

# Investors In Nature

Overview

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"Conservation management expertise providing environmental solutions and unique natural/cultural based tourism experiences":

Investors in Nature provide innovative high quality land and overall environmental management, unique tourism products & services based on best practice conservation management focus & demonstrated expertise

#### **OBJECTIVES**

- 1. To provide practical land & general environmental management solutions
- 2. To enhance the public, commercial & residential based natural & cultural environments,
- 3. To establish sustainable management practices in conjunction with cooperative tourism ventures
- 4. To enhance users experience & appreciation of the natural/cultural environment
- 5. To offer new best practice conservation management products & services into the private sector
- 6. To provide exceptional Australian based & international products & services.

## IiN Background 2.0

The original government agency based **Investing In Nature** strategy (& related co-operative forums) established and managed in part by the subsequent **Investors In Nature Pty Ltd** Managing Director Steve Collins, promoted the ethos of "government, industry and community working together to establish relevant mutually beneficial outcomes" in line with the vision of; "establishing Barron Gorge National Park as the premier protected area for the presentation of the Wet Tropics World Heritage and Cultural values".

This initiative secured well in excess of \$9 million from State & Commonwealth Governments as well as considerable individual stakeholder contributions to implement major new visitor facilities development & stakeholder promotional programs as outlined below:

- \$3.5 million on new visitor facilities at Barron Falls
- \$1 million + so far to establish & upgrade the 70km interlinked walking trails network in Barron Gorge National Park(BGNP)
- \$3 million to establish the Kuranda "Rainforest Story" walking network (physically & strategically links to the BGNP walking network)
- \$1.5 million to establish the Speewah Campground & associated BGNP Trailhead
- \$200,000 on the "Presenting BGNP" stakeholder promotional brochures and trailhead interpretation/orientation sign booths, both at BGNP Trailheads, QRail, Skyrail, the Kuranda Visitor Info Centre & the Barron Gorge Power Station Visitor Centre







The strategic progression to establish "Investors In Nature Pty Ltd" (IiN) was planned as an evolution to establish a number of exceptional nature based tourism business venture opportunities that meet & enhance and the programs original desired outcomes.

A conservation management and nature based tourism focus provides a sustainable basis to assist with establishing improved management of this & other local protected areas in conjunction with generating financial returns from relevant investments by private enterprise while also providing opportunities for some subsidising of relevant operating costs via the various proposed co-operative and/or joint venture arrangements.

### IiN Overview 3.0

**IIN** is the overall branding for the various cooperative business ventures and will provide a themed link between the same. The brand will also provide an easily recognisable identity/theme.

People not only purchase a product or service but they are committing to a best practice cultural and environmental ethos.

The establishment of the new businesses network is a staged progression with the following as the main centre pieces of the first stage of the eventual establishment of the overall desired liN network:

- IiN Conservation Management Divisions continued strategic growth in conjunction with the other proposed new businesses & linked functional divisions
- Cairns Adventure Park(VERTs & Flying Leap)
- Cairns Vertical Adventure Park(VERTs)
- Barron Gorge Adventures
- Cairns Rugby sporting tourism promotions & events
- Highsteps Eco Access Systems sales & distribution
- Cairns Guides

### IiN Overview 3.0

Business name: Investors in Nature Pty Ltd

**Business structure:** Company

ABN: 79 197 995 433

ACN: 107 995 433

**GST Registered:** 16<sup>th</sup> February 2004

Business location: 48 Dungarvan Drive, Brinsmead, Cairns 4870

Date established: 16<sup>th</sup> February 2004

**Business owner: Stephen Collins** 

Legal Structure: Investors In Nature Pty Ltd is a proprietary limited organisation incorporated on the 16<sup>th</sup> February

2004.

## Philosophical approach 4.0

Australia was once a pristine natural environment. The arrival of human beings has resulted in the degradation of these ecosystems, to such an extent that, in many cases, we have been left with only remnants of our original forest and its inhabitants. These forest systems & their associated wildlife are a valuable resource, which can and must be preserved and restored, not only for their intrinsic value but also for the health and education of future generations.

