

pittosporum revolutum
«brisbane laurel»

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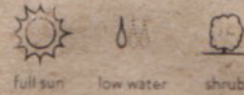
GROUNDWORK is a creative research project exploring plants as social materials, developed by visual arts researchers KEITH ARMSTRONG, RACHAEL HAYNES, LEAH KING-SMITH, COURTNEY PEDERSEN and CHARLES ROBB with assistance from CAITLIN FRANZMANN. The project has been generously supported by a seed grant from the QUT More-Than-Human Futures Research Group.

Contrary to its common name, *Pittosporum Revolutum* occurs beyond Brisbane, in rainforest to dry eucalypt forest habitats across Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria. It is an attractive shrub with dark green foliage and yellow tubular flowers. When ripe, the large orange fruit split to reveal vibrant red seeds covered in a sticky resin. The genus *Pittosporum* is named after these sticky seeds, derived from the Greek word for pitch (pitta) - a glue like substance. Many plants have developed a variety of mechanisms for seed dispersal, working with gravity, wind, water, and animals to ensure dispersal and survival well away from the parent plant. The sticky seeds of this species adhere to animal bodies or are ingested by birds and some vertebrates. The colour and smell of the ripe fruit help to attract foragers. **How are seeds dispersed in your garden? Can you think of an instance where someone you know as thrived by working with, and adapting to, their environment?**

My plant story...

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full sun low water shrub

My plant story...

hibiscus heterophyllus
«native hibiscus»

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full sun moist soil shrub

My plant story...

hardenbergia violacea
«native sarsparilla, happy wanderer»

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full sun moist soil climber