



PANDANUS COLLECTION >>

Renowned as the largest cultivated collection of *Pandanus* in any Botanic Garden, this group includes all the Australian species as well as others from New Guinea, South East Asia, Pacific Islands and Madagascar. Exotic species are planted adjacent to the Palm Lawn, while Australian species are near the Cape York Peninsula Collection.



CAPE YORK PENINSULA COLLECTION >>

Located near Balls Lane entrance, the Cape York Peninsula Collection features ornamental trees, palms, *Pandanus*, climbers and understorey plants from Far North Queensland. The area is sympathetically managed in an attempt to recreate habitats and atmosphere of that region.



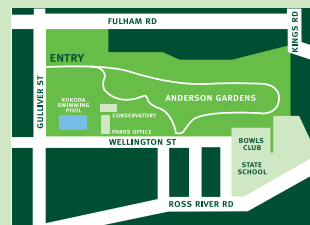
MAGNIFICENT TREES >>

Anderson Botanic Gardens is home to an outstanding collection of tropical trees, in particular stately rain trees and figs. The Cannonballs trees, Red Silk Cotton Trees, Golden Pendas, Pink Trumpet Trees are of note as are the developing Baobabs and Bottle Trees.



Anderson Botanic Gardens

A NATIVE & DRY TROPICS EXPERIENCE



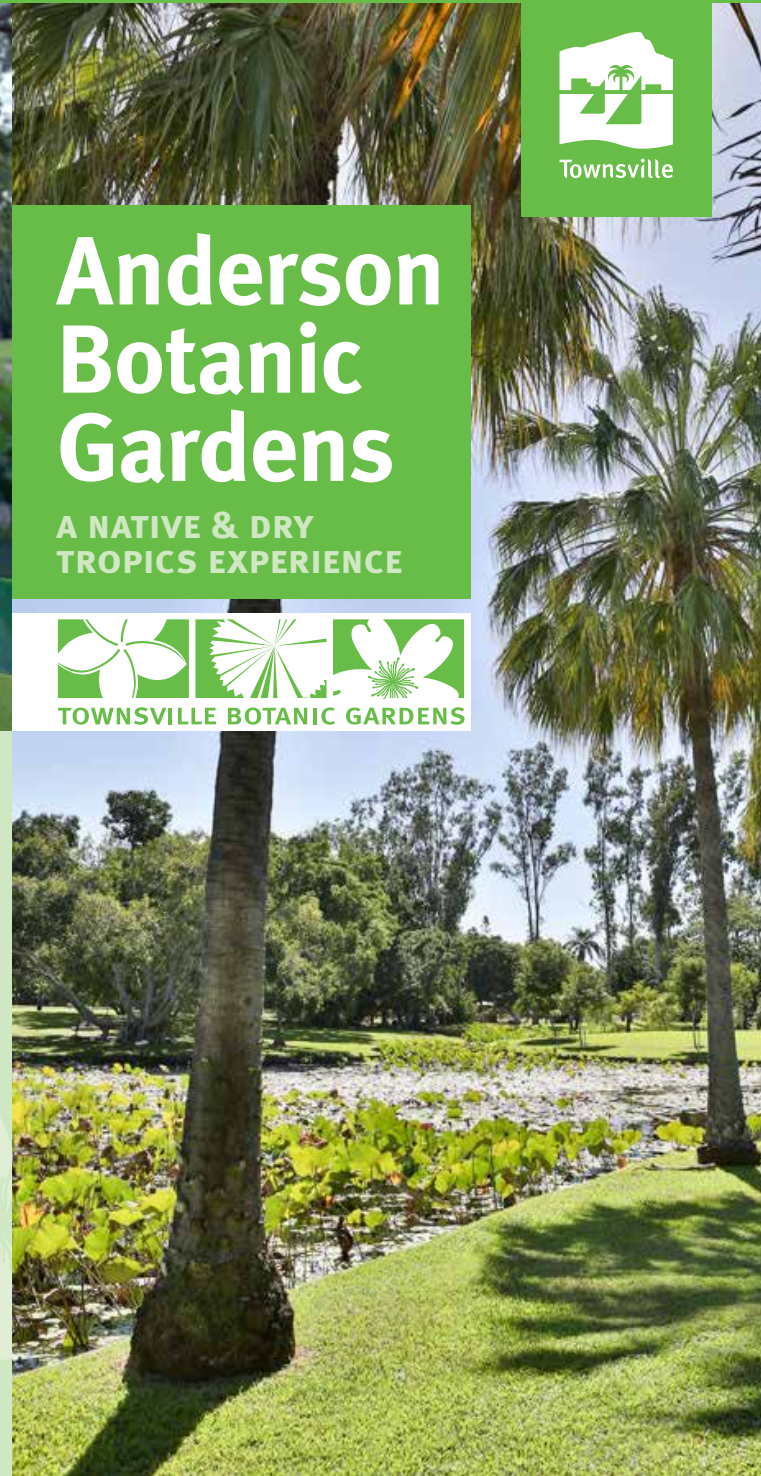
The Townsville Botanic Gardens, as developed by Townsville City Council, includes Anderson Gardens, Queens Gardens and the Palmetum.

