

**Managers at Brisbane Botanic Gardens (1855-2006)**

| Term of Office | Person and Position Title                                  | Government Agency in charge   |
|----------------|--|---|
| 1855-1881      | Walter HILL<br>(Superintendent, Curator and Director used) | Department of Lands   |
| 1881-1886      | James PINK (Head Gardener)                                 | Department of Lands   |
| 1886-1889      | Alex M COWAN (Head Gardener)                               | Department of Lands;<br>Department of Agriculture and Stock from 1887 |
| 1889-1905      | Philip MACMAHON<br>(Curator)                               | Department of Agriculture and Stock                                   |
| 1905-1917      | John Frederick BAILEY<br>(Curator)                         | Department of Agriculture   |
| 1917-1940      | Ernest Walter BICK (Curator)                               | Department of Agriculture;<br>Brisbane City Council from 1925         |
| 1940-1942      | Harry MOORE (Curator)                                      | Brisbane City Council   |
| 1942-?         | B.Smith (Foreman Gardener)                                 | Brisbane City Council   |
| 1946-1956      | John Rayer BAILEY (Curator)                                | Brisbane City Council   |
| 1956-1980      | Harold William CAULFIELD<br>(Curator)                      | Brisbane City Council   |
| 1980-1983      | Ross David MCKINNON<br>(SCCP)                              | Brisbane City Council   |
| 1984-1984      | Jim LAI (SCCP)   | Brisbane City Council   |
| 1984-1988      | Maurice WILSON (SCCP)                                      | Brisbane City Council   |
| 1988-1998??    | John DALY (SCCP)   | Brisbane City Council   |
| ?              | ~~ Bob Dobbs (title?)                                      | Brisbane City Council   |
| 2001-present   | ~~ David McGlynn (title?)                                  | Brisbane City Council   |
| 2015-present   | Dale Arvidsson (curator)                                   | Brisbane City Council   |

**SOURCES:**

HILL: 23 Jun 1855, COL/A8, QSA & *Qld Blue Book*, 1881  
PINK: *Qld Blue Book*, 1886  
COWAN: *Qld Blue Book*, 1886  
MACMAHON: #  
JF BAILEY: *Qld Blue Book*, 1905 & Everist 1982, pg.438  
BICK: #  
MOORE: #  
SMITH: #  
JR BAILEY: BCC Human Resources Personnel Files (1994 Search)  
CAULFIELD: BCC Human Resources Personnel Files (1994 Search)  
MCKINNON: BCC Human Resources Personnel Files (1994 Search)  
LAI: BCC Human Resources Personnel Files (1994 Search)  
WILSON: BCC Human Resources Personnel Files (1994 Search)  
DALY: #  
DOBBS: #  
MCGLYNN: #

**Abbreviations:**

SCCP = Supervisor Central City Parks

## Managers at Brisbane Botanic Gardens, Mount Coot-tha (1975?-)

|              |                                       |                       |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| ??1975-1980  |                                       | Brisbane City Council |
| 1980-1982    | Harold William<br>CAULFIELD (Curator) | Brisbane City Council |
| 1983-2014    | Ross David<br>MCKINNON (Curator)      | Brisbane City Council |
| 2015-present | Dale Arvidsson<br>(Curator)           | Brisbane City Council |

### SOURCES:

CAULFIELD: BCC Human Resources Personnel Files (1994 Search)

MCKINNON: BCC Human Resources Personnel Files (1994 Search)

