

# Tropical Urbanism 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



*Cairns Convention Centre, Cairns , QLD - Designed by LA3*

## 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 Munro Martin Parklands, Cairns 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.

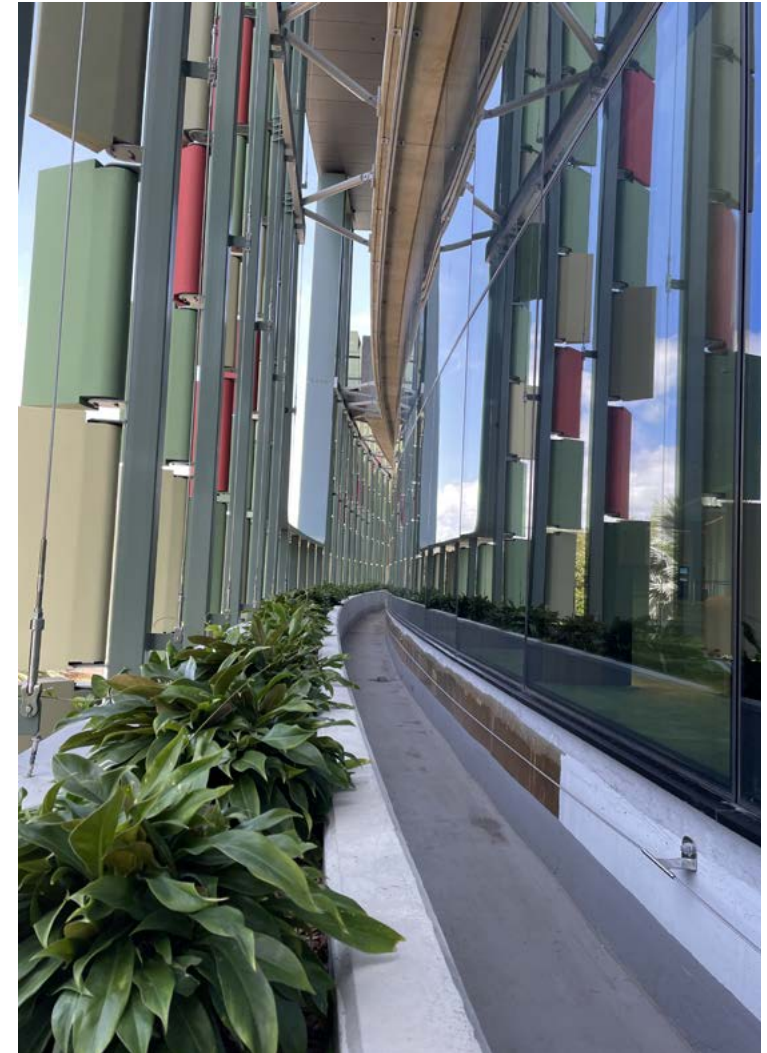
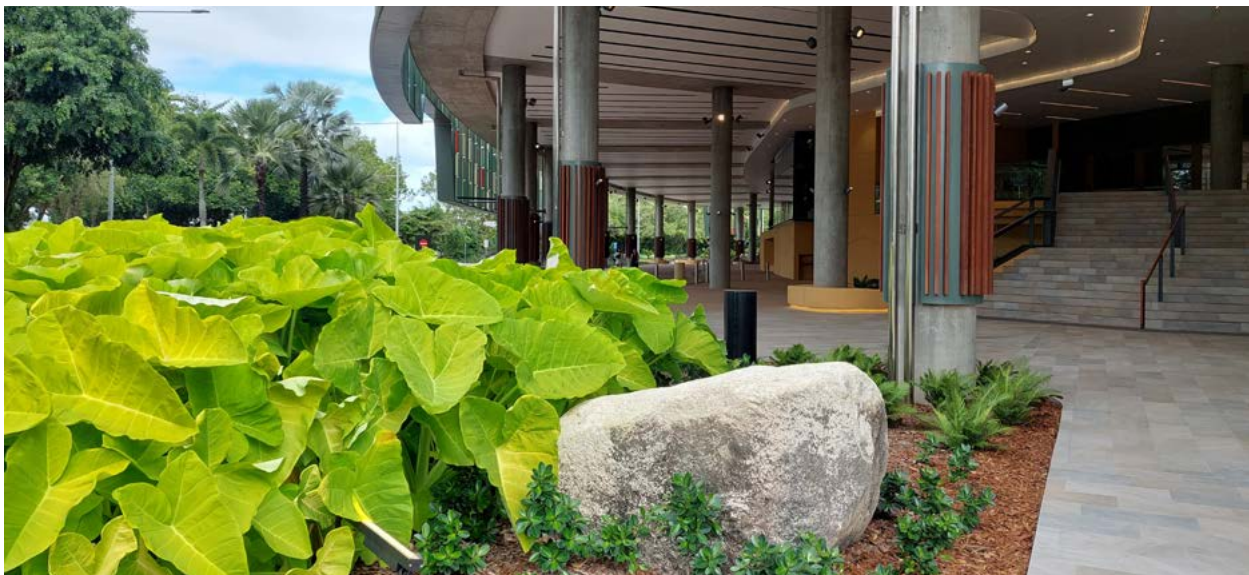
Jhay is familiar with Mossman and Port Douglas and the conditions of Far North Queensland, world tropics and has a keen interest in detailing of landscapes. He has skills in Master Planning and Public Consultation having worked as a facilitator. His solid experience in detailed documentation, conceptualisation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

