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1. Introduction

The Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS), within the Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation (DETSI), applies a contemporary management process that is based on international best practice and targets management towards the most important features of each park: their key values.

The Values-Based Management Framework (VBMF) is an adaptive management cycle that incorporates planning, prioritising, doing, monitoring, evaluating and reporting into all areas of our business. This enables the agency to be more flexible and proactive and to improve management effectiveness over time.

This document is a compendium of park information and a supporting document for key values and level of service assessment reports or management plans and management statements. It contains background information about a park's purpose, values, resources and legal and administrative framework.

2. Park overview

Duggan Conservation Park is in the regional city of Hervey Bay, less than two kilometres from the coastal esplanade.

The surrounding landscape has been significantly modified by urbanisation. The suburbs of Hervey Bay surround the park, including schools, sporting fields and residential housing. The properties directly adjoining the park are freehold tenure and road reserves. Boundary Road runs along the southern side of the park and Denmans Camp Road runs along the west.

Vernon Conservation Park is 10 kilometres south-west of the park and O'Regan Creek Conservation Park is 14 kilometres north-west.

The following figure and table (Figure 1, Table 1) provide an overview of information related to the park, including locality, legislative framework and applicable plans/agreements.

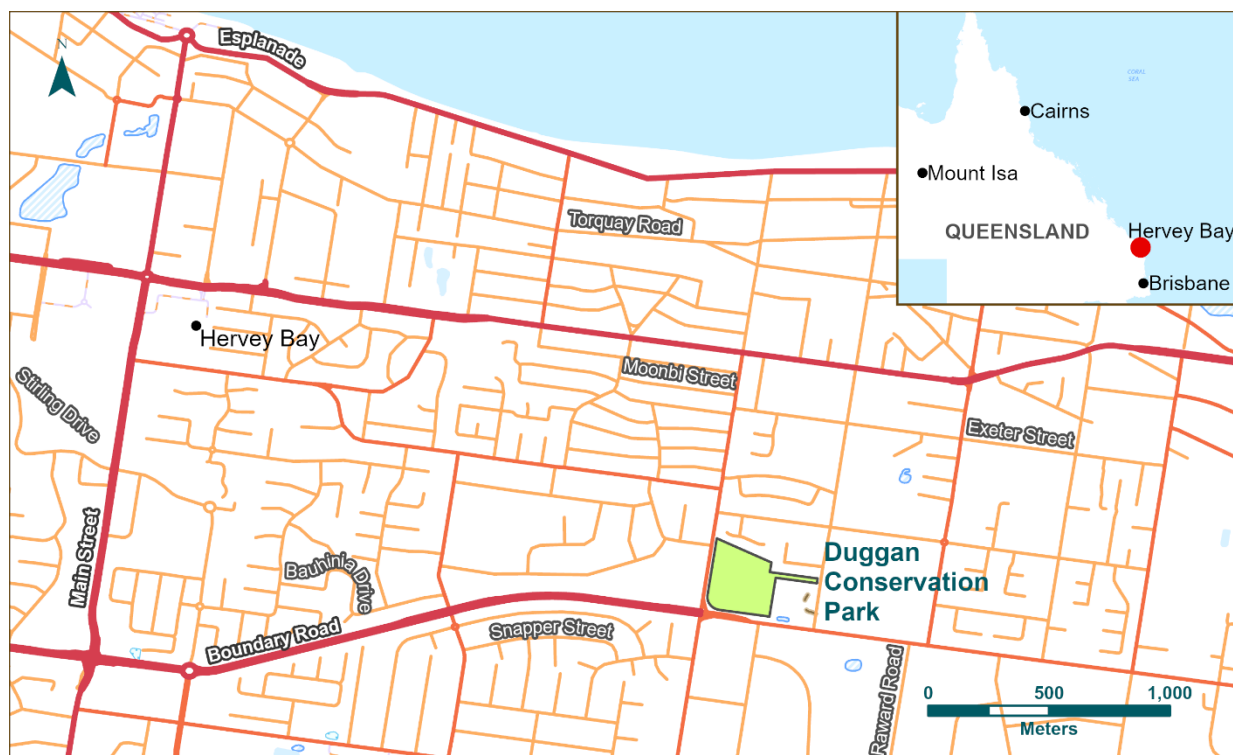


Figure 1. Locality of Duggan Conservation Park

Table 1. Overview of Duggan Conservation Park

Park size	Duggan Conservation Park	6.3 ha
Bioregion	South Eastern Queensland	
QPWS region	South East Queensland	
Local government area	Fraser Coast Regional Council	
State electorate	Hervey Bay	
Relevant legislation	<i>Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003</i>	
	<i>Biosecurity Act 2014</i>	
	<i>Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth)</i>	
	<i>Nature Conservation Act 1992 (NCA)</i>	

