

Keyser Island Regional Park Management Statement

Park purpose

Keyser Island Regional Park was formally gazetted as Keyser Island Environmental Park on 24 May 1986 under the *Lands Act 1962*. At that time there was a Trustee Agreement with the Noosa Shire Council and the Department of Primary Industries. In 1994 the environmental park was gazetted as Keyser Island Conservation Park under *the Nature Conservation Act 1992*.

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

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| Park size | 20.2ha |
| Bioregion | South East Queensland |
| Local government area | Noosa Shire Council |
| State electorate | Noosa |
| QPWS region | Sunshine and Fraser Coast |
| Year prepared: 2015 | Review date: 2025 |

Strategic direction for park management

Based on an evaluation of its natural, cultural and presentation values, Keyser Island Regional Park has been assessed as having a medium 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 anecdotal information. The medium level means that it will receive a minimum of quarterly routine inspections with occasional planned visits where issues have been identified. The focus is largely expected to be on natural resource management involving a proactive management effort at a moderate level to understand or protect known natural values.

Cultural values will be managed proactively to protect those values known to Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service, (QPWS). Ongoing consultation, collaboration and relationships with Traditional Owners and other Indigenous stakeholders will be undertaken as required to support broader continuing park management programs.

This park currently has relatively low levels of visitor use and provides a few relatively undeveloped visitor sites. Visitors are unlikely to encounter a ranger on site during their visit. Current and future recreational opportunities will require that visitors have a high level of self-sufficiency. A moderate level of infrastructure is provided to support safe and sustainable use by predominantly self-reliant visitors.

Public consultation on park management will be undertaken through ongoing local consultations with community stakeholders to support broad continuing management programs.

Park assets are functional and robust and require limited maintenance to protect the natural and cultural values and management capacity.

General park values, uses and management

Regional ecosystems

The park protects three regional ecosystems, one of which has of concern biodiversity status, Table 1.

Species of conservation significance

There are currently no records of species of conservation significance on Queensland Government wildlife databases for this park.

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*.

Marine protected areas

Keyser Island Regional Park is located within and adjoining the Noosa River declared Fish Habitat Area (FHA) management A area, which significantly constrains development activities. This declaration under the *Fisheries Act 1994* requires that activities on the regional park must consider potential impacts on the FHA. Approval is required before development can commence, unless authorised under a self-assessable code. Development works may include on-park activities such as construction of boardwalks and bird hides.

Priorities for park management

The one regional ecosystem is the main value of this park. The priorities for park management will be to mitigate any threats to this regional ecosystem 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 conserve or maintain the condition of the regional ecosystem through the application of planned burn guidelines
- the impacts of existing pest species on neighbouring land uses are mitigated;
- pest threats are managed to conserve or maintain the condition of this regional ecosystem
- consideration of the impacts on the declared FHA is undertaken when planning and conducting fire or pest management activities on the park in accordance with the FHA code of practice.

Appendix 1

Conservation values inventory

Table 1: Endangered and of concern regional ecosystems

| Regional ecosystem number | Description | Biodiversity status |
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| 12.3.5 | <i>Melaleuca quinquenervia</i> open forest on coastal alluvium. | Of concern |