

Kurrimine Beach Regional Park Management Statement

Park purpose

Kurrimine Beach Regional Park was formally gazetted as Kurrimine Beach Environmental Park on 24 May 1975 under the *Land Act 1962*. At that time there was a Trustee Agreement with the Johnstone Shire Council. In 1994, the environmental park was gazetted as Kurrimine Beach Conservation Park under the *Nature Conservation Park 1992*.

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

Park size	5.7ha
Bioregion	Wet Tropics
Local government area	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
State electorate	Hinchinbrook
QPWS region	Northern
Year prepared: 2015	Review date: 2025

Strategic direction for park management

Based on an evaluation of its natural, cultural and presentation values, Kurrimine Beach Regional 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 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 level of self-sufficiency and be primarily responsible for their own personal safety. General park information is mainly provided off-site through the Departmental website.

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

Kurrimine Beach Regional Park protects one regional ecosystem which has endangered biodiversity status, Table 1.

Species of conservation significance

No species of conservation significance have been recorded on Queensland Government wildlife databases for this park.

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 endangered regional ecosystem is the main value of this park. The priorities for park management will be to mitigate any threats to this regional ecosystem 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 and a strategy
- the impacts of existing pest species on neighbouring land uses are mitigated
- pest threats are managed to conserve or maintain the condition of this regional ecosystem.

Appendix 1

Conservation values inventory

Table 1: Endangered and of concern regional ecosystems

Regional ecosystem number	Description	Biodiversity status
7.2.1a	Complex mesophyll or mesophyll vine forest. Lowlands on beach sands, of the very wet and wet rainfall zone.	Endangered