

Queens Park, Mackay



Established in 1886, Queen's Park covers six hectares and is situated at the eastern end of Mackay's city precinct. This graceful park is an oasis of large tropical trees with avenues of *Delonix regia* and huge multi-trunked *Ficus bengalensis* with some trees well over a century old.

Queens Park is a repository of interesting botanical specimens and many 'old-fashioned' species, historic structures and memorials. The Park is a lovely place to take a picnic, find a shady place and relax just metres from the blue Pioneer River and a short stroll to Iluka Beach.

Now an exciting future looms on the horizon. The Bluewater Trail project includes Queens Park in a 10 kilometre activity trail of green spaces being built along the river and stretching all the way from the beach to the new Regional Botanic Gardens in West Mackay. Soon Queens Park's many beautiful heritage features will be dusted off and given a new lease on life.

Often described as one of this park's secret treasures, the Ken Burgess Tropical Display House – called colloquially the "Orchid House", houses a collection of 3000 orchids and numerous foliage plants, ensuring a flowering display year-round.

Queens Park is open daylight hours every day. The Ken Burgess Tropical Display House is open weekdays from 10am to 11am and 2pm to 2.30pm and on Sunday from 2pm to 5pm. Admission is free.

