

Subcommittee weekly meeting 15 Oct 19

Window boxes at the entrance:

Both Ross and myself cannot see a practical way to make the two window boxes lush. I have spent hours of worry and thought on how to do this. It must look simple to turn the boxes into garden beds and add more plants and that would be the end of it. It is not.

Taking into account that the boxes would need to be strengthened and a drainage system put in place, the northern plot just receives too much sun and heat radiation from walls, concrete and bitumen, for approximately 273 days a year, to support lush growth. This is why we are using pot plants so they can be rotated between the north and south boxes as was discussed on the walk around. For Port Douglas the sun's declination is to the north for 273 days per year.

WOW Factor:



Jack mentioned to me, just days before the meeting, that we could spend \$500 to make a WOW factor with the window boxes.

Drawing on our 34+ years of tourism in the Douglas Shire (our own accommodation and our own tours) I presented an idea for a WOW factor at the entrance by using good quality colour photographs of the Great Barrier Reef that people would see as they enter the building. The idea for this has support from Denise and Ross. It would probably quadruple sales for reef trips! Dana didn't agree and went back to the idea of a water feature which really means two water features.

My suggestion is to hand over \$500 to Troy and let him make his own WOW factor?

Repair to masonry:

I am informed that Jack has given permission to Troy to delay repairs to the masonry until after the peak season.

Gated Area:

The idea of a gated precinct at the BBQ and pool at stage 2 was greeted with some enthusiasm until it was found out that guests would need a key. Security key or keycard?

I don't see a problem as this could be done when they pick up the keys on check in.

Complaint:

Dana complained that the grounds staff were not doing a good enough job in the main pool area. The chairs need to be straightened more and there was a dead rat found there not so long ago.