Investors In Nature has knowledge and proven experience in the management and presentation of Australia's Wet Tropics World Heritage Protected Area's & other natural areas. We are committed to restoring the health of these areas through establishing best practice conservation management regimes, and aim to enhance the public's experience of the natural & cultural environments through the development, maintenance & presentation of sustainable commercial businesses, supporting infrastructure, guided tour services & cooperative management processes.

We are committed to ensuring the future sustainability of some of Australia's most naturally & culturally significant areas through active participation in their management. We recognize the value of the life and beauty that comes from the natural environment & a variety of cultural features. We therefore contend that we must make every effort to adequately protect and present these precious resources that should be both preserved & considered in our public & private interests whenever practically possible.

Investors In Nature Pty Ltd is owned and directed by Steve Collins who has over 35 years experience in environmental and protected area management and production forestry services management experience.

As a Qld Parks and Wildlife Service Ranger formally with the Environmental Protection Agency for 20 years, (attaining Senior Ranger level), Collins was responsible for and day to day management of the Cairns/Mareeba Wet Tropics Sub District (92,565 hectares of protected areas alone). This role also involved general environmental and wildlife management responsibilities external to protected area tenures within the general geographic management area and on occasion also extended throughout the Northern Region (at times including Marine Parks and other government tenures). In this role Collins has been an initiator and a QPWS operations manager for one of the larger QPWS capital works programs in the state (at the time):

- Approximately \$5 million in directly managed facilities development projects and approximately \$4 million indirectly assisting with planning, funding sourcing and establishing on associated local authority capital works projects,
- Collins also has a strong production forestry management background including attaining a Forestry
  Department associate diploma equivalent forestry management qualification ("Woodsman") and
  subsequently establishing a forestry contracting.

#### **Existing & Proposed New Businesses:**

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#### **Existing Conservation Management Division Products & Services:**



NB: Other IiN functions not currently included above: general Consultancy Services and Confined Spaces – Underground Works.

### IiN Products & Services 5.0

#### **Existing Tourism Division:**

#### **VERTs** (Cairns Vertical Adventure Park)

Existing IiN introductory abseiling & rock climbing tours using the council's purpose built site on the northern end of the Aeroglen Recreation Reserve.

VERTs will be included into the new Cairns Adventure Park adventure tourism business.





#### **New Projects:**

#### Cairns Adventure Park (CAP)



#### Adventure Park set to take first leap:

Get the adrenalin pumping as you race your friends down the hill slopes of Cairns on parallel zip lines. The Cairns Adventure Park (CAP), featuring the Flying Leap Megazip thrill rides tour system, just 10 minutes from the city centre is planned to open mid-2014.

Cairns-based Investors In Nature Pty Ltd (IiN) has negotiated an extra 23 years lease over the 4.3 hectare site opposite the Cairns Airport to establish natural adventure tourism activities and includes a botanical gardens style revegetation program.

The first stage will feature the exciting Flying Leap Megazip thrill rides zip lines tour system with four parallel zip lines for racing down the hill slopes, a chairlift and multi-person zip ride options. A Cafe will be located at the top of the Cairns Adventure Park with views out to Green Island and the Great Barrier Reef. Linked tour packages will be created with liN's existing introductory abseiling and rock climbing tours which operate on an adjacent site (www.verts.com.au).

liN Managing Director Steve Collins established the business 10 years ago after a 20-year career in Cairns as a Senior Ranger with Queensland's Parks and Wildlife Service. IiN has worked closely with the Cairns Regional Council and Queensland Governments to ensure The Cairns Adventure Park is designed to achieve optimum cooperative land and environmental management sustainability outcomes.

\* Investors Wanted: Any potential additional investors should act quickly to enquire about investing in the early stages of the many exciting cooperative and financially lucrative opportunities still on offer with CAP.











