



A garden with a modern twist

Opened in 2003, Mount Penang Gardens is an enduring and radical contribution to public garden design in Australia.

Renowned landscape architect Anton James' distinctive 'garden within a garden' design creates an understated imperfect landscape that continues to evolve today.

Modern landscapes and Australian native flora blend together to create amazing seasonal displays. Individual 'gardens' are set on and around a large sculptural plateau with walled spaces, abstract pergolas, fountains, ponds, cascades and a 35-metre cantilevered steel footbridge.



12 unique garden rooms



Water features



Wondabyne stone sculptures



Free BBQs & picnic seating



Walking paths



Waterfall café

For café trading times, menu and enquiries, visit waterfallcafe.com.au or call **02 4340 1660**.



Drive time (approx)

- Gosford → 15 mins
- M1 Pacific Motorway → 5 mins
- Sydney → 1 hour
- Newcastle → 1 hour

Mount Penang Gardens
Parklands Road, Kariong 2250

Open daily* 9.30am – 4.30pm

*Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day, Good Friday and for select events.

Spaces at Mount Penang Gardens may be hired for events. Learn more at hccdc.nsw.gov.au/mt-penang-gardens

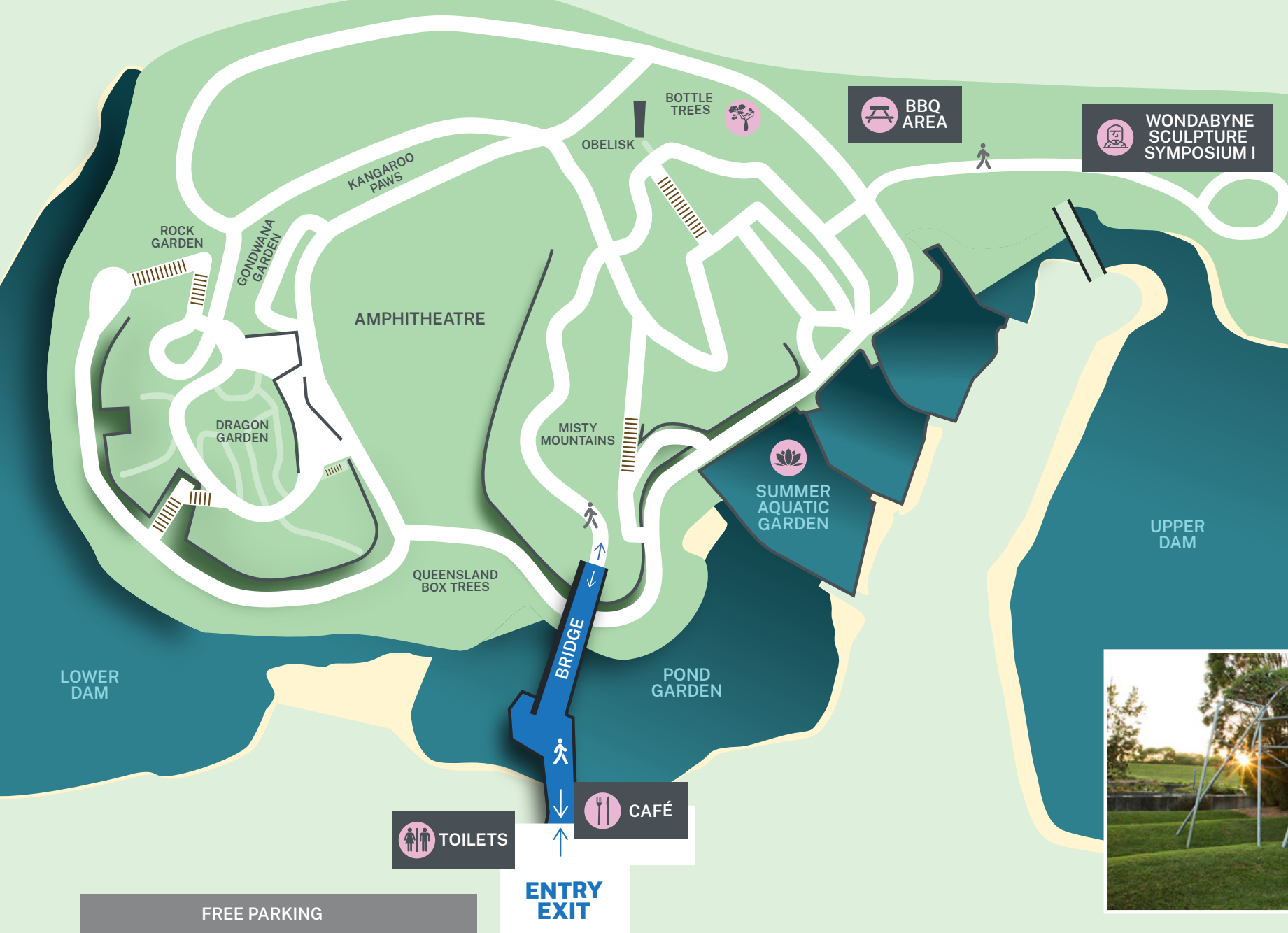
We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of Mount Penang Parklands, and pay respect to elders past and present. May we walk the road to tomorrow with mutual respect and admiration as we care for the beautiful land and waterways together.

