

# Bottle Creek Regional Park Management Statement

## Park purpose

Bottle Creek Regional Park was formally gazetted as Bottle Creek Environmental Park in 1983 under the *Land Act 1962*. At that time there was a Trustee Agreement with Gooburrum Shire Council. In 1994 the environmental park was gazetted to Bottle Creek Conservation Park under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*.

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

Park size	85.6ha
Bioregion	South East Queensland
Local government area	Bundaberg Regional Council
State electorate	Burnett
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, Bottle Creek 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 very low levels of visitor use and provides a few 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. There is no recreational infrastructure, only boundary tracks and fences.

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 11 regional ecosystems, two of which have endangered biodiversity status and three are of concern, Table 1.

### Species of conservation significance

Species of conservation significance that are recorded from this park include one plant and one 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. 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*.

## Marine protected areas

Bottle Creek Regional Park adjoins the Baffle Creek declared Fish Habitat Area (FHA) management area which significantly constrain development activities. This declaration under the *Fisheries Act 1994* requires that activities on the regional park must consider potential impacts on the adjoining FHA.

## Priorities for park management

The five regional ecosystems are the main values of this park. The priorities for park management will be to mitigate any threats to these values and species of conservation significance 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 State-wide 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 these regional ecosystems
- consideration of the neighbouring FHA is undertaken during fire or pest management activities on the park.

## Appendix 1

### Conservation values inventory

**Table 1: Endangered and of concern regional ecosystems**

Regional ecosystem number	Description	Biodiversity status
12.1.1	<i>Casuarina glauca</i> woodland on margins of marine clay plains.	Endangered
12.3.3	<i>Eucalyptus tereticornis</i> woodland on Quaternary alluvium.	Endangered
12.3.8	Swamps with <i>Cyperus</i> spp., <i>Schoenoplectus</i> spp. and <i>Eleocharis</i> spp.	Of concern
12.5.5	<i>Eucalyptus portuensis</i> , <i>Corymbia intermedia</i> open forest on remnant Tertiary surfaces. Usually deep red soils.	Of concern
12.9-10.3	<i>Eucalyptus moluccana</i> open forest 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>Cupaniopsis shirleyana</i>	wedge-leaf tuckeroo	vulnerable	vulnerable	High
Animals				

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<i>Delma torquata</i>	collared delma,	vulnerable	vulnerable	High
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