

Dig up a gardening competition prize with your green thumb

ARE you handy with a hoe, shovel and some seedlings? Do you have a green thumb? Then dig, plant, nurture, grow and reap your rewards when you sign up for the 2013 Betascapes Spring Garden Competition.

Chair of the council's parks and recreation committee Councillor Cherie Rutherford said the competition brought the best out in the region's collective green thumb. "I love this competition as it

showcases the talents of our dedicated gardeners and horticulturalists across our region," Cr Rutherford said. With \$9500 worth of vouchers and prizes up for grabs, Cr Rutherford said she

knew all the competition categories would be strong. "We'll have prizes for five district winners who will each take home a \$1000 Betascapes voucher, and from these five gardens the judges will select

a Grand Champion who will score a \$2000 Betascapes voucher." Nominations close on Friday, August 16. Visit www.rockhamptonregion.qld.gov.au.



Barry Vains, Graham Scott and Cr Ludwig looking over plans for the proposed foreshore redevelopment project. PHOTO: TRISH BOWMAN



Centenary project Concept plan artist impression
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A new Foreshore

Committee appointed to drive Centenary of Anzac project

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EMU Parks proposed \$1.5 million Centenary of Anzac project encompassing a foreshore redevelopment in the RSL precinct, has taken another step forward following the appointment of a steering committee.

The project came about when Emu Park RSL Sub Branch President Barry Vains was appointed to a working party for War Memorials in the Rockhampton Region.

Looking for a project for the Centenary of Anzac in 2015, Mr Vains said the concept was discussed at a subsequent Emu Park RSL meeting and the concept for the redevelopment was born.

"RSL member and popular artist Ross Coulter designed a concept plan for the redevelopment of the Emu Park foreshore around the RSL and Singing Ship vicinity," Mr Vains said.

The re-development has now been costed and is ready to move on to the next stage with the new steering committee guiding the path.

Heading the committee is Engineer Graham Scott who is committed to seeing the project come alive.

Mr Scott said he was honoured to be invited to play a part in seeing the vision of Ross Coulter, Barry Vains and the RSL committee come to fruition.

"This is a valuable project for the Emu Park RSL Sub branch, Centenary of Anzac and the Emu Park community as a whole," Mr Scott said.

"It will fill the gap between the Singing Ship, Emu Park Lifesavers and Bell Park to add continuity while embracing the history and heritage of the region."

Mr Scott said he is looking forward to engaging with all three tiers of Government, the corporate sector and the community as the project

moves forward.

"At this point, we welcome any corporate sponsorship to enhance this community project which will benefit the entire community," Mr Scott said.

Graham Scott

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not only as a fitting tribute to our brave Anzacs but also as a place for visitors to reflect on that unique part of our history," Cr Ludwig said.

"Cr Wyatt and I will certainly be championing the

Cr Bill Ludwig and Cr Wyatt said the project must be a priority for Council.

"This will be a signature development for our region

project which along with council support, will attract significant funding from both State and Federal Government."

THE STEERING COMMITTEE

- Graham Scott (Engineer and Community member)
- Bill Ludwig (Rockhampton Regional Council)
- Tom Wyatt (Rockhampton Regional Council)
- Greg Thomasson (Emu Park Bendigo Bank Director)
- Colleen Williams (Manager Emu Park Bendigo Bank manager)
- Bruce Young (member for Keppel)
- Barry Vains (Member Emu Park RSL)
- Jack Parr (Member of Emu Park RSL)
- Roy Cunneen (President Pioneer Fitzroy Highlands RSL District)



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