

# BOTANIC GARDENS & ZOO

## Enhancing a beloved tourism attraction.

The redevelopment of the Rockhampton Botanic Gardens & Zoo will culminate in a memorable destination of regional prominence by providing new, exciting and unique experiences in the heart of Central Queensland.

Rockhampton Regional Council is seeking funding for the Rockhampton Botanic Gardens & Zoo to support a multi-million dollar program of redevelopments throughout the next 10 years.

This project will transform the Botanic Gardens into a botanical collection of regional and national significance, with playground areas, new pavilion structures, a new fernery, reinvigorated food and retail offering, and will unlock unexplored areas of the Gardens through strategic botanic curation.

The Zoo will shine as a leader in animal exhibitions, conservation and welfare, and provide exceptional visitor experiences and new animal attractions for the community and non-local visitors to enjoy.

This redevelopment will support long-term operations according, refurbish key assets, increase tourism and respect the heritage of the Gardens.



### **Staged project**

The first stage of the redevelopment includes four 'Priority A' projects to be delivered over the next 1-3 years.

### **Better accessibility**

The redevelopment will improve accessibility and connections throughout the site and provide more amenities

### **Better experience**

These projects will enable the Botanic Gardens and Zoo to grow their collection and improve provide more opportunities for education.

## ELECTION COMMITMENT

### **\$10.4 million**

Across the four 'Priority A' projects to be delivered over the next few years.

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## 'PRIORITY A' PROJECTS



### VISITOR HUB

The new entrance and visitor hub will have accessible amenities as well as a gathering space, additional car-parking and a multi-purpose space.



### ZOO ADMIN BUILDING

The current operations and administration building is approaching end-of-life. A new facility will allow for better operations and future growth.



### ENCLOSURE PROGRAM

The refurbishment program will provide significant upgrades to existing enclosures, supporting animal welfare and ensuring staff safety.



### PLAYGROUND

The existing Botanic Gardens playground is beyond its serviceable life. The new playground will be inclusive and incorporate botanical and animal themes.

'Priority A' stages of redevelopment	Funding required
Visitor Hub (Stage 1) Partly funded through BBRF (\$1.5M) and Council (\$1.5M)	\$1.9 million remaining
Zoo Operations and Administration Upgrade	\$4.0 million
Zoo Enclosure Program	\$2.9 million
Botanic Gardens Playground Refurbishment Partly funded through Works for Queensland (\$1.4M)	\$1.6 million remaining

