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# CASE STUDY ACCOMMODATION MT COTTON RETREAT



**Caring for the environment is key to the way things are managed at Mt Cotton Retreat. ecoBiz partners and owners Trevor Penson and Sue Panuccio have created a sustainable retreat in the heart of Redland Bay region.**

## SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

The retreat has expanded over recent years and boasts nine luxury cabins. The cabins are sustainably designed to make the most of breezes, which minimises the need for air conditioning. Rainwater is the sole water supply with around 190,000 litres of water storage which is filtered and UV treated. Wastewater is treated on site to advanced secondary standard and discharged via sub or surface irrigation. The cabins are fitted with key-power cards to minimise energy use by guests. They have also been fitted with energy-efficient LED lighting. Recyclable waste is separated for disposal and organic waste is composted on site.

## AN ECO-FRIENDLY POINT OF DIFFERENCE

The retreat is on a designated private nature refuge, 'Boom-Ber-Pee' (Koala), which was established in 2010. It has three distinct ecosystems which are important for maintaining biodiversity. These include the endangered Blackbutt forests and various other tree species which are home to around 80 different bird types.

## MT COTTON RETREAT

Mt Cotton Retreat successfully combines luxury short-term accommodation in an environmentally friendly setting that stretches over 20 hectares.

## ECOBIZ OBJECTIVE

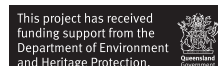
- Mt Cotton Retreat recognises that fostering a healthy, sustainable environment is important to the long-term sustainability of their business. Their objective is to minimise their footprint and preserve the environment as far as possible.

## ACTION PLAN HIGHLIGHTS

- The retreat has made a 24% reduction (per booked night) in electricity use since 2012, water supply is 100% rainwater and wastewater is treated and irrigated on site.
- Around 80 different bird species have been identified and the site is a designated and gazetted private nature refuge.

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