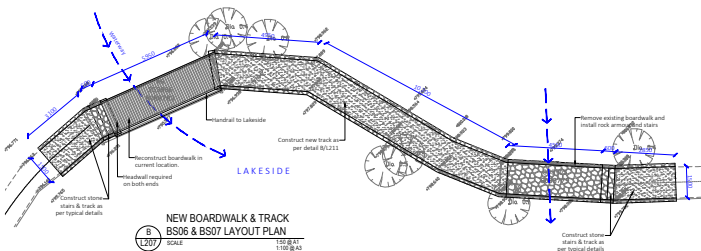
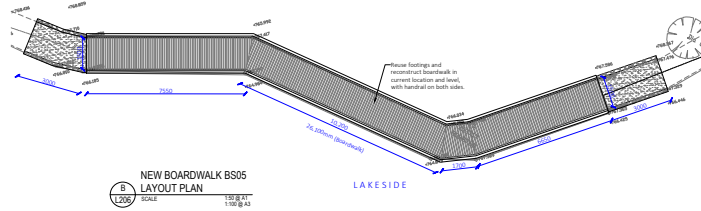


LAKE EACHAM VISITOR FACILITIES Crater Lakes National Park, Queensland, Australia



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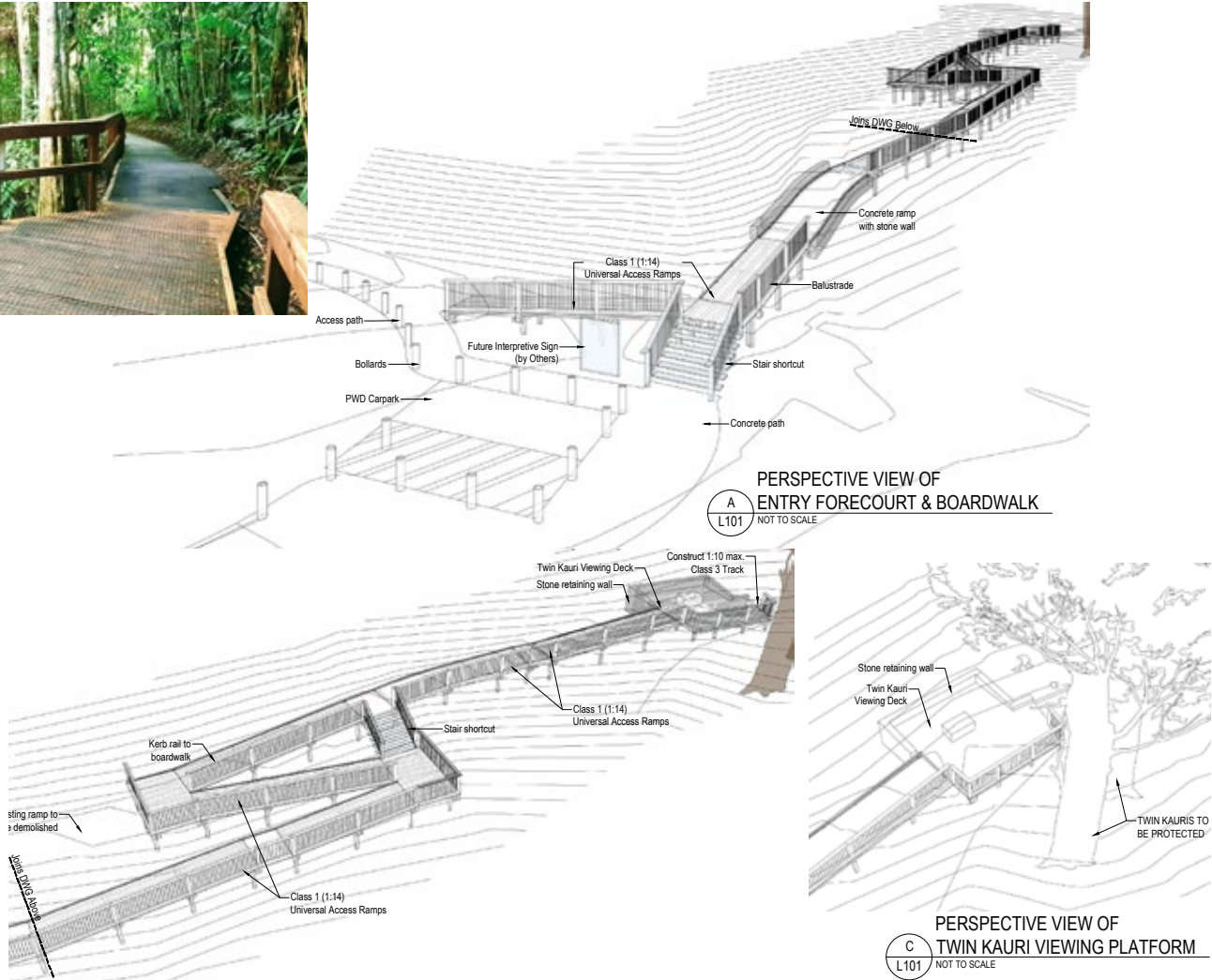
LAKE BARRINE VISITOR FACILITIES Crater Lakes National Park, Queensland, Australia



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WARRINA LAKES COMMUNITY PARKLANDS Innisfail, Queensland, Australia

The Warrina Lakes Parkland is located near Innisfail Township in the Cassowary Coast Regional. LA3 was engaged by CCRC to prepare a Strategic Masterplan for the extensive parkland to increase its role in the town and region's amenity and increase tourism. The principal objective of this plan was to create a more inviting and interesting place that helps achieve the Council's vision to revitalise the area and create vibrant and exciting spaces. LA3 identified the existing Lake as the centerpiece that could be opened up, complemented by a central feature and linked by a main axis from the arrival areas and future wetlands in the west of the site. A multi use sports area, outdoor cinema and naturplay were added while other key elements such as the mini-rail loved by all and the historic shed were embellished and better integrated into a larger updated parkland. Specialist gardens were added so that a unique botanical experience can be had by visitors.

[See the video here.](#)



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CARDWELL CULTURAL PRECINCT Cardwell, Queensland, Australia

On the back of the successful Cardwell Foreshore Reconstruction project, LA3 was invited back by the community to prepare concepts for the Cardwell Cultural Precinct. Adjacent the existing Edmund Kennedy Memorial Plaza, a new flexible multi-use open space design was created by LA3 and the community which includes a large open lawn area, plaza space, a mini stage, mini amphitheatre, playground and pedestrian linkages to the school, foreshore, railway station and library.

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