

## **Council paves way for construction of aged care precinct**

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Council has paved the way for the construction of Stage 1 of the Mossman and District Aged Care precinct in Johnston Rd.

The preliminary approval includes a development permit for the 42-bed retirement facility and a preliminary approval for the balance portion of the land and reconfiguration of one lot into two lots to facilitate the retirement facility of Stage 1 of the precinct.

Stage 2 is earmarked as a retirement facility that features an activities building, a community wellness centre, approximately 60 private suites and a low-care and independent living precinct over the balance of the land.

Mayor Julia Leu said the development approval for the aged care precinct is the culmination of 20 years of hard work by the Mossman District Nursing Home Committee, Council and more recently The Salvation Army Aged Care Plus which will operate the facility.

“The 42-bed facility will incorporate two wings, with each wing to include a terrace, living areas, dining room, kitchen and staff area,” Mayor Leu said.

“An operational hub will include staff rooms, meeting rooms, laundry and kitchen and ancillary features for residents feature a coffee servery fronting a terrace, a hair salon and chapel.

“This development approval represents a remarkable achievement for our community and everyone who has contributed to the project in some way, from the MDNHC volunteers who baked cakes and sold raffle tickets to the Council and The Salvation Army staff who have worked so diligently to obtain all of the necessary approvals.

“The path is now clear for The Salvation Army Aged Care Plus to build this vital community asset, which is expected to deliver an estimated 41 construction jobs annually over two years, with an estimated 27 full-time employees once it is operational.”

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