Mount Penang Gardens

Experience 8 hectares of stunning gardens and waterways, native flora, walking paths and the intriguing Wondabyne Sculptures.






Mount Penang Parklands is owned and managed by Hunter and Central Coast Development Corporation.



PARKLANDS ROAD



FREE PARKING

- KEY**
-  Stairs
 -  Water
 -  Walking paths

PLEASE NOTE

- Dogs are not permitted in the Gardens.
- Fishing is prohibited.

WATER SAFETY

Mount Penang has water features that are not fenced. Children must be under the supervision of a responsible adult at all times.



Wondabyne sandstone sculptures

Mount Penang is home to the fascinating Wondabyne Sculptures; a permanent outdoor exhibition that can be found on permanent display in the gardens and surrounding parklands. These massive sandstone artworks were carved when sculptors from around the world came together for 2 International Sculpture Symposiums. Each sculpture carved from beautiful locally sourced sandstone is a unique piece of art, influenced by the environment and the cultural heritage of the artists.

Located within the Gardens, **Symposium I** features 12 artworks sculpted waterside at Wondabyne. The artworks, created in 1986, were handed over to the people of Australia as a bicentennial gift.

In the nearby Mount Penang Parklands, **Symposium II** showcases another 13 sculptures, carved on site in 1988.



Every pathway is a discovery

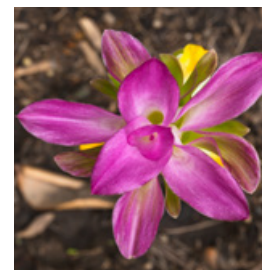
Marvel at the creative ways in which modern landscapes and Australian native flora blend together to produce amazing seasonal displays. Hug a Bottle Tree, wonder at the Dragon Garden's strange cacti and succulents or admire the stunning water lilies and lotus in our Aquatic Garden. There is something new to experience all year round with over 70% of the plants native to Australia.



Black Apple Tree
Pouteria Australis



Bunya Pine
Araucaria bidwillii



Cape York Lily
Curcuma Australasica



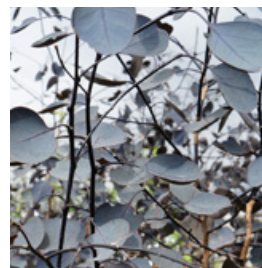
Coolamon/Rose Apple Lilly
Pilly Syzigium moorei



