

The Illawarra Grevillea Park - a self-guided walk

A As you pass through the front gates 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*, *endlicheriana*, *heliosperma* and *Goliath*. Yellow everlasting daisies have self-seeded through here 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 *suberosa*.

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

E You will come to a 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 turning right, after walking about 5 – 10 m turn around, look up and spot the bright pink blooms of the Swamp Bloodwood (*Corymbia ptychocarpa*)

Turning back, 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. Walking along, the bed to your left-hand side features *Grevilleas nudiflora*, *buxifolia* and *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 past two QLD Bottle trees and up the hill, you can explore our new picnic area planted with standards utilising *Grevilleas* and *Eremophilas* (Display garden 2)

H follow the road and take the pathway off to the left. Look out for the bright yellow ball flowers of *Acacia ruppi*, a double flowered form of *Philothea myoporoides* and rock orchids. The path continues winding up the hill where you will come to a large Eucalypt covered by Native Wisteria. (Display garden 4 and 3)

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

J Turning left again and out onto to main roadway continue up and around to the left again and you will come to the paved area of Brickyard Hill. Take a seat and admire the species *Grevilleas* planted here including *G. fulgens*, *sublitiflora* and *amplexans*. There are also large

flowered tropical grevilleas feature here including Midas Touch, Bulli Beauty, Flamingo and Geisha.

K Heading along the roadway to the left again is the Banksia bed, a mass planting of Banksia 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 Grevilleas *Scaevola* and banksias to your left. (Display garden 5)

N Turn left at the junction near the Bus Stop and head to the 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 features northern Australian species such as *Grevillea wickhamii* ssp *aprica* and *aurea*. (Display garden 6)

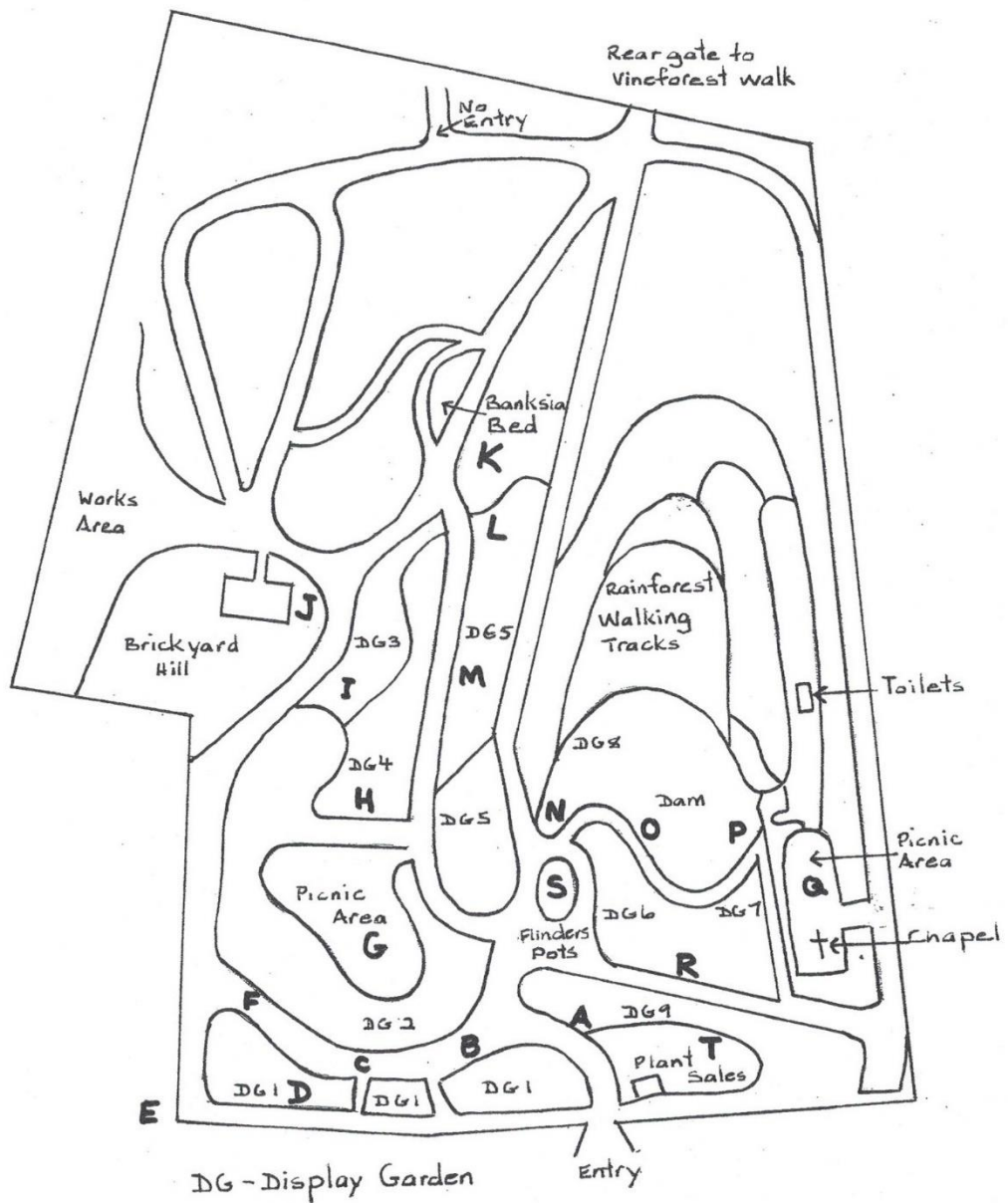
P Continuing along the path around the dam you will pass through two beds planted with mostly WA species and featuring Pink Paper Daisies. Turn left into the rainforest area where there are several tracks to explore. (Display garden 7)

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*, *rudis*, *sericea* and *wilsonii*.

R Heading back to the main roadway turning right head 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 when *Grevilleas striata*, Wubin Wand, Claire Dee and Bulli Envy, Native Violets, *Scaevola* and *Hakea buxifolia* are planted around this area. (Display 9)



ILLAWARA GREVILLEA PARK SELF GUIDED TOUR

VINE FOREST WALK