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# project experience

## CAIRNS CONVENTION CENTRE Cairns, Queensland, Australia

LA3 designed the arrival landscape for the landmark Cairns Convention Centre. The vertical gardens on the facade will be the main feature of the building when mature. The undercroft arrival area includes a yarning circle, tropical plantings in raised planters and a secure perimeter planting with large round river boulders sourced from the local region. A sky terrace with panoramic views to the Trinity Inlet sits atop the Centre with plantings to tolerate the altitude and climate and create a roof garden atmosphere.



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CAIRNS CONVENTION CENTRE  
Cairns, Queensland, Australia



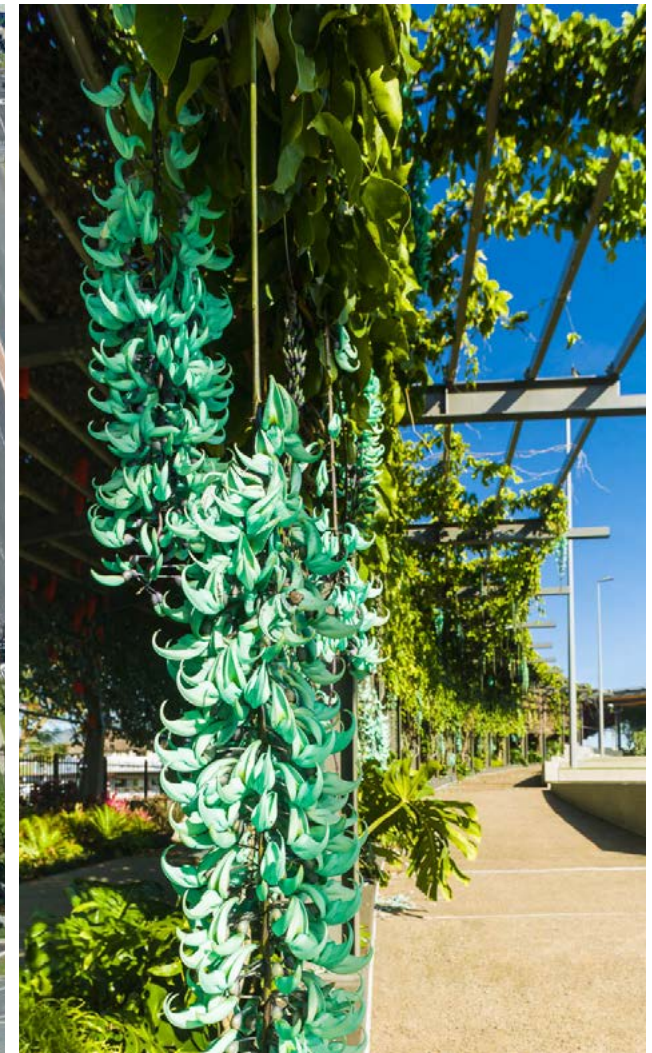
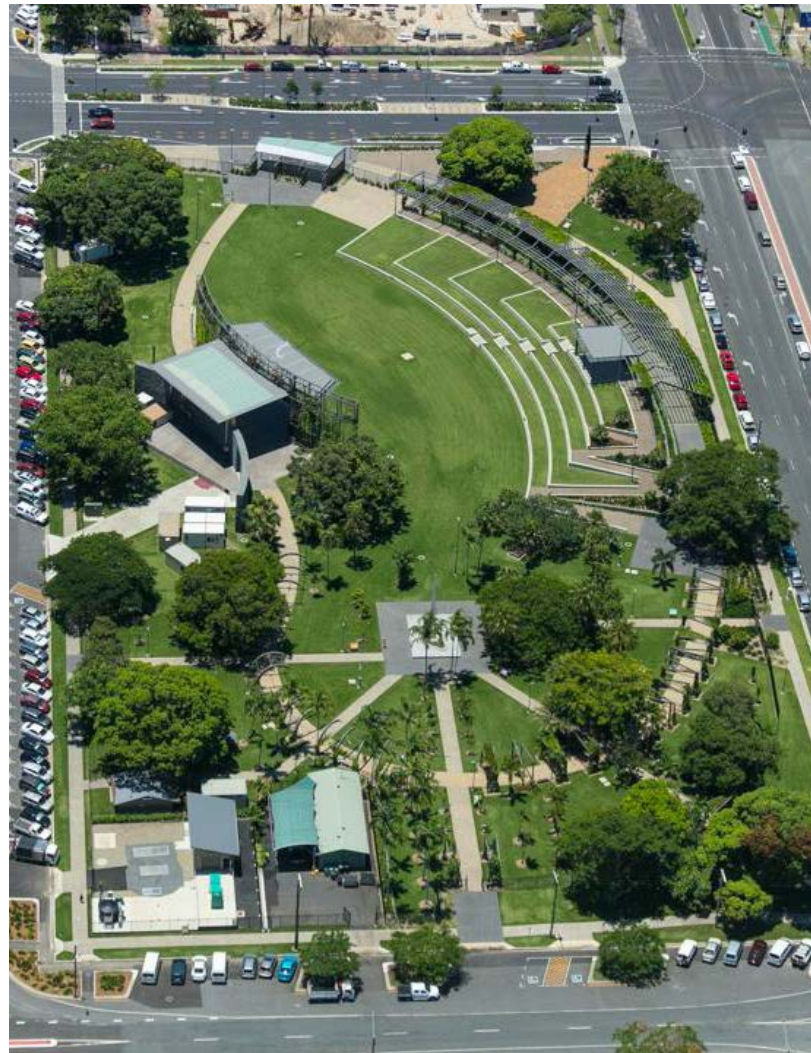
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## MUNRO MARTIN PARKLANDS Cairns, Queensland, Australia

Part of the Cairns Performing Arts Precinct, Munro Martin Parklands is a 2.5 hectares of garden of significant cultural value. The 3000 seat amphitheatre & stage built in 2015-2016 for a budget of 11 million dollars has won several awards in Design Excellence.

The venue has been utilised extensively by touring events ranging from symphony orchestras, ballet, military bands, rock concerts and famous solo artists. This unique informal atmosphere of the outdoor setting transcends into a new experience of the performing arts and events in Cairns. Munro Martin Parkland event days are attended by a broad range of community members including young families and elders that would otherwise be unlikely to attend events like a ballet or symphonic orchestra performance within a theatre.

When not operating as a venue, it is a parkland displaying tropical vines from throughout the globe. The merging of a historically significant local park with a new use has been incredibly successful.



