



## Queen's Park Botanic Gardens Toowoomba

Previously known as Toowoomba Botanic Gardens, this public garden is the focus for spring flower-loving gardeners when it comes alive with bulbs, annuals and an array of colour and scent for seasonal festivities and family fun. The 4.4 hectares Botanic Gardens is part of a larger 26.3 hectare site complete with open parklands and playing fields. The Gardens are graced with expansive lawns, alluring shrubs and grand trees.

Visitors can meander along the various pathways and experience the diverse themed sections such as the Parterre Garden (established in 1995), Rose Walk, Conifer bed, Palm and Fern Garden, Camellia Walk, numerous native and non-native shrubs and trees, the stunning Spear Lily (*Doryanthes palmeri*) and a first generation Wollemi Pine (*Wollemia nobilis*) propagated from the 'Bill Tree'.

To coincide with the springtime festival, the local council's gardeners spend countless hours planning and bringing to perfection superb floral presentations for the pleasure of visitors.

Facing Lindsay Street are two imposing granite columns donated to the city by the National Bank inscribed with 'Toowoomba Botanic Gardens ESTD 1875' reflecting the time when five hundred pounds was allocated to establish the garden with Edward Way as Curator.

The Queen's Park Botanic Gardens is also home to a memorial raised in commemoration of Alfred Thomas, a construction engineer who worked on the first railway line to Toowoomba.

The gardens are situated at the corner of Campbell and Lindsay streets.

