






Visited by more than **200,000** people each year
 150 hectares
 January 2018, Australian Geographic Magazine named Gladstone Tondoon Botanic Gardens in the Top Ten Regional Botanic gardens in the country.
 The Gardens boast more than **2000** species of native plants

Combining forest, naturally displayed gardens, Lake Tondoon and Mount Biondello, the Gladstone Tondoon Botanic Gardens is a sanctuary of flora and fauna just waiting to be explored.

Officially opened in 1988 as a part of the Gladstone Regional Council conservation strategy, Gladstone Tondoon Botanic Gardens has become a place of inspiration, relaxation and recreation for many. Explore different environments from across Queensland, ranging from the native forest and natural bushland of Mount Biondello, the coastal Central Queensland rainforest to the rainforest of North Queensland and the South East Queensland rainforest.



Connect.
 Unearth.
 Explore.



Explore the gardens at your own pace or join our trained, friendly and knowledgeable volunteer staff as they guide you on a gentle stroll through the Prime Display sections of the Gardens. Guides offer information on the history, botanical collections and stories behind Gladstone Tondoon Botanic Gardens.

Guided tours of the Garden

The fort-like entrance to the Gardens acknowledges the local indigenous police that stationed the area in the 1800s.

The Gardens' centrepiece, Tondoon Dam, was featured in the Garden is the old pump station and intake tower which can be seen below the dam wall.

In the early 1900's a meteorite was found at the base of Mount Biondello. Weighing approximately 735kg, the meteorite is listed as the largest in Queensland and the sixth largest in Australia. The meteorite was partly buried close to the present site of the dam wall. It was first displayed at the Brisbane Show of 1926, but is now housed in the Field Museum of Natural History of Chicago. Four other smaller sections of meteorite were found in the same area and are now housed in various museums in Australia and around the world.

History

The Gardens' centrepiece, Tondoon Dam, was the town's water supply from 1916-1945. Still featured in the Garden is the old pump station and intake tower which can be seen below the dam wall.

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 Tondoon Botanic Gardens

Hours of Opening

Garden
 Daily 7am-5.30pm
 Closed Good Friday and Christmas Day

Visitor Centre
 Monday to Friday 8am-4pm

Location
 672 Glenlyon Road, Glen Eden.

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Conditions & Regulations

All living and non-living components of Gladstone Tondoon Botanic Gardens are protected. These are not to be disturbed or removed in any way. Domestic animals, including dogs, are not permitted on the reserve.

友情 (Yūjō) Bonsai House

The staff and volunteers are actively involved in the research into botany and horticulture of Australian native plants, as well as threatened and endangered species. Through this work, numerous new species that are now added to the list of Australian native plants. Continued conservation is an integral part of our future, the Gladstone Tondoon Botanic Gardens is contributing to this through ongoing research and live collection program throughout the Gladstone Region.

The Bonsai House displays between 20 to 25 bonsai trees at any time.

Opening hours vary, please check availability before planning a visit.

Scientific Research

Officially opened in 1988, the Herbarium is a labelled collection of pressed and dried plant specimens systematically arranged into scientific families. This plant library will be important and invaluable for future generations. The collection is primarily made up of plant specimens from the Port Curtis pastoral district. It also houses a collection of botanic reference books which are available for public viewing by appointment only.

The Norm Gibson Herbarium

"The Garden of Stillness in Movement"

The importance of nature in Japanese culture is showcased in this ornamental landscaped garden and authentic Japanese Tea house. The popular Japanese Tea Gardens were constructed in 2010 using traditional Japanese building methods and recycled timber. Many traditional Japanese garden plants are not suited to Queensland's tropical climate and have been substituted with similar Australian native plants.

Japanese Tea Garden

Art

Art and sculptures can be found strategically placed throughout the gardens.

Free Barbecues and Children's Play Area

Enjoy the Gardens' free barbecue and picnic areas, located throughout the Arboretum section. Sheltered by a variety of tall gum trees, these areas are popular for family gatherings. A children's play area is located nearby.

Visitor Centre

Call into the Visitor Centre to view our Horticulture Technical Library, browse through our Garden Magazines, and purchase gifts and mementos. Our friendly Visitor Experience Team will assist with event bookings, workshop bookings, School Holiday Program activities, volunteering, and more.

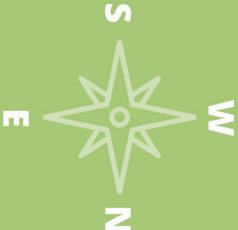
Café

Relax and enjoy the surrounds and wildlife with coffee, cake or light meal at The Junction Café at Tondoon. Opening hours vary, please check their website before visiting.

Events

Celebrate your next event or milestone at the Tondoon Botanic Gardens. Whether its your next birthday party or a wedding, the gardens provide a beautiful tranquil venue. To book contact 4970 0700.





BOTANIC GARDEN FOREST RESERVE



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- 1 Livistona
- 2 Fringing Forest
- 3 Byfield
- 4 North Qld Palm
- 5 Granite Creek
- 6 Syzygium
- 7 Pandanus
- 8 Melaleuca
- 9 Eucalyptus
- 10 Littoral Vine Forest
- 11 Eurimbula
- 12 Australian Conifer
- 13 Bulburin
- 14 Beecher
- 15 Xanthorrhoea
- 16 Cycads
- 17 Mt Larcom Peak
- 18 Dan Dan
- 19 Banksia
- 20 Mt Castletower
- 21 Callide
- 22 Rundle Range
- 23 Kroombit Tops
- 24 Sub-Tropical Rainforest
- 25 Riparian Community
- 26 Brigalow Community
- 27 Central Qld Threatened Species
- 28 Hoop Pine Vine Forest
- 29 Dry Vine Forest
- 30 Composite Rainforest
- 31 South-East Qld Rainforest
- 32 Proteaceae
- 33 Daintree
- 34 Weipa
- 35 Bamaga
- 36 Granite Peaks
- 37 Tablelands