# project experience

## MUNRO MARTIN PARKLANDS Cairns, Queensland, Australia

### AWARDS – Cairns Performing Arts Precinct:

**2020** Queensland Dept. of Energy & Public Works,  
Minister's Award for Urban Design.

### AWARDS – Munro Martin Parklands:

**2021** The Australia Institute of Landscape Architects Queensland  
Open Space and Parks Award of Excellence

**2020** The Australia Institute of Horticulture  
Green Space Regional Award

**2017** The Australia Institute of Architects (AIA)  
Queensland Urban Design Award

**2017** The Australia Institute of Architects (AIA)  
FNQ Regional Awards, Project of the Year Award





# project experience

## CAIRNS PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE Cairns, Queensland, Australia

Council's new Cairns Performing Arts Centre replaced a 1970's 600-person Civic Theatre. Constraints of the old theatre meant that Cairns was being by-passed by many larger scale performances. The new centre contains two theatres with 950 and 450 seating capacity. To complement this Council decided to incorporate an outdoor performance space into the park across the road for an audience capacity of to 2,000 to 3,500. This \$90 million urban renewal and infrastructure created what Council has branded the Cairns Performing Arts Precinct – a cultural gateway to the city's Central Business District.

### AWARDS – Cairns Performing Arts Precinct:

**2020** Queensland Dept. of Energy & Public Works,  
Minister's Award for Urban Design.

### AWARDS – Cairns Performing Arts Centre:

**2021** The Australia Institute of Architects (AIA)  
Queensland Architecture Medallion

**2021** The Australia Institute of Architects (AIA)  
Queensland FDG Stanley Award for Public Architecture

**2021** The Australia Institute of Architects (AIA)  
FNQ Regional Awards, Eddie Oribin Building of the Year



# project experience



CAIRNS PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE  
Cairns, Queensland, Australia



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BULMBA-JA ARTS CENTRE  
Cairns, Queensland, Australia



# project experience

## TJAPUKAI THEATRE Smithfield, Queensland, Australia

Andrew Prowse designed the exterior areas of the refurbishment of the Tjapukai Theatre including the renovation of the outdoor theatre using local stone from Herberton and endemic plants. The story telling circles and cultural demonstration areas were also upgraded with new pathways and plantings.

Andrew worked with architect Hiromi Lauren on the design and location of the new covered walkways. Prior to the upgrade Andrew had worked on the original design concept for the new home of the Tjapukai Dance Theatre, when it relocated from Kuranda



# project experience

## 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.



# project experience



## 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.





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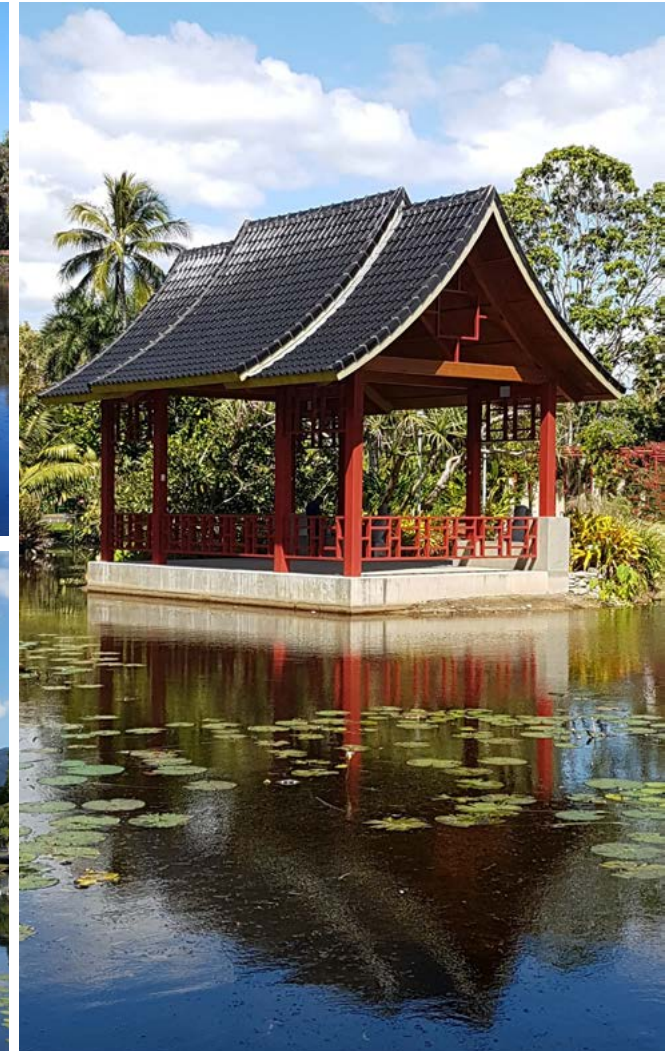
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Cooktown, Queensland, Australia



