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SCULPTURE IN THE LISMORE RAINFOREST BOTANIC GARDENS – The Friends of LRBG (FLRBG) invite anyone with a passion for creativity, sustainability, or community to submit an expression of interest and be part of this unique celebration of recycled art. Whether you're an established or emerging artist, a school or community group, student or a first-time creator, this is an opportunity to showcase your imagination, using recycled, natural or discarded materials, in one of the region's most inspiring natural settings. A map on page 2 of this document and an entry form is on page 3. Contact FLRBG at events@friendslrbg.com.au Entry is free.

HOW TO ENTER - Complete an entry form, (page 3) including

- an approximate drawing of your idea
- which recycled, natural and discarded materials you are planning to use
- where in the gardens you would like to display your work
- if you will need materials from the Lismore Recycling and Recovery centre.

All exhibits must be easily portable and will be outdoors for four weeks, so some materials will be unsuitable. It may be possible to accept larger exhibits to be displayed near carparks or on the lawns by the Education Environment Centre or in the Eucalypt Forest.

ENTRIES CLOSE: Monday 25th May, 2026, 5pm by emailing entry form to events@friendslrbg.com.au

Display spaces

You are welcome to attend our open day on May 24th for an in-depth look around with Friends present to give advice. A list of display space options will be provided on request, but we suggest you visit the Gardens. Some sensitive areas may not be used. If your work requires suspending from trees, for example a spider's web representation, this can be done in the eucalypt forest and hoop pine forest, but avoiding specimen rainforest trees, as many of these are rare and/or endangered and require protection.

There are many areas to choose from which include benches, picnic areas, railings, fences and lawns. To guide your selection, we would prefer your sculpture to be sited in the Hoop Pine Forest, the Eucalypt Forest, Woodland Area, the Useful Plants Garden or the Sensory Garden. Self-guided maps are also available at the Gardens and on our website under the Newsletter tab.

<https://friendslrbg.com.au/images/newsletters/Self%20Guided%20Gardens%20Walk%20March%202019.pdf>

Timeline

Selection of exhibitors and notification will be done by 1st June, 2026.

Selected entrants must install their exhibits in the week of 14th September, 2026, to be completed by the 18th September 2026 and **judged on the 19th September 2026. The exhibition opening will take place on 20th September 2026, for a period of four weeks, till 18th October 2026.** NB the Friends reserve the right to change dates if necessary.

Prizes

Major prizes across several categories will be awarded by a panel of 3 independent judges. The judges' decision will be final and no correspondence entered into. In addition, the Friends are conducting a People's Choice award **October** throughout the exhibition with the winner announced on the 18th of October.

Schools and community groups are welcome to attend the exhibition in September and October.

Bookings are essential for groups of over 15. Email Tracey - publicity@friendslrbg.com.au

LISMORE RAINFOREST BOTANIC GARDENS

JINGI WALLA



Sealed path - Wheelchair accessible

Walking path

Road

Boundary

Forest

Mostly open

Creek



Entry Form / Expression of Interest

Entry is free. Closing date for entries Monday 25th May 5pm

Name/ School/ Group/individual

Contact person (if school or group)

Age (school students only) Stage 1 to 6 (school students only)

Email address: Phone Number:

Small sketch of proposed sculpture or detailed description

Categories Please circle one ☐

Pre-School

Primary School Stage 1 Stage 2 Stage 3

High School Stage 4 Stage 5 Stage 6

Individual Student Professional

Group Community Professional

Section of the Gardens in which you wish to display your sculpture (see map page 2)

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(NB The Friends reserve the right to allocate spaces for exhibits.)

Or tick box ☐ The Friends LRBG can choose the area for my work.

I/we intend to use the following materials

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I/we would like to use materials from the Lismore Waste Facility recycle Shop (circle one) YES / NO

☐ I/we understand that the sculptures should be durable and portable and will be displayed outdoors.

☐ I/we give permission for photos of my/our sculpture to be used for promotion of the event.

☐ I/we understand that sculptures must be delivered to and removed from Gardens when requested by Friends LRBG.

Name: Signed: Date:

Email your form to events@friendslrbg.com.au or post to Friends LRBG, PO Box 1327, Lismore 2480

