

Mount Peter a Family Affair

The Fantin family farm is one of the oldest remaining family owned operational cane farms in the Cairns region and continues to be operated by four siblings John (cane farmer), Tracy (barrister), Mark (eel & barramundi farmer) and Shaneen (architect and project manager).

Dr Shaneen Fantin explained the family has owned tracts of farm land at the base of Mt Peter since 1927, when Luigi, Alfonso and Francesco Fantin bought the property from Peter Petersen, after whom Mount Peter is named.

“Our holding in the southern part of the Mount Peter area is still very much an operational cane farm; and with the next generation of Fantins being raised there now, we are keen to be involved in planning the future for them”, Dr Fantin said.

“After gaining an education and travelling the world, it has been fantastic to come home and be grounded in this beautiful part of the world. We think there is no better place to raise a family and support regional industry with our professional expertise”.

Shaneen and Tracy Fantin share representation of the family on the Mount Peter Landowners Reference Group.

“As an architect and project manager I see great advantages to the planned development process. It is vitally important that development in Far North Queensland is innovative, sustainable and appropriate”, Dr Fantin said.

Dr Fantin said she and her family were keen to be involved in the land owner reference groups.

“There are considerable and quite reasonable concerns about achieving appropriate transport infrastructure and traffic planning through the process and we will continue to take an interest in these outcomes”, she said.

“Active and wise input through the reference groups from professionals with expertise in the development process can ensure the process delivers for both community and business interests, she expanded.”

Project Milestones modified

The Queensland Government's declaration of Mount Peter as a master planned area has resulted in small changes to the milestone dates and has moved the project's completion to March 2011, just six months later than originally planned.

Phase	Milestone	Task	Timeline
Initiation	A	Project Brief Review	✓
Scoping & Planning	B	Establish Vision	✓
	C	Draft Project Plan	✓
	D	Finalise Project Plan	✓
	E	Commence advertisement and selection of Local Government consultants	✓
Development	F	Complete base data collection	✓
	1	Cairns Regional Council's consultants appointed	✓
	2	Complete Constraints & Issues Analysis	Dec 08
	3	Complete Enquiry by Design	Feb 09
	4	Finalise preferred Structure Plan option	Mar 09
Review & Acceptance	5	Complete Draft Structure Plan & other outputs	Aug 09
	6	Complete integration of Structure Plan & other Outputs with CairnsPlan, PIP and ICS	Sep 09
	7	Complete statutory review of Structure Plan & other Outputs (statutory review - State Government Interest checks & Public Consultation)	Feb 11
	8	Adoption of Structure Plan & other outputs by Council	Mar 11



REFERENCE GROUPS JOIN FORCES

COMMUNITY AND LANDOWNER REFERENCE GROUPS MET ON THE 18 JUNE 2008. THE TWO GROUPS HAVE AGREED TO COMBINE THEIR RESOURCES AND WILL CONTINUE TO MEET AS ONE. THE NEXT REFERENCE GROUP MEETING IS EXPECTED IN JULY 2008.

WEBSITE HELPS COMMUNICATE VISION

INFORMATION ON THE MOUNT PETER PROJECT IS AVAILABLE ON THE CAIRNS REGIONAL COUNCIL WEBSITE AT www.cairns.qld.gov.au/cairns/mountpeter THIS INFORMATION CAN ALSO BE FOUND FROM THE WEBSITE'S HOME PAGE BY CLICKING ON THE A-Z SEARCH AND SEARCHING MOUNT PETER

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Mount Peter declared a Master Planned Area

