

Mount Leura Regional Park Management Statement

Park purpose

Mount Leura Regional Park was formally gazetted as Mount Leura Environmental Park in 1988 under the *Land Act 1962*. At that time there was a Trustee Agreement with National Parks and Wildlife. In 1994 the environmental park was gazetted to Mount Leura Conservation Park under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*.

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

Park size	196.5ha
Bioregion	Brigalow Belt
Local government area	Central Highlands Regional Council
State electorate	Gregory
QPWS region	Central
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Strategic direction for park management

Based on an evaluation of its natural, cultural and presentation values, Mount Leura 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. There is no practical vehicle access to the park which means that it will receive minimal 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 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 does not provide infrastructure for such purposes. 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.

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

Mount Leura Regional Park protects three regional ecosystems, one of which has of concern biodiversity status, Table 1.

Species of conservation significance

Species of conservation significance that are recorded from this park include the rainbow bee-eater *Merops ornatus*, Table 2.

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

The one of-concern regional ecosystem and one bird species of conservation significance are the main values of this park. The priorities for park management will be to mitigate any threats to these values through fire and pest management.

Management actions will be undertaken which aim to ensure:

- life and property on and adjacent to the park are 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 and animal species of conservation significance.

Appendix 1

Conservation values inventory

Table 1: Endangered and of-concern regional ecosystems

Regional ecosystem number	Description	Biodiversity status
11.8.3	Semi-evergreen vine thicket on Cainozoic igneous rocks.	Of concern

Table 2: 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>Merops ornatus</i> ³	rainbow bee-eater	Special least concern	-	Low

¹Bonn: Bonn Convention

³JAMBA: Japan-Australia Migratory Bird Agreement

²CAMBA: China-Australia Migratory Agreement

⁴ROKAMBA: Republic of Korea-Australia Migratory Bird Agreement