Nurtured over 25 years from a cow paddock, the transformation into the Redcliffe Botanic Gardens has made this location a leading tourist and public destination.

The gardens have been zoned to reflect the various plant communities that can be found in the Moreton Region. Each zone represents a distinct plant type such as rainforest, tall open forest, wallum healthland and water garden.

Moreton region rainforest occupies about one quarter of the Gardens space and is filled with over 250 rainforest species native to the district.

The Johnman-Loveday Track celebrates two volunteers (Joan Johnman and Jackie Loveday) and focuses on local endemic plants that are nearly extinct on the Redcliffe Peninsula.

A collection of rare and delicate herb for the Queensland climate are showcased in the Herb Garden with some 500 different species of culinary, medicinal, industrial, native and assorted herb varieties. This herb garden covers 200m<sup>2</sup>.

The floral emblem for Redcliffe is the coastal banksia (*Banksia integifolia*) and is well represented within the Gardens.

Volunteers are frequently seen tending to various sections and are more often happy to discuss their involvement.

Other frequent visitors worth watching include birds, butterflies and marsupials. Koalas are occasionally seen grazing or sleeping in the various specimens of tallowwood, scribbly gum and swamp mahogany scattered throughout the Gardens.

The unique natural beauty and peaceful surrounds provide a wondrous experience away from the rigours of everyday life. Facilities include picnic shelters, seating, drinking fountains and facilities for disabled. The amphitheatre is used for special functions with the picturesque Glasshouse Mountains as a backdrop.