Each garden is unique in character but all contain fine examples of tropical vegetation that will be of interest to plant enthusiasts and casual visitors alike.

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LOCATION >> Townsville, North Queensland. Vehicle access is off Gulliver Street. Pedestrian entrances are off Fulham Road, Balls Lane, Gulliver and Wellington Streets in the suburb of Mundingburra.

AREA >> 25 Hectares, generally rectangular in shape with major stormwater drain running west to east on the North side of Gardens.

CLIMATE >> Dry Tropics. Townsville's average annual rainfall is 1125 mm, with marked seasonality and high variability. Approximately 70% falls January to March, with useful falls of 20mm or more rare from May to October. Rainfall events tend to be of high intensity and short duration. Summers are hot and humid.

PLANT COLLECTION >> Anderson Botanic Gardens is the largest Australian Botanic Garden featuring plants of the dry tropics. The original Botanic Gardens design was prepared in 1962 by Alan Wilson, a Landscape Architect and Superintendent of Parks, with the plant collection originally laid out in Taxonomic groupings; which have largely survived. Formerly an arboretum, the most notable collection is of large impressive trees. A strong emphasis on dry tropic and native species is the focus of the ongoing developing of the collections which include regional collections, cycads, pandanus, conifers, bamboos, palms and an orchard.

On 2 February 2011, Cyclone Yasi battered Townsville for several hours with Category 4 strength winds resulting in one third of the trees at this site being lost.

HISTORY OF ESTABLISHMENT >> The original land for Anderson Park was acquired from the Water and Electricity Supply Department in 1929. Much of that land is now Mundingburra State School (including the original Thuringowa well), and the Jubilee Bowls Club. Most of the existing land was acquired between 1956 and 1963 as land acquisitions and was named in appreciation of the work of William Anderson (1845 - 1935), City of Townsville's first Curator of Parks (1878 - 1934).

FACILITIES >> Picnic areas, internal car parking, 10,000 Steps Circuit and large well maintained parkland for events.

GENERAL INFORMATION >> Anderson Gardens are open to the public between sunrise and sunset. Gates will be closed at other times. No vehicles allowed off the roadway.



Anderson Gardens

A NATIVE & DRY TROPICS EXPERIENCE

Anderson Gardens is the largest botanic garden in Townsville covering 25 hectares.

Centrally located in Mundingburra, the garden contains fine specimens of tropical trees, palms and Pandanus. The World Cycad Garden, Grand Avenues and Tropical Orchard are of particular note. A representative collection of Cape York Peninsula rainforest specimens are displayed along with native plants and flora of the dry tropical regions of the world. Anderson Gardens were named in appreciation of the work of William Anderson, City of Townsville's first Curator of Parks from 1878-1934.

