

Conondale Conservation Park

Management Statement

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Park purpose

Conondale Conservation Park was formerly part of Conondale Forest Reserve 2 which was gazetted on 4 May 2001 under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*. On 31 July 2009, 1.24 hectares of the original 13,251 hectares of forest reserve was gazetted to Conondale Conservation Park.

The park was gazetted to accommodate the footprint of the existing Sunday Creek Environmental Education Centre operated by the Queensland Education Department.

Park size:	1.24ha
Bioregion:	South East Queensland
Local government region:	Somerset Regional Council
State electorate:	Nanango
QPWS region:	Southeast Queensland

Strategic direction for park management

Based on an evaluation of its natural, cultural and presentation values, Conondale Conservation Park has been assessed as having a basic level of priority for management and 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 basic level priority means it will receive annual routine inspections with occasional planned visits where issues have been identified. The focus is largely expected to be on natural resource management involving proactive management to understand and protect known natural values.

Cultural values will be managed proactively to protect those values known to Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service, (QPWS). Informal ad-hoc local consultation, collaboration and relationships with Traditional Owners and Indigenous stakeholders will be undertaken as required to progress specific issues and programs.

This park currently has low levels of infrequent 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 and are primarily responsible for their own personal safety.

Informal ad-hoc consultation with community stakeholders will be undertaken on specific issues of park management.

Park assets will consist of minimal robust infrastructure which is required for the protection of natural and cultural values and self-reliant use by the public. An Energex power corridor crosses the park.

General park values, uses and management

Regional ecosystems

Conondale Conservation Park protects one regional ecosystem which has a biodiversity status of 'No concern at present'.

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 First Nations 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 priorities for park management will be 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 the regional ecosystem