

Parklands Regional Park Management Statement

Park purpose

Parklands Regional Park was formerly a State Forest and gazetted as Parklands Forest Reserve in 2001 under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* as part of the South East Queensland Forest Agreement transfer process. The area was subsequently gazetted to Parklands Conservation Park in 2006.

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

Park size	642.6ha
Bioregion	South East Queensland
Local government area	Sunshine Coast Regional Council
State electorate	Nicklin
QPWS region	Sunshine and Fraser Coast
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Strategic direction for park management

Based on an evaluation of its natural, cultural and presentation values, Parklands 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 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. A number of shared use trails are provided for walkers, horse riders and mountain bikers. 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. General park information is provided off-site, primarily through the Departmental website.

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 nine regional ecosystems, four of which have of concern biodiversity status, Table 1.

Species of conservation significance

Species of conservation significance that are recorded from this park include one plant and nine animal 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 four of concern regional ecosystems, one plant and nine 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 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 regional ecosystems and species of conservation significance.

Appendix 1

Conservation values inventory

Table 1: Endangered and of concern regional ecosystems

Regional ecosystem number	Description	Biodiversity status	<i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> status
12.3.2	<i>Eucalyptus grandis</i> tall open forest on alluvial plains.	Of concern	-
12.12.1	Simple notophyll vine forest usually with abundant <i>Archontophoenix cunninghamiana</i> (gully vine forest) on Mesozoic to Proterozoic igneous rocks.	Of concern	Critically endangered
12.12.12	<i>Eucalyptus tereticornis</i> , <i>Corymbia intermedia</i> , <i>E. crebra</i> +/- <i>Lophostemon suaveolens</i> woodland on Mesozoic to Proterozoic igneous rocks.	Of concern	-
12.12.14	<i>Eucalyptus racemosa</i> subsp. <i>racemosa</i> +/- <i>Lophostemon confertus</i> , <i>Syncarpia glomulifera</i> , <i>Eucalyptus acmenoides</i> woodland usually on rocky near coastal areas on Mesozoic to Proterozoic igneous rocks.	Of concern	-

Table 2: Species of conservation significance

Scientific name	Common name	<i>Nature Conservation Act 1992</i> status	<i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> status	Back on Track status
Plants				
<i>Pararistolochia praevenosa</i>	-	Near threatened	-	High
Animals				
<i>Adelotus brevis</i>	tusked frog	Vulnerable	-	Medium
<i>Ardea ibis</i> ³	cattle egret	Special least concern	-	Low

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<i>Coracina tenuirostris</i> ³	cicadabird	Special least concern	-	Low
<i>Danaus plexippus plexippus</i> ¹	monarch	Special least concern	-	Low
<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i> ²	white-bellied sea-eagle	Special least concern		
<i>Hirundapus caudacutus</i> ²³⁴	white-throated needle tail	Special least concern		
<i>Merops ornatus</i> ³	rainbow bee-eater	Special least concern		
<i>Pteropus poliocephalus</i>	grey-headed flying-fox	Least concern	Vulnerable	Critical
<i>Ramphotyphlops silvia</i>	-	Near threatened	-	Low

¹ Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals
³JAMBA: Japan-Australia Migratory Bird Agreement

²CAMBA: China-Australia Migratory Agreement
⁴ROKAMBA: Republic of Korea-Australia Migratory Bird Agreement