WAGGA WAGGA BOTANIC GARDENS

Explore and enjoy the wonders of the Wagga Wagga Botanic Gardens situated within the Willans Hill Reserve. Construction of the Botanic Gardens started in 1961, with the first trees planted in 1962. The gardens were officially opened in 1968 by the Director of Botanic Gardens, Adelaide, Mr. T. R. N. Lothian.

Today, the Wagga Wagga Botanic Gardens feature nine distinct garden areas, a Chinese pavilion, three playgrounds, a free Zoo and aviary, a tree chapel and a model railway that weaves throughout the gardens. The Wagga Wagga Society of Model Engineers has created a miniature world of rail, which delights thousands of visitors each year. A railway station and working controls feature along the extensive track, which weaves through the gardens. Trains run on the first and third Sundays of every month.

AUSTRALIAN NATIVE FLORA SECTION

The native flora section features scattered trees in lawned areas, with native plantings around the perimeter. Many of the shrubs, trees and plants located on the borders of the garden have not been transplanted, giving an insight into their natural growth and shape.

MODEL RAILWAY

The Wagga Wagga Botanic Gardens is a Model Railway enthusiast’s dream. The garden railway is designed by enthusiasts and features a miniature world of rail, which weaves throughout the gardens. Trains run on the first and third Sundays of every month.

TREE CHAPEL

The tree chapel provides a venue for open air services and weddings, in unadulterated simplicity and rustic setting.

CAMELIA GARDEN

This garden was established to celebrate Wagga Wagga’s sister city, Toowoomba, with a visit from the Lord Mayor. The garden features a collection of Camellias, including azaleas and rhododendrons.

SHAKESPEAREAN GARDEN

The garden is a recreation of the planting patterns described by Shakespeare in his poems. It features formal beds, pergolas and trellises.

CACTI & SUCCULENT GARDEN

This garden features drought-resistant plants that have adapted succulence as a strategy to withstand drought. The plants within the garden originate from areas with low rainfall and have hardly changed in a thousand years, having evolved to a very hot and dry climate.

RAINFOREST GULLY

This garden displays a range of plants suitable for all ages, children can enjoy the area. Suitable for growing in Wagga Wagga + conditions required to grow rainforest plants +

ZOO & AVIARY

Suitable for all ages, children can enjoy the area. Suitable for growing in Wagga Wagga +

MUSIC BOWL

This fantastic outdoor concert area has a covered stage and is suitable for small or large concerts.

ROSE GARDEN

The David Jones Memorial Rose Garden is surrounded by a spectacular bamboo gully that creates a peaceful setting, with a gazebo. This beautiful garden area overlooks a pond and is popular for weddings.

PROTEA GARDEN

This garden displays a range of proteas that is surrounded by a spectacular bamboo gully that creates a peaceful setting, with a gazebo. This beautiful garden area overlooks a pond and is popular for weddings.

ISLAND & BAMBOO GARDEN

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KIDSVILLE TODDLERS PLAY AREA

Suitable for all ages, children can enjoy the area. Suitable for growing in Wagga Wagga +

WATERWISE GARDEN

The Waterwise Garden was developed to demonstrate and provide practical advice on landscaping and irrigation to reduce water usage. The garden displays various drought-resistant plants and systems can be seen and touched, incorporating both native and exotic plants.

WEDDINGS/FUNCTIONS IN THE GARDENS

Currently closed for renovations.

ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND & PICNIC AREA

Suitable for all ages, children can enjoy the area. Suitable for growing in Wagga Wagga +

MUSEUM OF THE RIVERINA

Open daily 9am to 4pm (Closed for lunch break 12.30pm – 1.30pm)

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GETTING TO THE GARDENS

The Wagga Wagga Botanic Gardens provides the perfect backdrop for weddings/funerals. Contact bookings@wagga.nsw.gov.au for more information.

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