Our vision

Daisy Hill Koala Bushland is conserved as a special place of natural value where the community and visitors are immersed in discovery, learning and active healthy enjoyment of nature and its conservation.

Enhancing management across the Koala Bushland through improved coordination in conservation and recreation planning with public sector, business and community partners.

A commitment to conservation values at the heart of sustainable land management priorities and practices across the Koala Bushland.

Encouraging recreation in nature through carefully planned improvements to visitor facilities including trail networks, day-use areas, signs and wayfinding.

Revitalising the Daisy Hill Koala Centre to showcase the work of the Queensland Government and partners in koala conservation.

Building the economic benefits from nature-based recreation and tourism by fostering appropriate commercial opportunities on-park and through leveraging opportunities in the surrounding region.

Adding Indigenous cultural value through sharing an understanding of the area’s Indigenous history and culture.

Creating a Commonwealth Games legacy by offering Games visitors authentic local experiences.

Our vision

Daisy Hill Koala Bushland

Daisy Hill Koala Bushland is a core koala habitat area and one of South East Queensland’s most significant outdoor recreation hubs. The Koala Bushland features important flora and fauna, the Daisy Hill Koala Centre, recreation trails and day-use facilities.

Daisy Hill Koala Bushland comprises approximately 1,500ha of protected reserves and habitats in multiple tenures managed by Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS), Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (EHP), Logan City Council and Redland City Council.

Directions Paper—Action Plan

The Daisy Hill Koala Bushland Directions Paper has been prepared by the Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing (NPSR) to guide the area’s management, use and enjoyment over the next 10 year period. The Directions Paper has been developed following an extensive review of the site, assessment of relevant policy and planning frameworks, and review of recreation and tourism market opportunities.

This action plan details the first two stages of work to deliver on the vision for the Daisy Hill Koala Bushland.
Stage 1

Funded projects 2017–2018:

Following community feedback, the Queensland Government has allocated $3.3 million to kick-start investment in the priority directions identified in the Directions Paper. This will ensure the Koala Bushland is ready for locals and visitors to enjoy during the Commonwealth Games in 2018 and beyond.

These funded projects seek the balance of delivering some important improvements in the lead up to the Commonwealth Games, while also commencing the important planning and design works to guide future investment in the Koala Bushland.

Stage 1 actions

- To assist with delivery of Stage 1, a Park User Reference Group will be established and include representatives from tourism, recreation and conservation sectors, and Traditional Owners.
- In June 2017, RoadTek is undertaking works to upgrade and resurface 1.8km of the ring road servicing the Daisy Hill Conservation Park day use areas.
- Working with local councils and tourism industry partners to develop a detailed management plan and visitor management strategy for the Koala Bushland.
- Upgrade and construct visitor facilities to serve the day use area in Daisy Hill Conservation Park, replacing toilets, and renewing BBQ and picnic facilities, pathways, bollards, signage and Nature Play areas.
- Revitalising the Daisy Hill Koala Centre to improve the visitor experience, focusing on interpretation and visitor orientation.
- A range of community conservation projects, including flora and fauna surveys, weed management and revegetation.
- Upgrade of the Paperbark Trail to allow universal visitor access.
- Sustainable trail planning and work including a full trail audit and upgrades to trail signs.
- Undertake road planning and re-design study and works to address safety issues associated with shared use including pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

Stage 2

The Directions Paper will continue to guide priority directions from 2017–2027. Future works and partnerships could include:

- Introducing new technologies to raise public awareness and understanding of conservation priorities.
- Further upgrades of multi-use trails, implementing outcomes of trail planning study.
- Upgrading trail heads at Underwood Road and Avalon Road.
- New toilet block in upper trail head at Daisy Hill Road.
- Development of Ford Road block for public use, including park management planning, road and trail design and construction.
- Exploring opportunities with Traditional Owners to offer services such as performance events, guided walks and storytelling sessions.