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## Botanic Gardens tree work finished

October 22, 2018 COOKTOWN

Cooktown's Botanic Gardens are fully open again, following the pruning and removal of old and dangerous trees over the past few months.

The dangerous trees were identified in late 2017, with 119 trees earmarked for priority removal, 86 of which are in the fenced area of the Gardens. The remaining trees are in the wider Botanic Gardens precinct, around the car park, amenities block, Nature's PowerHouse and the oval. Remediation works, such as pruning, will also be conducted on other trees throughout the precinct.

Disruption to the Gardens was kept to a minimum, with the works completed in sections while the rest of the Gardens precinct remained open to the public. Council will be able to recycle much of the timber to be used as mulch around the Gardens.

For more information contact Council's Botanic Gardens Curator via email at mail@cook.qld.gov.au or phone on 4069 5444.

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