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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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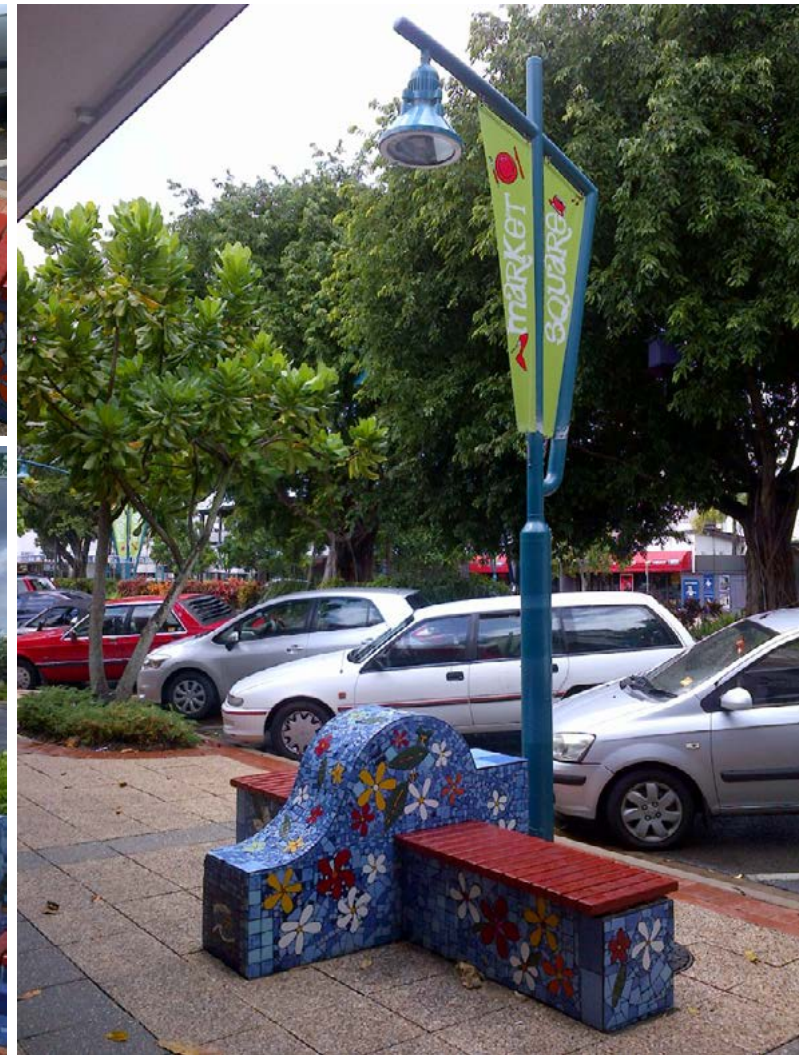


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## SHIELDS STREET Cairns, Queensland

Joseph Corbin & Phil Druery developed the Shields Streets scheme, detailed the design and supervised the construction of this important CBD spine for Cairns in Far North Queensland. The concept was to reinvigorate the centre of the commercial grid providing a boulevard for cafes, strolling, shopping and socialising in a tropical cosmopolitan atmosphere.