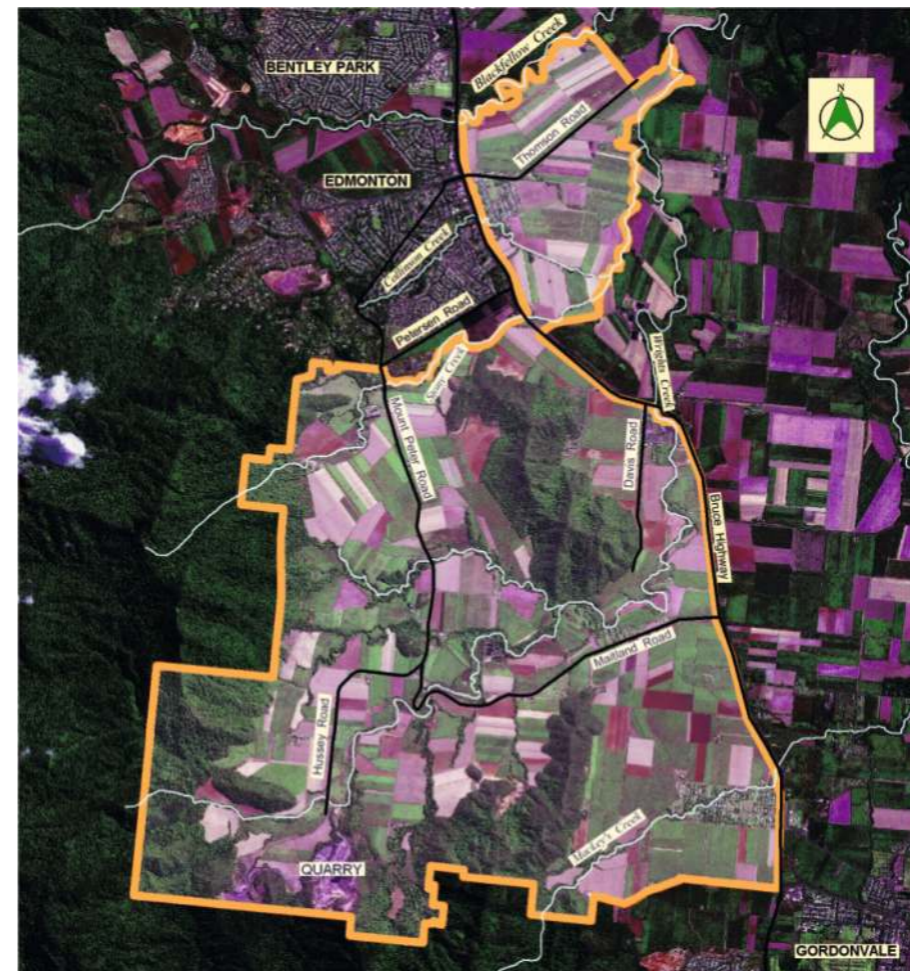
The Queensland Government has recognised the importance of the Mount Peter area, between Edmonton and Gordonvale, declaring it a Master Planned Area; the first such declaration outside of South East Queensland.

Cairns Regional Council and Queensland Department of Infrastructure and Planning have signed a Heads of Agreement for the preparation of a Structure Plan for the Mount Peter Master Planned Area.

This means Cairns Regional Council will continue the master planning process for the Mount Peter area; expanding its original brief to include more input from State Government agencies. Their early and continued involvement will ensure a more complete and informed result.

The draft vision, objectives and outcomes agreed by early working groups do not change and progress of the project continues.

Changes to some milestone dates have moved the project's completion to March 2011, just six months later than originally planned.



CAIRNS REGIONAL COUNCIL GENERAL MANAGER - PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT, PETER TABULO (R) JOINS QUEENSLAND DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANNING DIRECTOR, NORTHERN REGION DIVISION, PETER JONES IN SIGNING OFF THE JOINT HEADS OF AGREEMENT.

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Master Planning data collection consultancies completed

Over the past few months' data collection and environmental survey work has been carried out across the Mount Peter area.

Cairns Regional Council, General Manager - Planning and Environment, Peter Tabulo said specialist consulting firms had been engaged to investigate the geotechnical, cultural heritage, environmental and hydrological background of the Mount Peter area.

He explained it had been vitally important to ensure the most accurate and in-depth information was collected and used to fully inform the master planning process.

"Results will be used throughout the master planning process to ensure all future planning takes the physical and cultural environment into account".

"For example, where waterways, wildlife corridors or unique landforms have been identified, they will be taken into account in built environment planning to protect and enhance existing features".

This information will be made available to the master planning consultants, Taskforce members, members of the reference groups and any agency involved in planning for this greenfield site.

Protection priorities identified through environmental investigation

The environmental investigation conducted as part of the master planning data collection process has mapped areas of low, medium and high conservation priority.

Arup Sustainability Senior Environmental Consultant, Ms Kathy Burton was encouraged by the results.

"Waterway vegetation buffer zones in previously used land areas have been well maintained. Future planning can conserve and link these areas to ensure wildlife and vegetation corridors are enhanced to provide a healthier ecosystem."

"This will assist the protection of rare and endangered species and minimise weed impacts", she explained.

"Because most human intervention in the planning area in the past has been in the form of sugar farming rather than constructing built environments, future land use can build on these good foundations to provide buffers for existing flora and fauna to flourish in".

