

Hire of the garden

Lilian Fraser Garden can be booked for:

- Garden weddings, naming ceremonies, birthday parties and other celebrations.
- Group excursions and garden inspections for large groups.
- Professional photography and filming.
- 'The Shed' community room is also available to hire for small functions both day and night.

For more information about the availability of the garden and booking fees, please contact customer service on 9847 6666.

Birds in the garden

The gardens attract many birds including:

Australian magpie	noisy miner	sulphur-crested cockatoo
black-faced cuckoo-shrike	little wattlebird	variegated fairy-wren
common myna	magpie-lark (peewee)	welcome swallow
common koel	New Holland honeyeater	white-cheeked honeyeater
crested pigeon	olive-backed oriole	willie wagtail
crimson rosella	pieb currawong	white-faced heron
eastern rosella	rainbow lorikeet	eastern whipbird
eastern yellow robin	silveryeye	white-throated treecreeper
eastern spinebill	red wattlebird	
grey butcherbird	spotted pardalote	
king parrot	spotted turtle dove	
kookaburra	striated thornbill	
Lewin's honeyeater	superb fairy-wren	

Other parks in Hornsby Shire

For more information about other parks, gardens and reserves around Hornsby Shire visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au/recreation or contact 9847 6666.

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your guide to Lillian Fraser Garden

Community places. Open spaces.





Dr Lilian Fraser

Dr Lilian Fraser lived on the property for most of her life. After graduating from Sydney Girls High School, she enrolled at the University of Sydney, where she attained a Masters of Science in 1932 and a Doctorate of Science five years later.

Only the third woman to qualify as a biologist in Australia, she joined the Department of Agriculture in 1940 to work on citrus crops.

During her career, Dr Fraser made many significant contributions to world knowledge of citrus diseases, most notably Phytophthora root rot.

She travelled extensively in Australia and overseas, often returning home with interesting plants for her garden.

Over the years as the trees and shrubs have matured, the garden has evolved into a haven with a wide range of plants, some very special for their size or rarity.

There are several different magnolias and hydrangeas, a smoke bush, glorious camellias, a range of abutilons, pink and white dogwoods, a handkerchief tree, a huge metasequoia tree and a fringe tree. Many different bulbs and perennials also fill the understory.

Introduction

The Lilian Fraser Garden is a woodland garden of 3,426 square metres, located on the corner of Bellamy and Laurence Streets, Pennant Hills.

This urban sanctuary, containing rare and unusual plants, is open during daylight hours for the enjoyment of both young and old.

History

Lilian Fraser was born in 1908 at Kurrajong, NSW. Her family moved to Pennant Hills around 1915 when they purchased the 'Hopetoun' poultry farm in Bellamy Street.

This farm of 6 acres produced eggs for the city markets, and was surrounded by orchards stocked with citrus, apples, pears, persimmons and summer fruits.

Over the years much of the original farm was sold for residential lots, but almost an acre was kept for gardens surrounding the house.



A garden in perpetuity

As she approached old age with no immediate family, Dr Fraser offered her garden to Hornsby Shire Council in 1982. Her final wish was for her garden to be enjoyed as a public garden and park. Dr Lilian Fraser died in 1987, aged 79.

Some seasonal highlights

April - May.....Autumn foliage, camellias, luculia, tree daisy.

June.....Camellias, azaleas, magnolias.

September - November.....Azaleas, dogwoods, wisteria, iris, fringe tree, crab-apples, flowering cherries.

December - March.....A cool shady respite from the heat.

