

Kholo Botanic Gardens – Ipswich

The Kholo Botanical Gardens is a small park located on a bluff overlooking the Brisbane River with a path leading down to the river. The park was established in 1988 as a bicentennial project.

It has two 1878 vintage pump wells on site, the original source of water for the 'city' of Ipswich.

Featuring significant remnant vegetation it has been enhanced with more ornamental native plants combined with a few exotic species. A protected gully has been restored to preserve local rainforest species and a boardwalk created to maximise enjoyment of the experience.



Of interest in the Gardens are the 50m tall Queensland kari pine (*Agathis robusta*) and 60m tall hoop pine (*Araucaria cunninghamii*) planted by early settlers.

A number of water features including water falls and ponds attract native birds and provide restful spots for family picnics on the nearby lawns.

For public use covered cooking facilities are present and further development will include refurbishment of the historic "Woollen Mills" homestead relocated to the site, additional parkland improvements and upgrades to park amenities.

The Kholo Botanic Gardens has been overlooked on tourist destination booklets however it is a location that provides an ideal escape on weekends for families, couples, bird watchers and plant lovers.

Address:

Kholo Botanical Gardens,
Riverside Road, Kholo, Ipswich

