Palm Lawns
Palm species requiring an open aspect can be found in the Palm Lawn. From soaring Livistona and Washingtonia species to brilliantly coloured Bismarckia and Latania, the collection is also host to several rare and exotic specimens. A Travellers Palm and the Panama Hat Palm are also planted in the lawn; although neither are true palms.

Rose and Herb Gardens
The Isabella Phillips Rose Garden houses prolific roses that are popular for photographs and ceremonies. Under the auspices of the Townsville Botanic Gardens, the Herb Garden is maintained by members of the Herb Society of North Queensland where they have established an excellent representation of herbs that grow well in the prevailing climate.

Magnificent Trees
The gardens contain some fine, mature examples of noble tropical trees that help create a cool, shady environment in many locations, whilst providing structure and grandeur. Some of the most notable specimens are the Figs, Sea Almonds, Hoop Pine (with Cyclone Althea lean and Cycone Yasi twist) Mango (believed to be the oldest specimen in Queensland), Moreton Bay Ash (remnant specimen), Milky Pine (the largest is believed to be a remnant) and the magnificent Rain Tree at Kennedy Lane Entrance (120 - 140 years old).

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Queens Gardens
A BOTANIC HERITAGE EXPERIENCE

Initiated in 1870, Queens Gardens is the oldest Botanic Garden in Townsville. Now covering 4 hectares, reduced from an original 40Ha, it is considered a fine example of a tropical colonial garden of that era. Originally established as a trial garden for European settlement, plantings included timber and fruit trees. Today the emphasis of the collection is on colonial ornamental plants with colourful, attractive flowers, foliage or fruit.

On 2 February 2011, Townsville was battered for several hours with Cyclone Yasi’s Category 4 strength winds; a third of the trees at this site were lost as a result.

Townsville residents use the luxuriant gardens for leisure and recreation, while the City Council and community groups utilise its green splendour to stage a variety of special events.

Plants of Interest

A. Flacourtia indica
B. Ficus virens var. virens
C. Camanga odorata
D. Carludovica palmata
E. Mangifera indica
F. Tamarindus indica
G. Cyrtostachys renda
H. Cynocephalus teseolaris
I. Elaeocarpus angustifolius
J. Samanea saman
K. Alstonia scholaris
L. Pandanus papuana
M. Araucaria cunninghamii

Governor’s Plum
Australian Strangler Fig
Ylang Ylang
Panama Hat Palm
Common Mango
Tamarind
Lipstick Palm
Moreton Bay Ash
Blue Quandong
Rain Tree
Milky Pine
Papuan Pandan
Hoop Pine

N. Ficus rubiginosa
O. Agathis robusta
P. Dypsis leptochelos
Q. Delonix regia
R. Bambusa ventricosa
S. Michelia champaca
T. Bombax ceiba
U. Attalea cohune
V. Bismarckia nobilis
W. Swietenia madagascariensis
X. Hyophorbe lagenicaulis
Y. Ficus benjamina

Rusty Fig
Kauri Pine
Redneck Palm
Poinciana
Buddha Belly Bamboo
Champak
Silk Cotton Tree
Cohune Palm
Bismarck Palm
Traveller’s Palm
Bottle Palm
Weeping Fig

Feature Areas within the garden

BIRD AVIARY
The Bird Aviary within Queens Gardens was first established around 1938. Since then, it has received multiple upgrades, with the latest in February 2020. It is home to two cockatoos, a galah and a corella, and other bird species such as rainbow lorikeets and gouldian finches. The aviary remains a popular attraction for locals and tourists.

RAINFOREST
This compact representation of a tropical rainforest hosts a spreading canopy of Strangler Fig (Ficus virens var. virens), Blue Quandong (Elaeocarpus angustifolius), Milky Pine (Alstonia scholaris) and Raintree (Samanea saman). A meandering path network leads the visitor through lush under-plantings of interesting specimens. The central area was severely damaged by Cyclone Yasi and replanting of this section of the Rainforest was carried out with funding and support from Stockland Ltd.

FRANGIPANI COLLECTION
The floral emblem of Queens Gardens is represented by a collection of Frangipani (Plumeria) species that occur naturally in the wild, along with a selection of the most magnificent cultivars and rarities. Perfect for the dry tropical climate of Townsville, Frangipani’s exude the colonial heritage and ambience of this garden.

EVENTS LAWN
The Events Lawn is the premier location for a variety of functions in Queens Gardens. A tranquil atmospheric backdrop for theatre, music and social events is provided by a collection of magnificent shade and timber trees which are the remnants from the original economic botany theme.