

Bouldercombe Gorge Resources Reserve

Management Statement 2015

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Park overview

Park size	Bouldercombe Gorge Resources Reserve	3970.8ha
Bioregion	Brigalow Belt South	
QPWS region	Central	
Local government area	Rockhampton Regional Council	
State electorate	Mirani	
Relevant legislation	<i>Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003 (Qld)</i>	
	<i>Nature Conservation Act 1992</i>	
	<i>Queensland Heritage Act 1992</i>	

Park purpose

Bouldercombe Gorge Resources Reserve was formally gazetted as Bouldercombe Gorge Resource Reserve in 1992 under the *Lands Act 1962*. The resource reserve previously covered 334 hectares and had a Trustee Agreement with the Director of National Parks and Wildlife and Director-General of the Queensland Rural Industry. In 1994 the resource reserve was gazetted as Bouldercombe Gorge Resource Reserve under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*.

In 2000 an addition was made to the resource reserve increasing the area to 427ha. During 2000 more additions increased the area to 1690 hectares with no Trustee Agreement in place. In 2009 the resource reserve increased again to cover 3970ha, with the total park size as 3970.8ha in 2026.

The resources reserve purpose identified as part of the gazettal was to enable access to mineral resources while providing for the protection of significant natural values. This resources reserve is declared as a resource use area to enable access to mineral resources to continue.

Strategic direction for park management

Based on an evaluation of its natural, cultural and presentation values, Bouldercombe Gorge Resources Reserve has been assessed as having a medium priority for management. The park will be managed according to this priority rating.

Reserve 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 First Nations people and stakeholders will be undertaken as required to support broader continuing park management programs.

This resources reserve 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 reserve management will be undertaken through ongoing local consultations with community stakeholders to support broad continuing management programs.

Resource reserve assets are functional and robust and require limited maintenance to protect the natural and cultural values and management capacity. One km of 66kV power-line crosses the northern section of the reserve with a further 2.6km of 22kV power-line crossing the southern section.

General park values, uses and management

Regional ecosystems

Bouldercombe Gorge Resources Reserve protects eight regional ecosystems, three of which have of concern, biodiversity status, Table 1.

Species of conservation significance

Species of conservation significance that are recorded from this reserve include 14 plant and one animal species, Table 2.

Cultural heritage

All protected areas are recognised as cultural landscapes and First Nations 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 cultural heritage will be managed in accordance with the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992*.

Priorities for park management

The three of concern regional ecosystems, five plant, and one animal species and mineral resources are the main values of this reserve. 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 reserve are 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 regional ecosystems and animal species of conservation significance
- access to mineral resources continues.

Appendix

Conservation values inventory

Table 1: Endangered and of concern regional ecosystems

Regional ecosystem number	Description	Biodiversity status
11.3.2	<i>Eucalyptus populnea</i> woodland on alluvial plains.	Of concern
11.3.4	<i>Eucalyptus tereticornis</i> and/or <i>Eucalyptus</i> spp. woodland on alluvial plains.	Of concern
11.3.25	<i>Eucalyptus tereticornis</i> or <i>E. camaldulensis</i> woodland fringing drainage lines.	Of concern

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>Cycas megacarpa</i>	-	Endangered	Endangered
<i>Decaspermum struckoileum</i>	Mount Morgan myrtle	Critically Endangered	Critically Endangered
<i>Graptophyllum excelsum</i>	scarlet fuchsia, letter-leaf	Near threatened	-
<i>Hernandia bivalvis</i>	cudgerie	Near threatened	-
<i>Cordyline murchisoniae</i>		Special Least Concern	
<i>Drynaria rigidula</i>		Special Least Concern	
<i>Drynaria sparsisora</i>		Special Least Concern	
<i>Microsorium punctatum</i>		Special Least Concern	
<i>Pyrrosia confluens</i>		Special Least Concern	
<i>Pyrrosia confluens</i> var. <i>dielsii</i>		Special Least Concern	
<i>Adiantum hispidulum</i>		Special Least Concern	
<i>Pellaea falcata</i>		Special Least Concern	
<i>Brachychiton australis</i>	broad-leaved bottle tree	Special Least Concern	
<i>Macrozamia miquelii</i>		Special Least Concern	
Animals			
<i>Turnix melanogaster</i>	black-breasted button-quail	Vulnerable	Vulnerable