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**George Brown Darwin Botanic Garden toilet block tender awarded**

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A new facility at the George Brown Botanical Gardens will be built to help accommodate the increased demand from functions and general visitors to the gardens.

The contract for a new toilet block has been awarded to Wolpers Grahl Pty Ltd for $262,794.

This is a local company supporting local jobs and government can expect to see local Territorians working on this installation.

The Botanic Gardens are popular with visitors and locals with many enjoying garden weddings, Eva’s Café and Darwin Festival events.

Appropriate facilities are required at our popular parks to ensure that visitor experiences are seamless and amenities are accessible for everyone.

Currently the only toilet facilities available to the public at the Geranium St. entrance to the Gardens are in the Orientation Centre.

This new toilet block with disability access is a great addition to the Gardens and will be located next to the Holtz lawn area.

The Botanic Gardens were established in 1886 to introduce and evaluate plants for the new city, and have since become important in the recreational and scientific life of Darwin.

The Gardens offer a wide range of environments and flora, including 450 species of palms and plantings from Tiwi Island and Arnhem Land.

With more than 400 bird species, including the Rufous Owl, the Gardens are a popular place for bird watchers.

For further information on botanical gardens please visit: [http://www.parksandwildlife.nt.gov.au/botanic](http://www.parksandwildlife.nt.gov.au/botanic)

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