

# White Rock Regional Park Management Statement

## Park purpose

White Rock Regional Park was formally gazetted as Woogaroo Creek Environmental Park in 1979 and Six Mile Creek Environmental Park in 1980. These parcels were merged and White Rock Conservation Park was created in 1994 under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*. White Rock (Limited Depth) was gazetted in 1995 and this was repealed in 1997 and the area added to White Rock Conservation Park.

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

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

Park size	190ha
Bioregion	South East Queensland
Local government area	Ipswich City Council
State electorate	Bundamba
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, White Rock 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 Park 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 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 moderate 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. A power-line crosses this regional park.

## General park values, uses and management

### Regional ecosystems

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

## Species of conservation significance

Species of conservation significance that are recorded from this park include two plant, three mammal and 10 bird species, 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. Cultural records on physical artefacts and sites of spiritual significance are 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 two regional ecosystems, two plant and thirteen animal 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 is protected
- fire is managed to conserve or maintain the condition of the regional ecosystems 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 the regional ecosystems, plant 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
12.3.3	<i>Eucalyptus tereticornis</i> woodland on Quaternary alluvium	Endangered
12.9-10.7	<i>Eucalyptus crebra</i> +/- <i>E. tereticornis</i> , <i>Corymbia tessellaris</i> , <i>Angophora</i> spp., <i>E. melanophloia</i> woodland on sedimentary 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
Plants				
<i>Eucalyptus curtisii</i>	Plunkett mallee	Near threatened	-	Low
<i>Marsdenia coronata</i>	slender milkvine	Vulnerable	-	Low
Animals				
<i>Acrocephalus australis</i> <sup>1</sup>	Australian reed-warbler	Special least concern		Low
<i>Ardea ibis</i> <sup>23</sup>	cattle egret	Special least concern		Low

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<i>Ardea modesta</i> <sup>23</sup>	eastern great egret	Special least concern		Low
<i>Calyptorhynchus lathami</i>	glossy black-cockatoo	Vulnerable	-	-
<i>Coracina tenuirostris</i> <sup>3</sup>	cicadabird	Special least concern	-	Low
<i>Hirundapus caudacutus</i> <sup>234</sup>	white-throated needletail	Special least concern	-	Low
<i>Merops ornatus</i> <sup>3</sup>	rainbow bee-eater	Special least concern	-	Low
<i>Monarcha melanopsus</i> <sup>1</sup>	black-faced monarch	Special least concern	-	Low
<i>Ninox strenua</i>	powerful owl	Vulnerable	-	Medium
<i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i>	koala (southeast Queensland bioregion)	Vulnerable	Vulnerable	-
<i>Pteropus poliocephalus</i>	grey-headed flying-fox	least concern	Vulnerable	Critical
<i>Rhipidura rufifrons</i> <sup>1</sup>	rufous fantail	Special least concern	-	Low
<i>Tachyglossus aculeatus</i>	echidna	Special least concern	-	Low

<sup>1</sup>Bonn: Bonn Convention<sup>3</sup>JAMBA: Japan-Australia Migratory Bird Agreement<sup>2</sup>CAMBA: China-Australia Migratory Agreement<sup>4</sup>ROKAMBA: Republic of Korea-Australia Migratory Bird Agreement