

Keeping Safe in the Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens

The Botanic Gardens team welcomes everyone to the Botanic Gardens. We would like to remind you how to keep safe during your visit.



Please remember:

1. Stay on the paths or lawns; please keep out of garden beds.

Plants can be easily broken and the soil can become compacted making it harder for the plants to thrive. Unwanted encounters with wildlife can be minimized by staying out of mulched areas (garden beds).



2. Please do not remove any plant material. All plants in the gardens are part of our Living Collection for everyone to enjoy. Some plants are poisonous, have sharp spines or may make you itchy or very sick. Imagine if everyone picked a flower or a leaf from the gardens...there would be bare branches and no homes for our wildlife.

3. Stay with your group. There are lots of paths in the gardens that look the same; it is easy to become lost.

4. Take care on the pathways. Some of our pathways are shared by cyclists, walkers and Gardens vehicles, please walk with awareness.

5. Make sure you stay back from the edge of any waterbody if you are visiting areas near the lagoons or waterway. The water is deep in some areas and may be dirty. The edges of the Lagoon are steep and can be hard to get out.

6. Please walk along the paths. If you run, you might fall over and hurt yourself.

7. Bring a hat, a bottle of water and remember to wear sunscreen and insect repellent.



8. Do not take anything home with you from the gardens.

A plant disease called Myrtle Rust can also be spread to your home or school if you take infected plant material home. Fallen leaves and sticks are homes and food for our wildlife and leaf litter for our Gardens.

9. Be aware of wildlife in the Gardens. Do not touch, feed or capture any wildlife within the Botanic Gardens. Ticks are present, particularly in mulched areas, we recommend insect repellent to be applied. Snakes may be in the area, depending on the weather, we recommend discussing what to do if your group sees one prior to visiting and have a first aid kit with you.

10. Remember to take everything with you that you brought to the Gardens and put all your rubbish in the bins provided.

Our Botanic Gardens are an amazing place to explore, learn and enjoy; thank you for your help and we hope you enjoy your visit!