

Peace Park – Rosewood Scrub Arboretum

Gaining funding support from Natural Heritage Trust in the early stages of development, the Rosewood Scrub Arboretum was created with the help of the Ipswich branch of the Society for Growing Australian Plants.

Originally the land was divided by developers for houses although a parcel of two hectares was set aside as parkland. The local council permitted the establishment and planting of the arboretum (a museum of living trees) with indigenous plants of the Rosewood district – specifically scrub (**dry rainforest**) vegetation.

Over the years more than two hundred trees, shrubs, vines and herbaceous plants have been identified in various patches of local vegetation on private property and road verges within the surrounding districts. Most of these are now planted in the arboretum for conservation and preservation reasons.

Original species that were identified in the park still present include: brigalow (*Acacia harpophylla*), rosewood/scrub ironbark (*Acacia fasciculifera*), crows ash (*Flindersia australis*), small leaved tuckeroo (*Cupaniopsis parvifolia*), red kamala (*Mallotus philippensis*), native lime (*Citrus australis*), bitter bark (*Alstonia constricta*) and the rough leaved elm (*Aphananthe philippinensis*).

Work done by volunteers in propagation, planting and maintaining the grounds permit visitors to experience many plants usually overlooked when considering trees for the garden. However a large range of these plants are well suited to the suburbs of South East Queensland and beyond.

Some highly desirable plants seen at this arboretum include: tulip satin wood (*Rhodospaera rhodanthema*), native butterfly bush (*Pavetta australiensis*), python tree (*Austromyrtus bidwillii*), velvet cassia (*Cassia tomentella*), rose apple (*Owenia venosa*) and lolly bush (*Clerodendrum floribundum*).

Also of interest is the identification of plants as bush medicine. Visitors will need to contact the Arboretum Coordinator, to obtain this booklet or to organise a tour.



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