PLANTS OF INTEREST >>

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| A. <i>Ficus variegata</i> | Variiegated Fig |
| B. <i>Colvillea racemosa</i> | Colville's Glory Tree |
| C. <i>Syzygium tierneyanum</i> | River Cherry |
| D. <i>Khaya senegalensis</i> | African Mahogany |
| E. <i>Aleurites fordii</i> | Tung Oil Tree |
| F. <i>Parkia javanica</i> | Drumstick Tree |
| G. <i>Ficus elastica</i> | Rubber Tree |
| H. <i>Brachychiton rupestris</i> | Queensland Bottle Tree |
| I. <i>Pandanus utilis</i> | Red Edged Pandanus |
| J. <i>Eucalyptus tereticornis</i> | Forest Red Gum |
| K. <i>Couroupita guianensis</i> | Cannonball Tree |
| L. <i>Hyphaenes caoriacea</i> | Ilala Palm |
| M. <i>Ficus virens var. virens</i> | Australian Strangler Fig |
| N. <i>Licuala ramsayi</i> | Australian Fan Palm |
| O. <i>Maniltoa lenticellata</i> | Cascading Bean |
| P. <i>Samanea saman</i> | Rain Tree |
| Q. <i>Taxodium distichum</i> | Swamp Cypress |
| R. <i>Gigantochloa atroviolacea</i> | Black Bamboo |
| S. <i>Washingtonia robusta</i> | Washington Palm |
| T. <i>Borassus flabellifer</i> | Palmyra Palm |
| U. <i>Nelumbo nucifera</i> | Sacred Lotus |
| V. <i>Ficus religiosa</i> | Bo-Tree |
| W. <i>Phoenix dactylifera</i> | Date Palm |
| X. <i>Kigelia africana</i> | Sausage Tree |
| Y. <i>Araucaria heterophylla</i> | Norfolk Island Pine |
| Z. <i>Bombax ceiba</i> | Red Silk Cotton Tree |

AVENUES >>

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| AA. <i>Livistona decora</i> | Weeping Cabbage Palm |
| BB. <i>Handroanthus impetiginosus</i> | Pink Trumpet Tree |
| CC. <i>Bismarckia nobilis</i> | Bismarck Palm |
| DD. <i>Agathis robusta</i> | Queensland Kauri Pine |

ACCESS >> Travelling south along Gulliver Street, past Fulham Road intersection. No right turn into gardens travelling North. Car parks are located on the internal roadway within the gardens. Pedestrian entrances are off Fulham Road, Balls Lane, Gulliver Street and Wellington Streets.



FEATURE AREAS >>

WORLD CYCAD GARDEN >>

This collection is one of the largest public displays of cycads in Queensland. The plants are arranged according to their geographic distribution; in four distinct zones of Australia, Asia, Americas and Africa. The majority of large specimens have been transplanted from other areas of the garden.



DRY TROPICS WATER SMART GARDEN >> GIANTS WALK

The Giants Walk is a 'Sustainable Townsville' initiative based around a water-smart planting, which is destined to be an educational centrepiece. This garden contains a mixture of low water use native and exotic plant species as a demonstration on what can be achieved in a home garden.



GRAND AVENUES >>

The main entrance is planted with the local fan palm (*Livistona decora*) which occurs naturally just south of Townsville. The Queensland Kauri Pine (*Agathis robusta*) dominates the bull ring circle and may reach 50m and live for centuries. Avenues of the noble blue Bismarck palm (*Bismarckia nobilis*) from the Dry Tropics of Madagascar and *Handroanthus* (formerly *Tabebuia* in-part) from South America are also planted.



TROPICAL ORCHARD AND ECONOMIC PLANTS >>

The Orchard contains many of the finest fruits, nuts, condiments and spices from the tropical world. The collection includes Mango, Lychee, Jackfruit, Sapodilla, Mangosteen, Sapote, Limes, Pomelo, Buddha's' Hand, Mandarins, Chinotto, Breadfruit, Custard Apple, Avocado, Cashew, Macadamia, Cinnamon, and Coffee. Coconuts, oil palms and a date palm grove adjoin this planting as these palms are the most important economically in cultivation.

