



FRIDAY ENVIRONMENT FORUM

NPA Environment Centre

24 March

Noosa Botanic Gardens history

This week at Friday Environment Forum – on March 24, Zita Hargreaves, of Friends of the Noosa Botanic Gardens will speak about the initial concept and creation of the gardens from ‘paddock to park’.

She will share historic photographs and anecdotes of those involved in the construction of the gardens which were officially opened in 1990.



The lagoon at Noosa Botanic Gardens under construction.

Nestled in the hinterland township of Cooroy, the Noosa Botanic Gardens has an unusual and interesting history. The site of the eight hectare gardens was once farmland.

Due to the vision of resident, the late Ida Duncan OAM and careful planning and design by Parks Curator Bob Bickley, plus the hard work of employees and volunteers alike, the site has today been transformed into a tranquil Botanic Gardens.

Featuring both tropical and sub-tropical plants from Australia and overseas, the tiered gardens and winding paths provide visitors with a range of opportunities to enjoy the scents and colours of the gardens.

It's position on the shores of Lake Macdonald enable visitors to participate in recreation activities or share a picnic by the picturesque waters.

*The gardens are now well established and provide habitat for a range of wildlife including possums, gliders and more than one hundred species of birds. Ms Hargreaves will discuss the important role played by the Friends of the Noosa Botanic Gardens, as well as their current challenges. All are welcome to attend this interesting discussion at the Noosa Parks Association's Environment Centre, 5 Wallace Drive, Noosaville. Arrive early on Friday **March 24** to enjoy coffee at 10.30am. For those interested in an interpretive birding walk before the forum, meet Valda in the Environment Centre car park at 8.30am.*



Paths lead visitors through established gardens.

All welcome.