



Garden Friends

The Gardens Friends are a group of like-minded individuals who have joined together to help support the development of the gardens and visitor activities at Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens.

We have Friends who like to get their hands dirty with planting bees, Friends who enjoy providing guided walks for our visitor groups and school program, Friends who collect and prepare plants for the Botanic Gardens and State Herbarium and Friends who assist with promotions and events. We even have Friends who just love to come and sit and enjoy this beautiful part of Mackay!

There are activities to suit everyone, no matter your age, interest or fitness level. Please ask us if you would like more information on how you can help the Botanic Gardens grow.



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Visitor guide and map





Welcome and enjoy... a showcase of the region

The Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens showcases the flora of the Central Queensland coast bioregion, a diverse area featuring lush tropical rainforests, wide sweeping beaches, mangrove lined waterways and open eucalypt forests. Within our 51 hectare site, opened in May 2003, you can meander along the banks of "The Lagoons", once the main channel of the Pioneer River, and notice the Botanic Gardens' growth. It is a changing and growing attraction, so make sure to come back regularly.

Unique natural features

The Botanic Gardens have been planned to interpret many of the natural features of the region such as the Finch Hatton Gorge waterways, Regional Forest Garden and Eulamere Wetlands. A variety of paths, ramps, bridges and boardwalks allow close-up viewing of both flora and fauna in these newly created habitats. Most of the flora (88 per cent) growing in our formed and natural landscapes are Australian natives. Some plant species are rare or threatened in the wild.

Specialised gardens

The diverse cultural heritage and makeup of Mackay is also celebrated in specialised garden; displaying the plants of the South Sea Islands, Aboriginal culture and bush tucker displays, Torres Strait Islands, Maltese and Japanese inspired landscapes. Children are not forgotten with the Botanic Gardens playground, a healthy 800 metre walk from the Café and Gallery

Walks of interest

Take a walk back in time through the Heritage Gardens where plants grown in home gardens during the early days of Mackay's settlement are on display. Walking through the Coal Garden you will notice the path is imprinted as a time span of the planet and the

garden features plants that have adapted since the prehistoric eras. Follow the dinosaur footprints, back to the methane bubbles and mosses that began plant life on earth. For a cool retreat, indulge in a walk through the Tropical Shade Garden and Fernery, adjacent to the Administration Building.

How to experience the Gardens

- A wedding venue with a host of photography opportunities
- Rest and relaxation with family picnics
- Socialising at community events
- Exercise with walking/ jogging and cycling paths
- Educational opportunities with school tours, guided walks, interpretive signs and displays.



Botanic Gardens Café and Gallery

Situated in beautiful surroundings, the Botanic Gardens Café and Gallery is Mackay's unique garden and gallery café with a view!

It's the place to plan your visit or just sit and relax with a coffee and take in the view and local wildlife from the shady al fresco deck.

Enjoy monthly exhibitions with an environmental or cultural theme in the air conditioned Botanic Gardens Gallery.

The Botanic Gardens Café can also cater for your next function or meeting at the Botanic Gardens - from casual gatherings, celebrations and wedding receptions. Bookings are essential, please phone (07) 4952 6930.

For Café and Gallery opening times or for more information, visit the Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens' website - mackayregionalbotanicgardens.com.au

SOUTH - Balmoral

1. Col Story Park and playground
2. Australian South Sea Islander Garden of Memories
3. Australian South Sea Islander Meeting House and car park
4. Regional Forests
5. Railway Tunnel

SOUTH EAST - Kaliguil

6. Pioneer Peaks
7. Koumala Range
8. Reliance Creek
9. Brigalow Belt
10. Kaliguil Shelter
11. Ethno Botany
12. Sarina-Proserpine
13. Intake Tower

CENTRAL - Cremorne

14. Monocot Collection - Bamboo
15. Gymnosperm Deck
16. Palm Walk
17. Tropical Shade Garden
18. The Fernery
19. Orientation Garden and Cremorne car park
20. Eungella Cloud Garden
21. Garden's Visitor Information and Shop, Administration and Meeting Room
22. Botanic Gardens Café and Gallery
23. Finch Hatton Waterway

NORTH EAST - Summerlands

24. Bus Bay
25. Tropical Sun Garden
26. Malta Garden
27. Screens and Hedges
28. Sister City Garden
29. Whitsunday Gardens
30. Demonstration Gardens
31. Heritage Gardens and shelter
32. Coal Garden
33. Coastal Lowlands
34. Forest Arbour
35. Australian Regional Flora Terraces
36. Eulamere Boardwalk and shelter
37. Timber Trees Arboretum

NORTH - Rawson's Hollow

38. Torres Strait Islands shelter and pathway
39. Monsoon Waterway
40. Tropical Palms and Pandanus
41. Tamarind car park
42. Botanic Gardens Playground

WEST - Meadowlands

43. Meadowlands car park
44. Meadowlands Ampitheatre
45. Operations Centre



Colour coded signage on this map is reflected in the signage and paint colours of the man-made features (eg. light poles) of the gardens, to assist with orientation and interpretation of the six sections of the Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens.



Gardens Visitor Information and shop
Botanic Gardens Café and Gallery
Administration
Meeting Room