

Gurgeena Regional Park Management Statement

Park purpose

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

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

Park size	219.7ha
Bioregion	Brigalow Belt
Local government area	North Burnett Regional Council
State electorate	Callide
QPWS region	Sunshine and Fraser Coast
Year prepared: 2015	Review date: 2025

Strategic direction for park management

Based on an evaluation of its natural, cultural and presentation values, Gurgeena Regional Park has been assessed as having a basic level of 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 basic level means that 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 or 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 other Indigenous stakeholders will be undertaken as required to progress specific issues and programs.

This park currently has low levels of visitor use and provides no developed 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.

General park values, uses and management

Regional ecosystems

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

Species of conservation significance

Species of conservation significance that are recorded from this park include two plant 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.

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 heritage places will be managed in accordance with the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992*.

Priorities for park management

The two regional ecosystems and two plant 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 regional ecosystems and plant species of conservation significance.

Appendix 1

Conservation values inventory

Table 1: Endangered and of concern regional ecosystems

Regional ecosystem number	Description	Biodiversity status
11.5.15	Semi-evergreen vine thicket on Cainozoic sand plains and/or remnant surfaces.	Endangered
11.11.10a	<i>Eucalyptus moluccana</i> woodland. <i>Eucalyptus moluccana</i> , <i>E. tereticornis</i> may be prominent components of the tree layer, particularly on lower slopes.	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>Fontainea fugax</i>	-	Endangered	-	Low
<i>Macropteranthes leiocaulis</i>	southern bonewood	Near threatened	-	Low