MALENY BOTANIC GARDENS & BIRD WORLD

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OUR HISTORY

In 2005, Frank Shipp, an immigrant from South Africa, embarked on a transformative journey by acquiring a challenging 110-acre cattle farm near the picturesque town of Maleny in the Sunshine Coast Hinterland. Driven by his dream to create an oasis for families to connect with nature, Frank sculpted the steep terrain into a breathtaking landscape featuring ponds, lakes, waterfalls, and vibrant gardens. The culmination of his efforts materialised in 2012 when he opened the gates of this enchanting haven to the public, offering a serene retreat where visitors could immerse themselves in the beauty of the natural world.

A significant chapter in Frank's venture unfolded in 2013 when he expanded his vision by introducing a bird aviary complex to the already captivating landscape. Frank Shipp's passion for nature, cultivated over a lifetime, found expression in this harmonious blend of gardens and aviaries, creating not just a physical space but a vibrant tapestry of experiences that celebrates the interconnectedness of humanity and nature.

Near the reception and lookout, the 'Feathered Friends' area offers visitors an opportunity for up-close encounters and fantastic photo opportunities, providing a gentler introduction to tame birds for those hesitant about the interactive tour.

Among these friendly birds is Coco, an opera-singing Amazon Parrot, adding a touch of charm to the diverse avian community. The free-flight aviaries in Bird World house various native and exotic species. Most of the birds in our bird aviary are donated and come from owners unable to look after them anymore, and they are now enjoying every day here as part of our large family! Interactive tours allow visitors to have macaws, alexandrines, sun conures, eclectus, black cockatoos, and amazon parrots land on their heads and shoulders, creating memorable experiences. The gardens, situated on steep terrain, are explorable on foot or by renting a golf buggy for an hour, catering to all age groups and ensuring a convenient way to navigate the captivating landscape. Our fleet also includes 2 wheelchair accessible golf buggies.

Explore immersive encounters with animals in our newly developed Farm Friends area within the gardens. Get up close and personal with farm animals, including including Mediterranean miniature micro donkeys, miniature goats and pig, baby doll sheep and rabbits and guinea pigs, adding a delightful dimension to your garden experience! Complete your day with a visit to our shop and café. Grab a soft toy version of your favorite bird or animal, indulge in our Devonshire Tea, or opt for a picnic box to enjoy in one of our fabulous picnic spots with breathtaking views of the Glasshouse mountains. With birds, animals, gardens, food, and fun, this day out is not to be missed!