



# WAGGA WAGGA BOTANIC GARDENS, ZOO & AVIARY

WIRADJURI COUNTRY



## 1 Zoo & Aviary

Visiting the Wagga Wagga Zoo & Aviary is a highlight of visiting the Botanic Gardens. More than 90 species of native and exotic animals and birds live here including camels, dingoes, emus, and reptiles. Stunning peacocks roam freely within the zoo grounds. Walk through the free-flight aviary, visit the children's farmland, and view our iconic guinea pig castle!



## 2 Willans Hill Miniature Railway

The Wagga Wagga Society of Model Engineers has created a miniature world of rail which delights thousands of visitors each year. Train rides run on the first and third Sunday of every month.



## 3 Camellia Garden & Chinese Pavilion

The Camellia Garden was established to celebrate Wagga Wagga's Sister City relationship with Kunming in China, the home of the Camellia. The Chinese Pavilion, entrance arch, and stone lantern were gifted by the City of Kunming, and the garden features over 300 species of Camellia.



## 4 Museum of the Riverina

Within the Botanic Gardens precinct via an accessible pathway, the Museum of the Riverina tells stories about the people and events that have helped shape the City of Wagga Wagga and the Riverina Region. For further information on exhibitions and events visit [museumriverina.com.au](http://museumriverina.com.au).



## 5 Brolga Pond & Amphitheatre

Rest and recharge by the Brolga Pond. With accessible pathways, the Brolga Pond features an amphitheatre, deck over the pond, and views of the Rose Garden. It's a perfect place to relax with a coffee or a picnic lunch.



## 6 Adventure Playground, Toddler Playground & Picnic Area

No doubt you've worked up an appetite by now! Come here for a picnic or cook up a BBQ feast and let the kids burn off their energy. The adventure playground features a cable ride, a maze and climbing pyramid, and an enclosed toddler playground.



## 7 Kidsville Playground

The Kidsville Playground is ideal for young children. This area is fully fenced, shaded, and close to the café, toilets, and zoo.



## 8 Protea Garden

Proteas are a tough and hardy evergreen southern hemisphere flowers with cone-shaped heads, which attract nectar-feeding birds.



## 9 Cacti & Succulent Garden

This garden features drought-resistant plants from Africa and America. All plants within the garden originate from low rainfall areas and have adapted succulence as a strategy to withstand drought.



## 10 Shakespearean Garden

Did you know that the Wagga Wagga Shakespeare Club is the oldest continuing Shakespeare group in the world? The garden celebrates this achievement, with plants that are featured in the Bard's plays and sonnets.



## 11 Tree Chapel

The Tree Chapel provides a venue for open air services and weddings in a natural and rustic setting.



## 12 Nature Playground

A short walk from the Museum of the Riverina, this nature-based adventure playground is a unique play space with accessible pathways and features a bamboo tunnel for kids big and small. It is the perfect place to have a barbecue with the family.



## 13 Australian Native Garden

The native flora section features scattered trees in lawn areas with native plantings around the perimeter. Many of the shrubs located on the borders of the garden are not pruned, revealing their natural growth and shape.



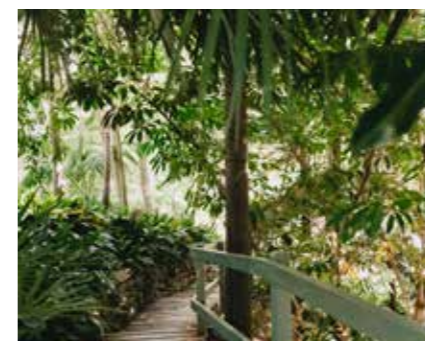
## 14 Rose Garden

The David Jones Memorial Rose Garden has 42 different species of roses, and is ablaze with colour when in full bloom.



## 15 Music Bowl

This outdoor concert area has a covered stage and is suitable for performances of all sizes.



## 16 Rainforest Walk

The rainforest gully displays assorted ferns and rainforest trees. The gully is kept humid by an automatic spray system that operates throughout the day to create the conditions required to grow rainforest plants in a very hot and dry climate.



## 17 Waterwise Garden

The Waterwise Garden was developed to demonstrate and provide practical advice on landscaping and irrigation to reduce water usage. The garden displays are all hands-on and systems can be seen and touched.



## 18 The Gardens Café & Function Centre

The Gardens Café is open seven days a week, providing a convenient spot for visitors to enjoy a meal or a drink. The function room provides a versatile space for hosting various events such as weddings, conferences, and parties.

# welcome to the WAGGA WAGGA BOTANIC GARDENS, ZOO & AVIARY

*Ngiyanhi* gawaymbanha Wagga Wagga-gu, Wiradyuri-gu ngurambang-gu. Nginha bala ngiyanhigin, guna balugirbang-gu garray. Ngurambang Wiradyuri-gu mayiny-gu.

*Welcome to Wagga Wagga, Wiradyuri country, the land of our ancestors, home of the Wiradyuri people*

Located at the base of Willans Hill, the Wagga Wagga Botanic Gardens are set over 22 acres.

Family attractions include the zoo and free-flight aviary, and four separate playgrounds, including safe enclosed areas for younger children.

Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy on the grounds or make use of one of the covered barbecue areas. There is also a café, located next to the zoo, open seven days a week.

Read on to discover what the Wagga Wagga Botanic Gardens have to offer.



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buwagayi Wagga Wagga-gu

Thank you for visiting Wagga Wagga

We thank Uncle Dr Stan Grant Senior, Budyaa Wiradyuri Language Trust and the staff at the School of Indigenous Australian Studies at Charles Sturt University for the Wiradjuri language and translations in this guide. Share in this language throughout this guide as a way to connect with the culture and spirit of the traditional custodians of the land, the Wiradjuri Peoples.

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