



Welcome to the Botanic Gardens

Orchid House

Brief History of the Orchid House -

In 1995 a resident of Hervey Bay donated a large collection of orchids, which included more than 65 different orchid genera. Over the years the Park's garden staff have nurtured these beautiful and unique plants. During this time more orchids and plants have been donated by other residents.

The Orchid House was built in 2000 with funding from the Centenary of Federation Grants.

The Orchid House was designed by Land Plan Studios to replicate the federation-style conservatoriums built at the turn of the century. Local builders S.S. Rhind were commissioned to build the conservatory. It was completed at the end of October 2000.

On 26 January 2001, the Orchid House was opened to the public for the Australia Day Festival in the Botanic Gardens.

The official opening was on 18 February, 2001, by the Mayor of Hervey Bay Ted Sorenson and the Federal Member for Wide Bay, Warren Truss.

Orchid & plant sales may occur during the months of April and September.

Phone the Garden's office on (07) 4125 9700 for further details.



The Orchid House helps with the conservation of threatened orchid species in the Fraser Coast region by rescuing orchids from building development sites for relocation or preservation in the nurseries.

- great visitors;
- increase awareness of the world of orchids;
- help grow the orchids; and
- conduct tours of the Orchid House.

The Friends of the Gardens:

Friends of the Gardens is a volunteer group that supports the Orchid House and the production nurseries.



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The orchids are grown in four nurseries. When in flower, they are transferred to the Orchid House providing colour all year round. There are two major seasonal display:

- Late Summer, (February, March and April)
- Spring (August, September, and October).

The display shows orchids and accompanying understory plants from two major zone:

- South and Central America
- South East Asia, Australia

Madagascar:

Cattleya and alliances, Aerides, Vanda, Cymbidium, Dendrobium hybrids, Phalaenopsis, Sobralia, Cypripedium and other unusual Orchids.

Today the orchid collection has about 15,000 plants, mainly tropical epiphytes (tree living) native to: Australia, New Guinea, Indo-China, South East Asia, Malaysia, Pacific Islands, Madagascar, Central and South America.

The collection includes some of the most popular and unusual plants from the orchidaceous family.

Orchid Collection



History & Vision

The Hervey Bay Botanic Gardens was established in 1974.

The objectives for the gardens were to:

- Collect, display and research the native plants of the Great Sandy Region;
- Preserve and maintain a representative and sustainable selection of species endemic to the site;
- Represent the diverse range of plant species in habitat settings where possible;
- Maintain a system of records to ensure the scientific value of the collection;
- Label individual plants and provide interpretive and educational data on specimens, plant communities and natural associations;
- Promote research into specific projects, such as the amenity horticulture potential of local species in town, rural and tourism related developments;
- Create passive recreation facilities for local residents and visitors;
- Promote the Botanic Gardens as a tourist attraction of the region.



Opening hours

The Gardens are open daily from 6.30am - 8.30pm. Admission is free.

The Orchid House is open Monday to Friday 10am - 3.30pm. Complimentary cup of tea/coffee included with \$2.50 entry fee.

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