



WHAT WE'VE ACHIEVED!

1. Significant financial contribution

Friends have made significant financial contributions:

- Sponsorship of the first Forest Shelter on the Arboretum site;
- Enabling purchase of Ngala Tourist bus and promotional signage/wrapping around the body of the bus;
- Enabling purchase of plants atop Dairy Farmers Hill and facilitating the planting by Friends of these plants;
- Fund-raising to complete the sponsorship of Zigzag Garden No 19, the Saltbush garden;
- Retrofitting a vehicle trailer so it is suitable for storing a variety of tools which can then be taken to any Forest for Working Bees' use.

Friends are currently fund-raising for the first Forest Gazebo, a shelter for rest, picnicking and wonderful views. This was launched on a very wet and windy day in March 2022!

Such significant financial contributions to the National Arboretum have been made possible from a variety of sources of funding, thanks to:

- Regular Harvest Group Market Stalls, where sales of chutneys, jams etc are made by volunteers from produce from the Discovery Garden and forests;
- Sales of The Arboretum Book – and the revised edition published in 2022 – which was produced and created by skilled and knowledgeable Friends;
- Sponsorship by the community of seats/benches and picnic tables which have been strategically placed around the Arboretum and featuring wonderful views;
- Sales of annual Calendars, with their colourful images taken from around the Arboretum throughout the year.

2. Creating Improvements by collective volunteer effort

There are a number of activity groups which create and maintain the forests and gardens of the Arboretum:

- STEP (Southern Tablelands Ecosystems Park)
- Working Bees
- Guides
- Dairy Farmers Hill Garden
- Harvest Group – caring for, picking, cooking, bottling produce
- Warm Trees – knitting and crocheting to add winter colour to the trees' trunks
- Ngala Tourist Bus Tours

3. Fundraising for major work

- Promotion for ongoing memberships
- Membership benefit of parking passes
- Fundraising events such as Friends' Dinner (Governor General as guest of honour).