#### **Visual Representation of the CAP Top Station:**



Views from the top station

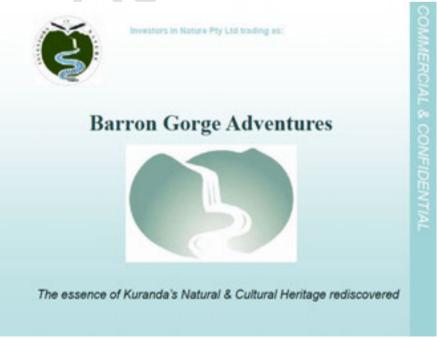


#### Barron Gorge Adventures (site based tours & facilities)

Major tourism project based on re establishing a number of internationally significant historical visitor sites in & around Barron Falls including re opening practical guided tour access to/from Inspiration Point Lookout at the base of Barron Falls & the historic Barron Falls Power Station site(similar to Paronella Park).







<sup>\*</sup>Please double click on Barron Gorge Adventures presentation.

#### Alkira Resort House & Rainforest Retreat

Project Management of the overall development project on 75 acres of private property at Cape Tribulation including: Alkira Resort House building completion, wet lands walkway & beach access network plus overall residential development environmental management consultancy. Environmental impact investigations/reports & proposed structures engineering completed with construction of the beach access network (boardwalk, on ground hardened/unhardened tracks & pedestrian suspension bridge). See <a href="https://www.alkiraresorthouse.com">www.alkiraresorthouse.com</a>







### Ravenshoe Cable Bridge (planning & establishment)

liN designed & constructed a new lightweight style 20m long x 600mm wide cable/swing bridge system at Chilverton Lodges property at Ravenshoe.



### Paronella Park

IiN have identified & conducted initial project planning to upgrade & re establish guided tours access:

- To/from the old hydro power generating room on the side of Paronella Falls,
- Re establish the historic rowing boat tour & link to the hydro room tour,
- Re establish guided tour access to the main historical lookout on top of the dilapidated tower building above the old ballroom.





#### Freehold Conservation Park

(Conservation land area management & sustainable tourism uses planning & establishment)

Owners/Developers have requested IiN to conduct sustainable conservation use/eco tourism venture(s) opportunities planning & establishment for the approximately 300 acres of rain forested area above an existing residential estate adjacent Barron Gorge National Park.





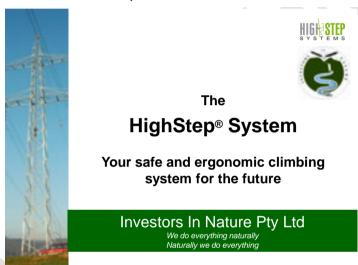




### **HighSteps**

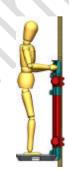
(sales, distribution & introduction of new eco lift system to power agencies, general industrial & tourism use)

> The World's first portable automated lift system & unique manual monorail climbing systems. IiN have recently finalised the distribution agreement for Australia & New Zealand. The existing target market is the power industry however IiN has already identified additional markets with tourism & other industrial use projects currently being negotiated. NB: The automated lift system has only just commenced manufacture and first units for installation should be available at the end of 2010 or early 2011.



\*Please double click on High Steps presentation front page above.











### Deer Velvet health products

100 % Natural Health product. Australian sales & distribution currently being registered with TGA.



#### Cairns Rugby Union – Sports Tourism promotions and events

liN director has over 33 years experience playing & management with the Cairns & District Rugby Union(CDRU), including associations with national & international rugby. The main goal is to revive our previous rugby sports tourism partnership business (Pacific Sports & Events Pty Ltd) which previously conducted the Cairns Tens International Rugby tournament events. Pacific Sports & Events negotiated approvals & conducted the first "square field" sports event (Cairns Tens rugby tournament) at Cairns Cazaly's Australian rules stadium, which lead the way for other sports use of this stadium for major sporting events eg: international cricket.

We are planning relevant sports tourism development projects including cooperative efforts to promote Cairns rugby tourism and other sporting events.