By mapping high value geographic areas across areas of rare or vulnerable vegetation and wildlife habitat, these areas of priority can be conserved throughout the planning process.

"Sandy Creek has been identified as an area of high conservation value and also an area that contains vulnerable species of vegetation", Ms Burton explained.

"Having collected this valuable data, the planning process can take full advantage of the information and ensure any future use is sensitive to its needs and meets all three sustainability measures - ecological, social and economic", she said.



KATHY BURTON IDENTIFIES VEGETATION AS PART OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS.

Mount Peter Master Planning Consultant announced

Cardno Pty Ltd was awarded the contract for the Mount Peter master planning project on 26 June 2008 after an exhaustive selection process over a period of more than six months.

Expressions of interest for the Mount Peter master planning project were called for in December 2007. Shortlisted tenderers were subsequently invited to submit detailed proposals and a thorough selection process saw Cardno Pty Ltd chosen.

The Cardno team brings extensive local and national experience in community and infrastructure

planning to the Mount Peter master planning project.

Together, the Cairns and Brisbane Cardno offices, utilising specialists in community engagement and urban planning design, will address areas including land use planning (eg residential, environmental, retail, sport, cultural heritage); transport infrastructure planning; and community engagement.

An inception meeting was held between Cairns Regional Council and Cardno on 8 July 2008 and the Mount Peter Taskforce met the following day to workshop with the Cardno team.



(L - R) CARDNO CAIRNS PRINCIPAL BEVAN CLAYTON, MOUNT PETER PROJECT MANAGER SANDRA BURKE, AND CAIRNS REGIONAL COUNCIL ACTING MANAGER PLANNING STRATEGIES DEBORAH WELLINGTON, MEET AT THE MOUNT PETER MASTER PLANNING CONSULTANT INCEPTION.

Fourth generation local believes planning key to successful future

Partner in local law firm Marino Moller Lawyers, Brett Moller is committed to seeing holistic and integrated planning for the Mount Peter area.

"As a fourth generation local, my family has a lot invested in the Gordonvale-Edmonton district; we feel connected to this community and its success is a measure of our success", Mr Moller explained.

"I am able to contribute as a director of the Mulgrave Sugar Mill: as a representative of clients at Marino Moller; as a local business and property owner: and as a resident of the community."

"I endeavour to bring the interests, concerns and opinions of all these interest groups forward and work to ensure their needs are heard".

Mr Moller expanded, "this process is a staged approach, giving businesses a framework for future growth and allowing them time to plan strategically".

"By linking the Mount Peter master planning process to the FNQ2025 Plan and involving the State Government we can hope to link business, employment, residential and transport growth and make the most of every opportunity."

"Our local identity and the natural beauty of the area can be preserved and maintained; while at the same time essential transport infrastructure can be developed to support increased business activity and employment in Gordonvale and Edmonton business hubs", Mr Moller enthused.

"What a great opportunity to be able to participate to guarantee future generations' employment and quality of lifestyle".



BRETT MOLLER WITH HIS WIFE, BETH, AND DAUGHTERS

Satterley Property Group confident with Mount Peter planning process

Cairns based Satterley Queensland State Manager and Mount Peter Taskforce member, Adam Gowlett has been involved in at least two other major master planned community developments.

Mr Gowlett explained "Satterley Property Group has been purchasing and developing land for nearly 30 years and as Australia's largest privately owned development company, we are excited by the prospect of Mount Peter coming on line as a master planned community".

"Satterley has been involved in the master planned communities of Brighton and Dalyellup in Western Australia; each planned to accommodate over 30,000 residents - over 8000 residential lots - with master planned infrastructure such as town centre, retail, roads, transport, schools, medical and sporting facilities", he continued.

"This opportunity is the best possible outcome for Cairns region's growth as far as infrastructure and community

outcomes are concerned", he said.

"Having State government involvement in these early stages will bring all relevant agencies to the table, declaring interests and addressing needs before the master planning is complete; maximising outcomes and bringing greater certainty to the future for all involved - developers, existing communities and future residents".

Mr Gowlett said the timing of the

Mount Peter master planning process was perfect, with growth across the region helping to drive priorities toward positive outcomes.

"Satterley is determined to assist as much as possible through the Mount Peter Master Planning Taskforce and any other avenue to ensure the best possible result for future residents of the area", he said.



ADAM GOWLETT (R) CHECKS PLANS WITH COLLEAGUES ON SITE AT SMITHFIELD RECENTLY