

## **The Nursery Group – Member Profile**

### **Billabong Garden Complex**

Billabong Nursery employs 25 supported employees and 12 specialist staff. The employees are engaged in retail and propagation nursery work, Christmas tree maintenance and grounds maintenance.

The Billabong Garden Complex opened in 2002 and has been developed for total community participation, however the employment of persons with a disability is fundamental to its existence. Billabong has evolved into a community complex with a number of other attractions and facilities for the community to access including a hedge maze, bush tucker walk and education and venue hire for meetings, training and social functions. The complex is set on 3.5 acres of gardens and plant nursery (including a propagation nursery) that is open to the community and provides a relaxed atmosphere within beautiful surrounds

Billabong's retail nursery has an extensive range of plants, pots and garden accessories. Many of the plants within our retail nursery are grown on site within our propagation nursery therefore are adapted to and suited to local conditions therefore ideal for local gardens.

Our selection of plant species is large and varied, ranging from indigenous natives through to exotics. Plants can be purchased in varying size pots from 55mm tubes right through to 200lt bags of advanced trees and shrubs, and during the winter months there is also large stocks of bare rooted varieties such as roses, weepers, fruit trees and ornamentals.

At Billabong we have a number of display areas aimed at providing customers with ideas and inspiration for their own gardens. The displays change quarterly and with each change will be a different garden theme, the introduction of new lines and some fantastic ideas. Like our changing display areas, Billabong provides a different gardening talk/demonstration each season to provide customers with ideas and inspiration and details on how to "do it your self", such as water wise gardening, rose pruning demonstrations and how to attract native birds to your garden.

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