

Illawarra Grevillea Park – Self Guided Walk

Follow the Letters and Arrows

A As you stand in the front entrance area you will be greeted by a wall of colourful tropical Grevilleas from the bank opposite the entrance.

B Turn left and walk up the roadway, Display garden 1 contains grevilleas such as G Cooroora Cascade, *G. endlicheriana* and *G. heliosperma*. Yellow everlasting daisies have self-seeded through this bed as well.

C Keep going straight ahead to the Second Pathway to the left and look out for the pink flowers of *Melaleuca nematophylla* and *Melaleuca suberosa*.

D Follow the cobbled brick path past *Banksia integrifolia*, the Christmas tree-like Daintree Pine (*Gymnostoma australianum*) and *Grevillea glauca* (Bushman's Clothes Peg).

E Admire the majestic Bunya Pine, a tree from the time of the dinosaurs with very prickly leaves which bears seed cones up to 10kgs in weight in summer.

F Continue along the path and back to the main roadway, turn right, after walking about 5 – 10 m turn around, at the letter to your right, look up and spot the bright pink blooms of the Swamp Bloodwood (*Corymbia ptychocarpa*).

Continuing along the road you will pass under eucalypts such as *Angophora costata* Sydney Red Gum, and *Eucalyptus paniculata*. They both have distinctive coloured trunks, the *Angophora* bright orange and *E paniculata* black. The bed to your left-hand side features NSW Christmas Bush, *Grevillea nudiflora* and *G. ilicifolia*, well as several *Eremophilas* and *banksias*. Bright splashes of yellow are provided by *Chrysocephalum apicatum* in both green and silver leaved forms. (Display garden 2)

G Follow the road around to the left and spot Cootamundra Wattle (*Acacia baileyana*) and Cousin It (*Casuarina glauca*) growing over rocks, and two QLD Bottle trees. Turn left up the hill and you can explore our new picnic area planted with standards utilising *Grevilleas* and *Eremophilas* (Display garden 2)

H Keep following the road and take the pathway off to the left. Look out for the bright yellow ball flowers of *Acacia ruppi*, rock orchids and mint bushes (*Prosterantha*) The path continues winding up the hill where you will come to a large Eucalypt covered by Native Wisteria. (*Callerya megasperma*) (Display garden 4 and 3)

I Nearby is a native bee hotel. This area also features a lot of new plantings. (Display garden 3)

J Turning left again and out onto to main roadway turn right and continue up and around to the left again and you will come to the paved area of Brickyard Hill. Take a seat and look out for *Westringia fruticosa* and *Grevilleas sublitiflora* and *amplexans*. There are also large flowered tropical grevilleas feature here such as Midas Touch.

K Heading back out and along the roadway to the left again is the Banksia bed, a mass planting of *Banksia spinulosa* Bush Candles, along with other banksias planted in this area.

L Time to head back down the hill again following the main road along past the spectacular Giant Spear lily, *Doryanthes palmerii* and local species the Gynea Lily, *Doryanthes excelsa*.

M Follow the road down past rock orchids to your right and a newly planted bed of various *Grevilleas*, *Scaevola* and *Banksias* to your left. (Display garden 5)

N Turn left at the junction near the covered seating and head to the right-hand path between the two variegated leaved Qld brush boxes, passing Birds Nest ferns, *Cordylines* and an enormous Elkhorn fern donated to the park last year.

O Further along past another Bottle tree, these beds feature northern Australian species such as *Grevillea wickhamii* ssp *aprica* and *aurea*. (Display garden 6)