Cairns Rugby 10's 2001 promotional brochure

To date Investors In Nature Pty Ltd has successfully completed a variety of challenging projects & maintenance services including for the following organizations:

- Queensland Railways
- Dept Main Roads (Road Tek)
- Stanwell Corporation (Barron Gorge Power Station)
- Cairns Port Authority
- Cairns Regional Council
- Landscape & Associates Pty Ltd
- Various private lands & residential property owners
- Department of Defence Housing
- Lander Homes
- Peter Gelling Real Estate
- Red Peak Estate
- Eco SustainAbility Pty Ltd
- Rod Perry (Cape Tribulation beach access network)
- Silvicare Pty Ltd (Former forestry contracting business in the early 1980's).

Referee contacts to confirm work quality and capability can be provided on request

Above: IiN clearing a major landslide that closed the Kuranda Railway for 3 months and another *Kuranda Range land stability rectification project (in Barron Gorge NP) ie: EPA/QPWS project mgt of works stabilising very large rock formations above the railway line with rock bolting, steel strapping & concrete foundations supports.* 





Above: Smiths & Douglas walking tracks infrastructure construction(large 15m high footbridge) in Barron Gorge National Park









Above: The new Speewah Campground design & construction at the Barron Gorge National Parks Speewah Trailhead.

Note: We are currently conducting a similar substantial wetland boardwalk system design and installation project at Cape Tribulation.



Above: Main Roads(Road Tek) - Rock Fall netting, diversion drains erosion controls & other land stability rectification systems installation on a slip at Buchans Point



Cairns Regional Council: Dangerous rock removal (scaling) above Macka's Bluff in Lower Barron Gorge



QR - Jute matting installation for on a slip near Barron Falls



New walking tracks design, construction & maintenance at Earl Hill Trinity Beach for the Blue Water subdivision:

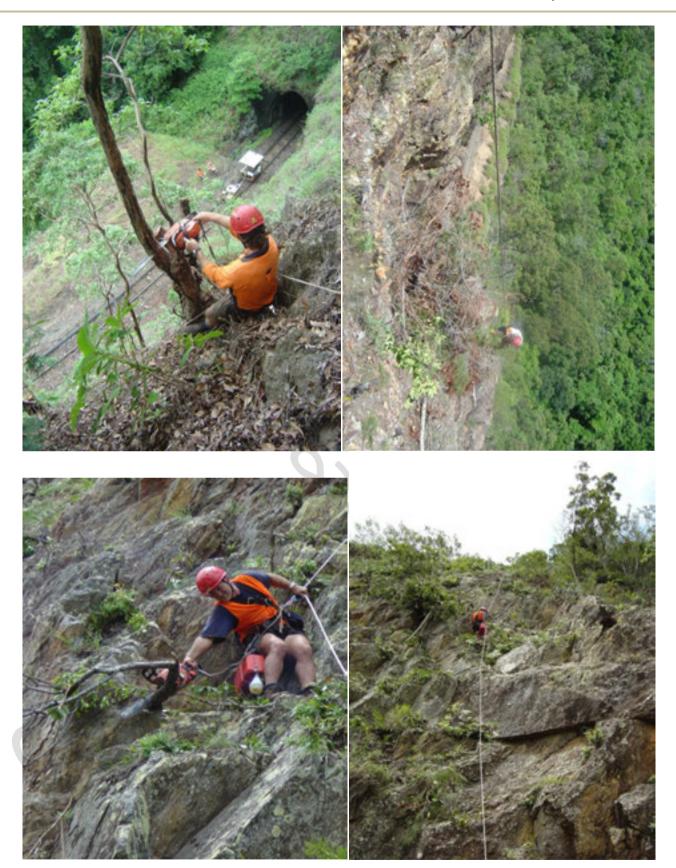








Stanwell Corporation Limited: Confined spaces underground WPH&S works in the Barron Gorge Power Stations Scour Tunnel.



Industrial rope access work contract to clear problem vegetation on the Cairns – Kuranda Railway Reserve in Barron Gorge National Park



Redlynch & Smithfield wildfires response operations:



Construction of the boardwalk & on ground pathway at Barron Falls