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**ROCKHAMPTON**  
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## ROCKY HOST PROGRAM

100 Spencer Street | Rockhampton QLD Australia

What better way to enjoy the best tropical climate Queensland has to offer than by exploring the Rockhampton Zoo and heritage listed Botanic Gardens.

Originally developed as a facility for trialling plants for their commercial potential, the Gardens retain their historical significance with a number of iconic plantings including the 150 year old canopy of Banyan figs and avenue of Bunya pines. The rich, colourful history of the gardens expands to the tranquil Japanese Gardens, designed by leading Japanese landscape designer the late Kenzo Ogata, as part of a Treaty of Friendship signed after World War II.

Nestled within the Botanic Gardens, you'll find Rockhampton Zoo where you can discover more than 30 species of native and exotic animals including chimpanzees and cassowaries, dingoes and otters, crocodiles and koalas, a mob of meerkats and many more.

### TOP 5 FACTS

- Eight chimpanzees currently call Rockhampton Zoo home, with the newest member Mzuri born in December 2021
- Domestic animals are not allowed within the grounds of Rockhampton Zoo or Botanic Gardens
- The Botanic Gardens grounds can be booked for functions through [Rockhampton Regional Council](https://www.rockhamptonregionalcouncil.qld.gov.au)
- The Rockhampton Botanic Gardens and Central Queensland War Memorial are both heritage listed
- Rockhampton Botanic Gardens celebrated 150 years in 2020

### MUST DO EXPERIENCES

- Get up close and personal with the cheeky meerkat mob during a bookable [meerkat encounter](#)
- Take a [self-guided tour](#) and discover the 100 year old trees at the Botanic Gardens
- Picnic in the park while the kids play in the Botanic Gardens [playground](#)
- Dine for breakfast or lunch at [Gardens Tearooms](#)
- Enjoy the 1.5km walk alongside the Yeppen and Murray Lagoons for perfect sunset photography and [bird watching](#)

### TOURISM OPERATORS & ATTRACTIONS

Rockhampton Zoo | [rockhamptonzoo.com.au](https://rockhamptonzoo.com.au)

Rockhampton Botanic Gardens | [rrc.qld.gov.au](https://rrc.qld.gov.au)

Gardens Tearooms | [gardenstearooms.com.au](https://gardenstearooms.com.au)

Gardens Playground | [explorerockhampton.com.au](https://explorerockhampton.com.au)

Photography Club | [rockyphotoclub.org.au](https://rockyphotoclub.org.au)

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES


**Rockhampton Zoo Map** | A quick reference guide to find all of your favourites at the zoo | [View map](#)

**Rockhampton Botanic Gardens** | PDF downloads about the gardens' history and establishment | [Visit website](#)

**Rockhampton Region Destination Guide** | A guide on everything there is to do in the Rockhampton region | [Download e-brochure](#)

**Advance Rockhampton Tourism Industry Resources** | Access image galleries, videos, industry partners and online platforms to promote your business | [Visit website](#)

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