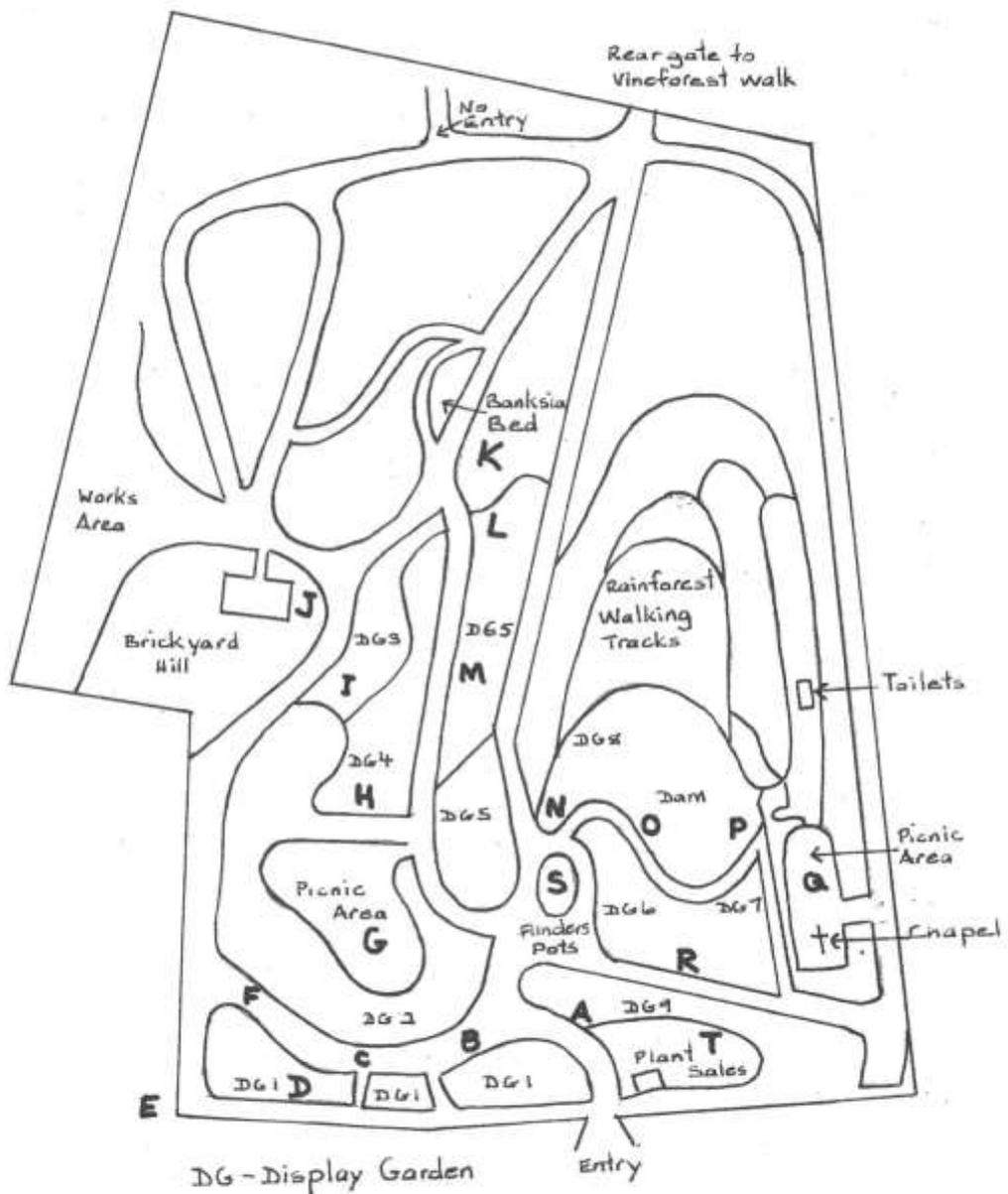
P Continuing along the path around the dam you will pass through two beds planted with mostly WA species. (Display garden 7) Turn left into the rainforest area where there are several tracks to explore if you wish.

Q Alternatively turn right twice and walk up the stairs through assorted ferns and this will bring you out onto the lawn in front of the chapel. The toilets are a short walk to your left or visit the historic chapel and its gardens featuring *Grevilleas* such as Tirari Blaze, Spirit of Anzac, *G. rudis*, *G. sericea* and *G. wilsonii*.

R Heading back to the main roadway turn right, walk down the hill and follow the road past a display of large flowered tropical hybrids including Bulli Beauty, Moonlight, Honey Gem, Miami Pink, Bush Lemons and Stylish along the left-hand side. (Display garden 9) On the right side look out for *G. Elegance*, various *Banksias*, the pink and blue flowered *Eremophila cuneifolia* , *Grevillea dielsiana* and a standard form of *Grevillea Amber Blaze*.

S You will then come to the Flinders Baudin Memorial Garden, a series of pipes repurposed as pots and featuring *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* 'Blue Veil', *Acacia baileyana* prostrate, *Grevillea Golden Lyre* and other small natives. Take the chance to sit down if you wish.

T Finally head back down the hill to the plant sales area and take a walk along to spot *Grevilleas striata*, Wubin Wand, Claire Dee and Bulli Envy, tiny Native Violets, *Scaevola aemula* and *Hakea bucculenta* planted around this area. (Display 9)



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VINE FOREST WALK

