

Haig Street Quarry Bushland Reserve

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Located a brief five minutes from the heart of Ipswich City and easily accessible from the Warrego Highway, the former quarry has been rehabilitated into a reserve for local wildlife and plant species. Residents and visitors to the region have the opportunity to appreciate the experience of the bush so close to the city.

The spectacular views to the Scenic Rim provide an ideal backdrop to enjoy one of the many BBQ sites and covered seating areas. Recent investment to the Reserve has seen extensive improvements to the amenities and rugged natural bushways that meander through trees and understory plants.

Wildflowers appear after spring rains in conjunction with the bee-friendly plunkett mallee (*Eucalyptus curtisii*). Other flowering plants can be noted along the pathways beneath the larger flowering gums.

The quarry, once a source for sand and gravel, was handed to the city in 1989 and rejuvenated into an open eucalypt forest. It is now a significant element to the fauna movement network that links Bremer River to Pine Mountain. The actual quarry is now a dam that is a valuable habitat for wildlife.

Significant species that visit the site are the glossy black cockatoo (attracted to *Allocasuarina torulosa* and *A. littoralis*) in addition to koalas, and sugar and squirrel gliders.

Location

Haig Street, Brassall, Ipswich.

