

public facility



Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens Visitors Centre

Client: Mackay City Council

Construction completed: 2003

Construction costs: \$2.28 million

The construction of Mackay's Regional Botanical Gardens administration and exhibition space integrated building, landscape and public art into a unified structure that was sensitive to and inspired by the location and function. The building's roof lines were designed to represent if looking from above, the shape of an orchid. A variety of external finishes were used on the building including polished concrete, steel sheeting and glass. The creation of the external sculpture involved imprinting sugar cane onto concrete tilt-up panels and formed recesses which represented Mackay's Pioneer River.

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Client Comment: "TF Woollam staff approached an architectural innovative project with enthusiasm, professionalism and dedication, resulting in the construction of a dynamic, iconic development that is the centrepiece of Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens. It is admired and frequently showcased throughout the region and has contributed to raising Mackay's profile to the tourists and resident of the city."

Helen Paulsen, Acting Manager for Parks and Facilities

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