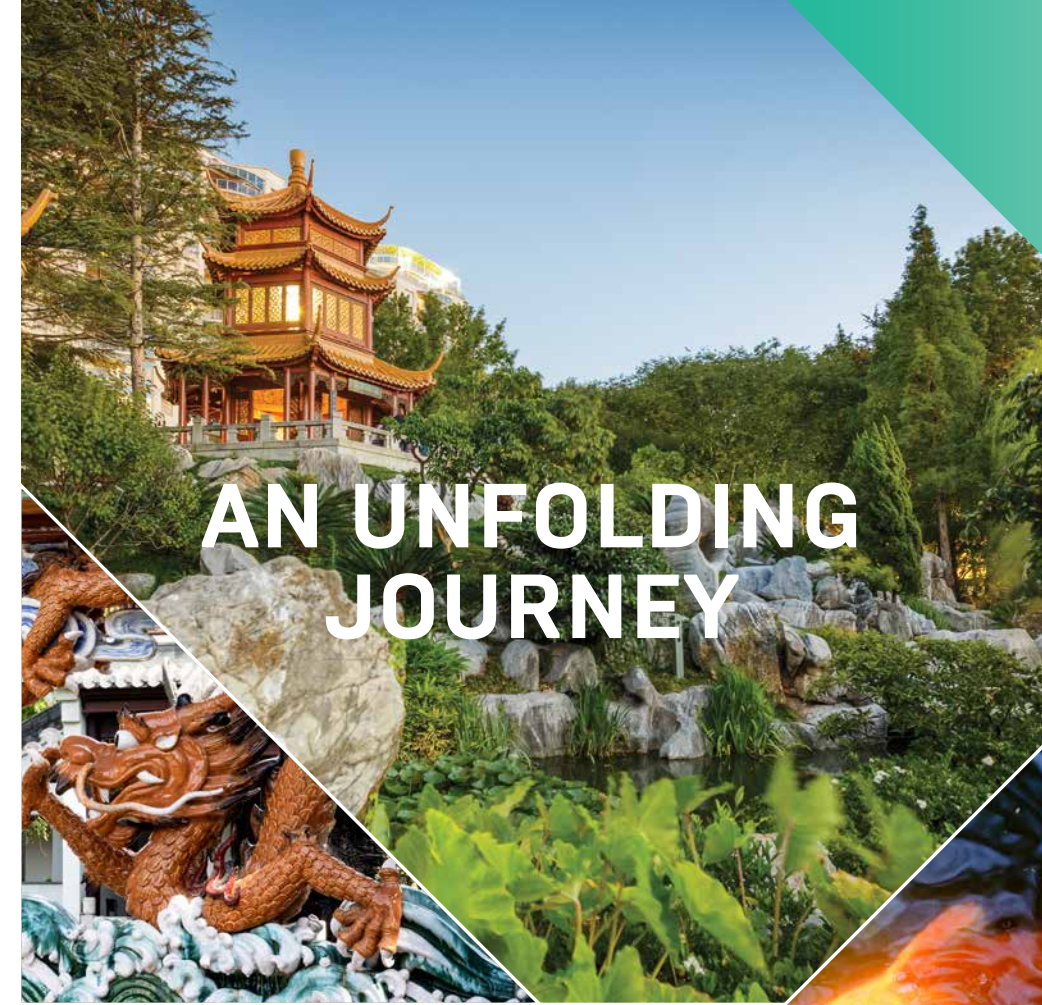


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AN UNFOLDING JOURNEY

Welcome to the Chinese Garden of Friendship. Take time to explore its mystery and magic, allowing the Garden to gradually reveal its many secrets and hidden stories to you.

Main Entrance / Hall of Clear Shade	L11	Meandering Pathway to Tranquility	E11	Rinsing Jade Pavilion	C2	Aquatic Pavilion	N9
Commemorative Pavilion	J12	Round Pavilion	E7	Twin Pavilion	E4	Dragon Rock	G7
Courtyard of Welcoming Fragrance	K10	Chamber of Clear Rhythm	C8	The Gurr (Clear View Pavilion)	G2	Tortoise Rock	I7
Hall of Longevity	J10	Pavilions Among Bamboo and Rock	B7	Sleeping Boy Buddha	J3	Phoenix Rock	H8
Dragon Wall	K9	Reading Brook Pavilion	C6	Mountain Gate	J2	Unicorn Rock	J7
Lenient Jade Pavilion	K8	The Seven Sages in Bamboo Forest	A8	The Rock Forest	J4	Toilets ♀♂♿	K5
Water Pavilion of Lotus Fragrance	G9	Wandering Gallery	A5	Peace Boat Pavilion	L6		
Friendship Bridge	E10	Dragon Tower	B5	Teahouse Pavilion	M8		



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DISCOVER THE GARDEN

Enter the Garden through the Hall of Clear Shade into the Courtyard of Welcoming Fragrance. Follow the winding paths, explore forests of bamboo and Himalayan cedar trees and be revitalised by cascading waterfalls. Discover traditional carvings, hidden sculptures and the masterful art of the Chinese Penjing collection. Gaze across the lake with its sacred lotus flowers, limestone rocks and colourful koi, surrounded by graceful weeping willows.

