

Denmark Hill Regional Park Management Statement

Park purpose

Denmark Hill Regional Park was formally gazetted as a conservation park in 1980 under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*.

No park specific purpose was identified as part of the gazettal.

Under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*, Ipswich City Council is trustee of the park.

Park size	11.17ha
Bioregion	South East Queensland
Local government area	Ipswich City Council
State electorate	Ipswich
QPWS region	South East
Year prepared: 2015	Review date: 2025

Strategic direction for park management

Based on an evaluation of its natural, cultural and presentation values, Denmark Hill Regional Park has been assessed as having a high priority for management. The park will be managed according to this priority rating.

Park management will be based on the best available local knowledge, professional judgement and published information. The high level means that it will receive a minimum of monthly routine inspections with occasional planned visits to deliver prepared work programs and respond to issues. The focus is largely expected to be on recreation management involving a proactive management effort at a high level to protect known recreational and natural values.

Cultural values will be managed proactively to protect those values known to Queensland Park and Wildlife Service, (QPWS). Continuing engagement, consultation, collaboration and relationships with Traditional Owners and Indigenous stakeholders will be undertaken as required.

This park currently has high levels of visitor use and provides a number of developed visitor sites. Current and future recreational opportunities will require that visitors have a low level of self-sufficiency. A high level of infrastructure is provided on the park such as sealed tracks, an amenities block, BBQ's, picnic tables and interpretative signs to support safe and sustainable use by visitors. Public consultation on park management will be undertaken through continuing engagement and involvement in management with community stakeholders.

Infrastructure is provided especially to enable visitor access, the protection of natural and cultural values and to enhance management capacity. There is electricity supply infrastructure located within this regional park.

General park values, uses and management

Regional ecosystems

The park protects one regional ecosystem. This regional ecosystem is considered to have the biodiversity status of no concern at present.

Species of conservation significance

Species of conservation significance that are recorded from this park include the koala *Phascolarctos cinereus*, Table 1.

Cultural heritage

All protected areas are recognised as cultural landscapes and Aboriginal people see themselves as inextricably linked to country both spiritually and physically. Although cultural records on physical artefacts and sites of spiritual significance are not well documented for this area, all proposed activities need to meet duty of care requirements under the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003*. Non-indigenous historic places will be managed in accordance with the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992*.

Priorities for park management

Recreation and the koala are the main values of this park. The priorities for park management will be to mitigate any threats to this species through fire and pest management.

Management actions will be undertaken which aim to ensure:

- life and property on and adjacent to the park is protected.
- fire is managed to reduce fuel loads.
- the impacts of existing pest species on neighbouring land uses are mitigated.
- pest threats are managed to conserve or maintain the condition of the koala population.

Appendix 1

Conservation values inventory

Table 1: Species of conservation significance

Scientific name	Common name	Nature Conservation Act 1992 status	Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 status	Back on Track status
Animals				
<i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i>	koala (southeast Queensland bioregion)	Vulnerable	Vulnerable	-