## Managers, BCC Parks Branch or Department, (1913-1994)

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|---------------------------|--|--|
| Hy MOORE                  | <b>Superintendent of Parks</b><br>Under authority of Works Department<br>Head Gardener, Brisbane Botanic<br>Gardens  | app. ###1913<br>1923###<br>1940<br>?retires 1942<br>dies ???   |
| Harry OAKMAN              | ?Landscape Architect????<br><b>Manager, Department of Parks</b>  | 1946<br>app.7/5/1956<br>res/loa.10/9/1963  |
| Frank McLaren<br>BENNETT  | Manager, Department of Parks   | app.20/1/1964<br>res.29/8/1969   |
| K.G. ERNST                | Acting Manager, Department of Parks  | app.16/9/1969<br>to 28/11/1969   |
| Val Bertram ELLIS         | Assistant Manager, Department of<br>Parks  | app.29/9/1959<br>loa.13/10/1966  |
| Raymond Jack<br>STEWART   | Assistant Manager, Department of<br>Parks<br>Manager, Department of Parks<br><b>Director of Parks Branch, Dept. of<br/>Health, Parks &amp; Buildings</b><br>Director of Maintenance Services,<br>Parks Branch, Dept. of Health,<br>Parks & Buildings<br>Director of Parks & Recreation, Parks<br>Branch, Dept R&H<br>Director of Research & Planning<br>Branch, Dept R&H | app.24/5/1967<br>app.24/11/1969<br>app.2/10/1972<br>app.5/8/1975<br>app.19/3/1979<br>app.21/7/1986<br>retired....1993? |
| Graham Deane<br>MILLER    | Assistant Manager, Landscape,<br>Department of Parks   | app.1/7/1971<br>loa.29/4/1977  |
| Lloyd Propert<br>WILLIAMS | Director of Parks & Gardens Branch,<br>Dept R&H  | app.14/4/1986<br>res. 15/9/1992  |
| John Hamilton<br>TAYLOR   | Director of Parks & Gardens Branch,<br>Dept R&H  | app.12/7/1993<br>res.???   |

### SOURCES:

## Qld Colonial or Government Botanists (1859-2004)

| Term of Office | Person & Title if different  | Government Agency in charge   |
|----------------|--|---|
| 1859-1881      | Walter HILL  | Department of Lands   |
| 1881-1915      | Frederick Manson BAILEY  | Department of Lands;<br>Department of Agriculture and<br>Stock from 1887  |
| 1915-1917      | John Frederick BAILEY  | Department of Agriculture ?   |
| 1917-1950      | Cyril Tenison WHITE  | Department of Agriculture ?   |
| 1950-1954      | William Douglas FRANCIS  | Department of Agriculture ?   |
| 1954-1976      | Selwyn L. EVERIST  | Department of Primary<br>Industries   |
| 1976-???       | Dr Robert William<br>JOHNSON   | Department of Primary<br>Industries   |
| ?.... present  | Dr Gordon GUYMER<br>(Mgr Herbarium &<br>Taxonomy) and<br>T.J. MCDONALD<br>(Mgr Ecology & Economic<br>Botany) | Department of Primary<br>Industries; Department of<br>Environment and Heritage<br>(1992) then changed names to<br>Environmental Protection<br>Agency (199?##) |
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### SOURCES:

Everist, Selwyn L. (1982). 'History of the Queensland Herbarium and Botanical Library. 1855 to 1976,'

*Austrobaileya* 1 (5), pp. 429-45.

HILL: Everist 1982, pg. 434

FM BAILEY: Everist 1982, pp. 434 and 438

JF BAILEY: Everist 1982, pg. 438

WHITE: Everist 1982, pp. 438 and 439

FRANCIS: Everist 1982, pg. 440

EVERIST: Everist 1982, pp. 442 and 443

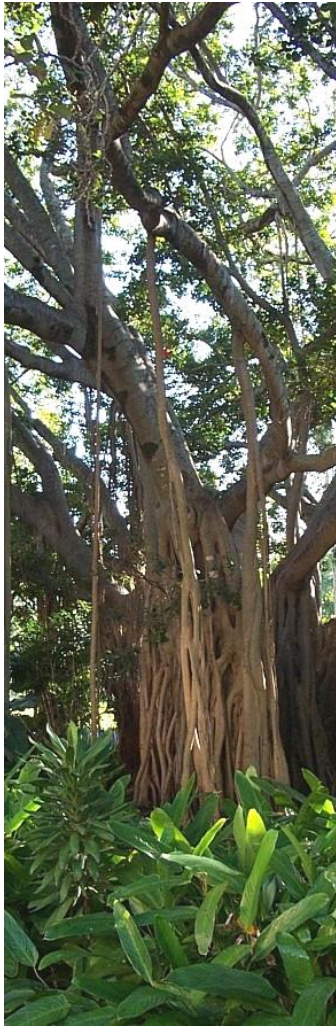
JOHNSON: Everist 1982, pg. 443

GUYMER: DEH *Queensland Herbarium Achievements 1991-1992* pg. 3

MCDONALD: DEH *Queensland Herbarium Achievements 1991-1992* pg. 3

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