

# Ipswich Pteropus Regional Park Management Statement

## Park purpose

Ipswich Pteropus Regional Park was formally gazetted as a conservation park in 1995 under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*.

The park was created to protect a vegetated gully that supports a colony of grey-headed flying-foxes *Pteropus poliocephalus*.

Under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*, Ipswich City Council is the trustee of the park.

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| Park size             | 1.8ha                 |
| Bioregion             | South East Queensland |
| Local government area | Ipswich City Council  |
| State electorate      | Ipswich               |
| QPWS region           | South East            |
| Year prepared: 2015   | Review date: 2025     |

## Strategic direction for park management

Based on an evaluation of its natural, cultural and presentation values, Ipswich Pteropus 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 Park 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. Visitors are unlikely to encounter a ranger on site during their visit. A moderate level of infrastructure is provided to support safe and sustainable use by visitors including a lookout/shelter for those observing the bats.

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 one regional ecosystem that has a biodiversity status of no concern at present, Table 1.

### Species of conservation significance

Species of conservation significance that are recorded from this park include the grey-headed flying-fox *Pteropus poliocephalus*, 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*.

## Priorities for park management

The grey-headed flying-fox species is of conservation significance and is the main value of this park. The priorities for park management will be to mitigate any threats to this value 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 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 animal species of conservation significance.

## Appendix 1

### Conservation values inventory

Table 1: 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 |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|--|---|----------------------|
| Animals                       |                        |  |   |                      |
| <i>Pteropus poliocephalus</i> | grey-headed flying-fox | Least concern                              | Vulnerable  | Critical             |