

O'Regan Creek Conservation Park

Management Statement 2015

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Park overview

Park size	O'Regan Creek Conservation Park	59.7ha
Bioregion	South Eastern Queensland	
QPWS region	South East Queensland	
Local government area	Fraser Coast Regional	
State electorate	Maryborough	
Relevant legislation	<i>Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003 (Qld)</i>	
	<i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cwlth)</i>	
	<i>Aboriginal Land Act 1991</i>	
	<i>Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth)</i>	
	<i>Nature Conservation Act 1992</i>	
	<i>Queensland Heritage Act 1992</i>	

Park purpose

O'Regan Creek Conservation Park was originally gazetted as O'Regan Creek Environmental Park in 1991 under the *Land Act 1962*. At that time there was a Trustee Agreement with Hervey Bay City Council. In 1994 under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* the environmental park was gazetted as O'Regan Creek Conservation Park, before becoming O'Regan Creek Regional Park. It reverted back to conservation park again in 2016.

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

Strategic direction for park management

Based on an evaluation of its natural, cultural and presentation values, O'Regan Creek Conservation 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 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. Current and future recreational opportunities will require that visitors have a high level of self-sufficiency. A moderate level of infrastructure is provided to support safe and sustainable use by predominantly self-reliant visitors.

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.

Regional ecosystems

The park protects four regional ecosystems, one of which has endangered biodiversity status, Table 1.

Plants and animals

Species of conservation significance that are recorded from this park include the grey-headed flying-fox *Pteropus poliocephalus* and three plant species, Table 2.

Aboriginal culture

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*.

Post-contact cultural heritage

Post-contact cultural heritage historic places will be managed in accordance with the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992*.

Management directions

The endangered regional ecosystem and the animal 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 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 and the animal of conservation significance.

Appendix

Tables – Conservation values management

Table 1: Endangered and of concern regional ecosystems

Regional ecosystem number	Description	Biodiversity status
12.2.2	Microphyll/notophyll vine forest on beach ridges.	Endangered

Table 2: Species of conservation significance

Scientific name	Common name	Nature Conservation Act 1992 status	Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cwlth) status
Plants			
<i>Livistona australis</i>	cabbage tree palm	Special least concern	-
<i>Dockrillia bowmanii</i>	scrub pencil orchid	Special least concern	-
<i>Microsorium punctatum</i>	-	Special least concern	-
Animals			
<i>Pteropus poliocephalus</i>	grey-headed flying-fox	Least concern	Vulnerable