Opened in 1988, the Garden is a unique symbol of friendship between the people of the southern Chinese city of Guangzhou, in the province of Guangdong, and Sydney in New South Wales, Australia—two sister cities of sister states.

The majestic Dragon Wall

The Dragon Wall, a gift from Guangdong, features two Imperial dragons, with the brown dragon representing Guangdong and the blue symbolising New South Wales. Together, they play with the pearl of friendship as a pool beneath mirrors and reflects their movements flying in the clouds above. Flying dragons symbolise majesty and perfection in Chinese culture.



Where yin meets yang

Designed by Chinese landscape architects and gardeners, the Garden is governed by the Taoist principles of 'Yin-Yang' and the five opposing elements of earth, fire, water, metal and wood. When perfectly balanced, the five elements are thought to form a fluid, nurturing environment.

You will find many examples of balancing opposites in the Garden—rocks that appear to defy gravity; the contrast of the rushing waterfall against the still water of the lake; short, soft mondo grass beneath long-stemmed bamboo.

The flow of qi

Qi or chi means 'life force' or 'energy path'. Designed using the Chinese philosophical system of Feng Shui, the Garden encourages the flow of this energy. Everything you see, from the plants and trees to the sculptures, rocks and pavilions, has been meticulously chosen to capture the qi of the five elements and the universal forces that bind them together.



The living art of Penjing

Penjing is the Chinese art of creating a miniature botanical landscape similar, but different in style, to Japanese bonsai. Penjing can range from single trees to detailed scenes reminiscent of paintings. There are many examples of Penjing throughout the Garden; the oldest, which dates back to 1932, can be found in the Courtyard of Welcoming Fragrance.

Uncover hidden stories

The Garden shares its stories with those who pay close attention.

The Seven Sages in Bamboo Forest is a peaceful grove of black bamboo, which evokes a celebrated group of third-century Chinese scholars and poets. Bamboo is a symbol of old age and humility.

The Rock Forest tells the story of 'Ashima and the Landlord'. Originating from an ancient Chinese poem, it is the tragic, yet beautiful, tale of the 'Dancing Maiden' Ashima, her love Ali and the cruel landlord that tries to thwart their romance.

Gaze out from peaceful pavilions

There are many pavilions in the Garden and each has its own symbolism and purpose. From the Water Pavilion of Lotus Fragrance you can gaze across the Lake of Brightness to The Gurr and Twin Pavilion. In summer, the magical fragrance of the flowering lotus, a symbol of purity and perfection, drifts across the lake.

The Twin Pavilion was a gift from the people of Guangdong to the people of NSW and symbolises friendship. Note the Waratah, the floral emblem of NSW, and the Red Silk Cotton Tree, the floral emblem of Guangdong, side-by-side within the architecture.

The jewel of the Garden, The Gurr, also known as The Clear View Pavilion, sits at its highest point. Decorated with a lavish golden roof, intricate wood carvings and an ornate lantern symbolising prosperity, it has a perfect view across the landscape.



SEE AND DO IN THE GARDEN

One Dining

Experience a modern interpretation of a traditional Chinese Teahouse.
Opening hours may vary, contact One Dining for more details, visit onedining.com.au.

Tours

Discover the Garden's history, significance and seasonal botanical highlights on one of our free guided tours.
*Times vary by season, enquire at entry.
Included in Garden entry*

Koi feeding

Come and see our magnificent koi being fed. Koi are also known as 'living jewels' for their incredible colouring and distinctive patterning.
*Lenient Jade Pavilion
Daily, 11.30am
Included in Garden entry (map K8)*

The Garden Through Friendship Exhibition

Journey through digital photographs, original artworks and artefacts that celebrates the Garden's genesis and development of the 40th anniversary NSW-Guangdong sister state relationship.
*Daily, 10am – 5pm
Included in Garden entry (map C8).*

Friends of The Garden Annual Membership

If you love the Garden, make visiting this tranquil haven a part of your regular routine. Become a friend of the Garden to unlock unlimited visits for a year, exclusive events, free parking and more!

OPENING HOURS

10am – 5pm daily

Last entry 15 minutes prior to closing

Closed Christmas Day and Good Friday

Please watch your step around this traditional garden as there are steep steps uneven surfaces and barrier-free water edges throughout the garden and respect our wildlife.

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