The City of Cairns is still enjoying the rewards of this project after some years and the soft landscape has matured to enhance it further. The use of durable furnishings and pavements overlaid with public and community art has been the secret of the projects longevity



# project experience

## BOTANICA LIFESTYLE RESORT Cairns, Queensland, Australia

LA3 is currently designing the masterplan of The Botanica Lifestyle Resort, a new community that promotes active lifestyles and a sense of belonging and security for residents. Botanica is superbly planned to balance style and nature within a secure environment. The resort is nestled against the Macalister Range and perched above a lush expanse of greenery. Each home is cocooned within Botanica's environment, with two strikingly designed country clubs located at the centre of the resort.

The first stage of the resort is centred around Botanica House which features a dining room, games area, library, cinema, bar and lounge, swimming pool, gym and tennis court. Subsequent stages will include a clubhouse with a wellness centre and heated indoor swimming pool, as well as a bowling green and workshop.



# project experience



'Shara' 71 Williams Esplanade  
Palm Cove, Queensland, Australia



# project experience

## CAIRNS CBD ABBOTT AND SPENCE STREET Cairns, Queensland

Cairns – Upgrade of Abbott Street – Wharf Street to CBD. The new CBD Link has been developed by LA3 in consultation with property owners and council. The proposed upgrade provides a high-quality pedestrian experience linking the wharf Precinct with the CBD. Abbott Street is the logical link and requires a streetscape befitting of the stunning architecture in these two city blocks.

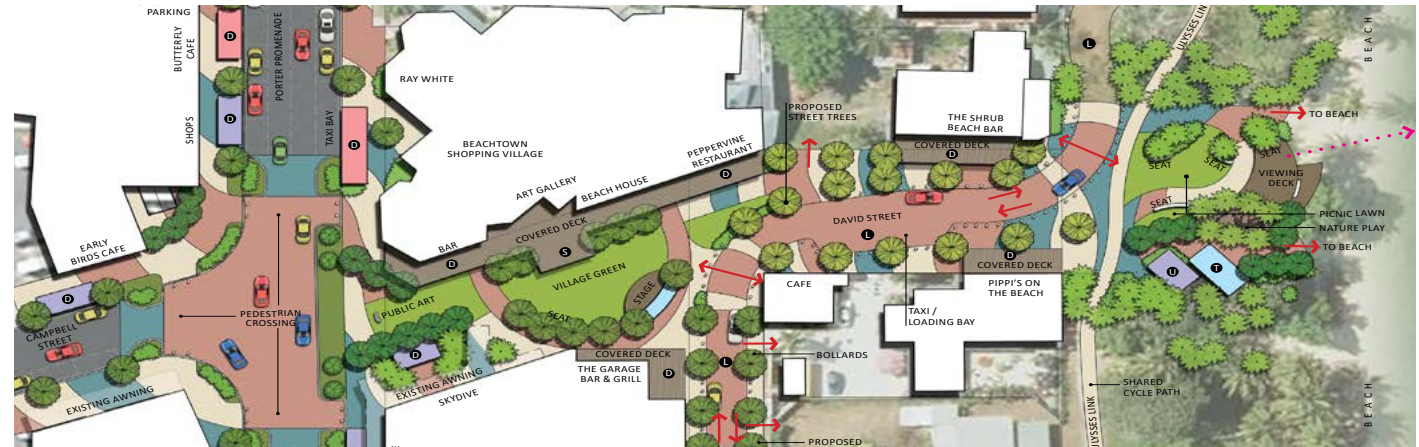


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## MISSION BEACH STRATEGIC MASTERPLAN Mission Beach, Queensland, Australia

LA3 is redesigning the main streets of Mission Beach, a seaside village in the Cassowary Coast region with council and community groups. It has been some years since the area has undergone an upgrade and positive feedback has been received from the solutions prepared for public consultation and then further design for construction.

[See the video here.](#)





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MISSION BEACH STRATEGIC MASTERPLAN  
Mission Beach, Queensland, Australia





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