Lisgar Gardens is an area of 2.6 hectares (6.5 acres), located in Lisgar Road, Hornsby. In 1967, Hornsby Shire Council purchased the property, naming it Lisgar Gardens. The gardens were opened to the public on 21 September 1968.

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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History

The site was purchased in 1917 by Dr. Max Cotton (1887-1967) from his brother Leo, specifically for the purpose of creating the gardens.

Built on a steep hillside, the gardens' different levels were created by the construction of sandstone block walls. These, along with the fish ponds, took two stonemasons two years to complete.

By 1950 the gardens were planted with rhododendrons, azaleas, gardenias and other exotics in harmony with native trees and ferns, highlighting over 80 varieties of camellias. Some of the original camellias, which are over 60 years old, still exist in the gardens today.

Inclinator

The gardens have an inclinator to provide access for the disabled and mobility impaired from Lisgar Road to the pavilion and formal lawn areas. Please contact Council if you need to use the inclinator.

Friends of Lisgar Gardens

The Friends of Lisgar Gardens is a volunteer group which aims to 'promote, protect and enhance' Lisgar Gardens and to increase visitation to the gardens. The friends also assist Council by staffing the gardens on weekends with members volunteering on a roster system to greet visitors and help with enquiries. Monthly meetings are held and your attendance is always welcome. Please contact Council for further details. Each year the Friends of Lisgar Gardens organise the Teddy Bears' Day Out in March and Camellia Gala Day in winter.



Hire of the gardens

Lisgar Gardens can be booked for:

- Weddings, naming ceremonies and other celebrations
- Group excursions and garden inspections for large groups
- Professional photography and filming

For further information concerning the availability of the gardens and booking fees, contact Customer Service on 9847 6666.

Please note: There is very limited parking in Lisgar Road. Parking is available in William Street. The gardens are only 10 minutes walk from Hornsby Station.

Opening times

Monday to Friday from 8am to 3.30pm Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 4pm Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 5pm (DST) The gardens are closed on public holidays.