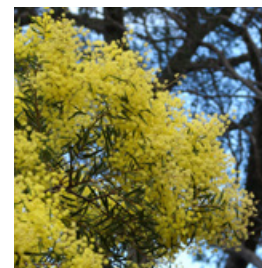
Correa 'Canberra Bells'
Correa hybrid



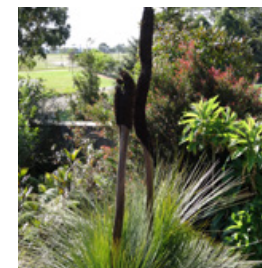
Dragon Tree
Dracaena draco



Eucalyptus 'Vintage Red'
Eucalyptus cladocalyx



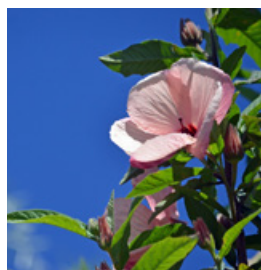
Gosford Wattle
Acacia prominens



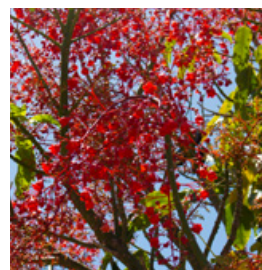
Grass Tree
Xanthorrhoea



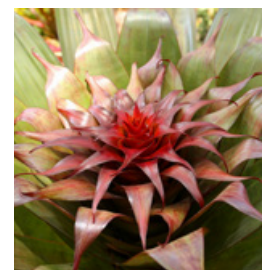
Heath-Leaved Banksia
Banksia ericifolia



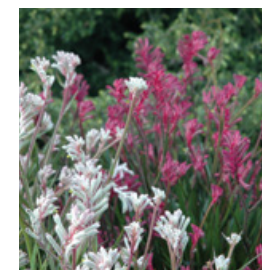
Hollyhock Pink Cottonwood
Hibiscus splendens



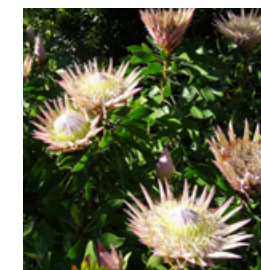
Illawarra Flame Tree
Brachychiton acerifolius



Imperial Bromeliad
Vriesea imperialis



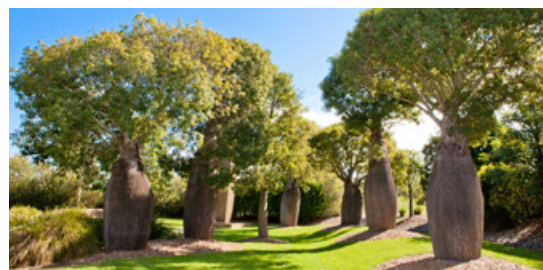
Kangaroo Paws 'Bush Diamond'
Anigozanthos hybrid



King Protea
Protea cynaroides



Mountain Devil
Lambertia formosa



Ormeau Bottle Tree
Brachychiton Sp Ormeau



Red Cedar
Toons ciliata



NSW Waratah
Telopea speciosissima



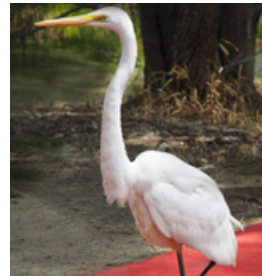
Birds of Mount Penang

The Gardens are an ideal place for bird watching, with native flora, tranquil ponds and a peaceful natural landscape. The diverse variety of bird species attracted to the Gardens make it a perfect spot for both seasoned bird watchers and curious beginners.

Photos courtesy, Patricia Smith.



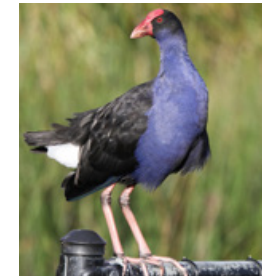
Black Shoulder Kite



Great Egret



Little Black Cormorant



Swampphen



White Faced Heron



Black Bird



Crested Pigeon



Crimson Rosella



Eastern Yellow Robin



Eurasian Coot

Water features

Mount Penang's ponds, cascades and summer aquatic gardens have natural soil and mud bottoms that encourage plant and insect life. Native fish, including murray cod, catfish, yellow belly and silver perch are all part of the Gardens family, living in the upper dam.

The water used in the Gardens is recycled, collected from the Parklands and stored in the lower dam.



Figbird



Golden Whistler



Lewins Honeyeater



Little Pied Cormorant



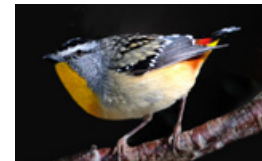
Little Wattle Bird



Lorikeet



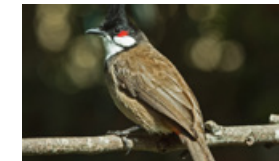
Masked Lapwing



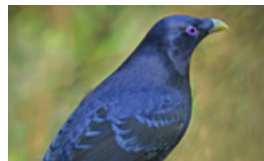
Pardalote



Pacific Black Duck



Red Whiskered Bulbul



Satin Bower Bird (M)



Satin Bower Bird (F)



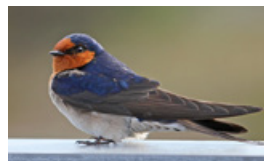
Silvereye



Spinbill



Superb Fairy Wren (M)



Welcome Swallow



Willy Wagtail



Wood Duck

? How many birds and plants did you spot on your visit?