3. Resource information

3.1 First Nations people

There are no native title determinations or current applications for native title relating to the park.

3.2 Key value information

Based on an evaluation, the park's values do not reach the thresholds required to be considered a key value. The park, however, continues to contribute to the state's comprehensive and representative reserve system, providing protection for biodiversity, ecosystem services and connectivity within the landscape.

3.3 Ecosystems and biodiversity

The park is part of the Burnett-Curtis Coastal Lowlands subregion of the South Eastern Queensland Interim Biogeographic Regionalisation for Australia (IBRA) bioregion.

There is a creek that runs through the park and flows intermittently. Outside the park, the creek has been modified and hardened with concrete. The park is within the Lower Mary River subcatchment of the Mary River catchment.

3.3.1 Regional ecosystems

The park's small area of remnant vegetation is surrounded by urban development; there is very little remnant vegetation in the broader landscape. The nearest conservation corridor is 15 kilometres away.

The park has two regional ecosystems, one with of concern biodiversity status (Appendix B) and one with no concern at present status. They both represent less than 0.5 per cent of that regional ecosystem remaining in Queensland or within the protected area estate.

Eucalyptus tereticornis +/- *E. siderophloia*, *Corymbia intermedia* open forest on alluvial plains usually near coast (12.3.11) has of concern biodiversity status and covers 4.15 hectares (66.26 per cent) of the park. While this regional ecosystem is known to provide potential habitat for at least 11 different plant species listed under the NCA and suitable habitat for koalas *Phascolarctos cinereus*, there are no species records for the park in the department's WildNet database. The Regional Ecosystem Description Database (REDD) fire management guideline for this regional ecosystem is late summer, autumn or spring burns after rain, with low intensity, at 3–6 year intervals, and 40–60 per cent burnt.

Eucalyptus latisinensis +/- *Corymbia intermedia*, *C. trachyphloia* subsp. *trachyphloia*, *Angophora leiocarpa*, *E. exserta* woodland on complex of remnant Tertiary surfaces and Cainozoic and Mesozoic sediments (12.5.4) has no concern at present biodiversity status and covers 1.16 hectares (18.48 per cent) of the park. While this regional ecosystem is known to provide potential habitat for threatened plant species including *Macrozamia lomandroides*, near threatened plant species including *Melaleuca cheelii* and suitable habitat for koalas *P. cinereus*, there are no species records for the park in the department's WildNet database. The REDD fire management guideline for this regional ecosystem is summer to winter burns of low to moderate intensity, with 4–10 year intervals, and 40–60 per cent burnt.

3.4 Species

There are no species records for the park in the department's WildNet Database.

3.5 Recreational opportunities

There are no visitor facilities within the park and camping is not permitted.

3.6 Post-contact cultural heritage

There are no known post-contact cultural heritage sites within the park.

3.7 Fire

While fire keeps eucalypt forests healthy, undertaking planned burns in the park is challenging given the surrounding residential housing, sporting facilities, commercial businesses (aged care facility, child care facility) and infrastructure.

There is a draft fire strategy for the park that provides direction for fire management and development of burn plans.

Boundary Road and Denmans Camp Road provide firebreaks to the south and west of the park, and the sporting oval to the east. The department maintains a firebreak along the northern boundary.

3.8 Pests

While there are no pest records for the park in the department's WildNet Database, pest plants are present.

Pest plants can be readily transported into the park during flood events when the creek is flowing.

Illegal dumping of garden waste is a common challenge when managing protected areas in towns and cities.

The pests that are present are mostly garden plants like mother of millions, mother-in-law's tongue and coral tree. Giant rat's tail grass has also been found in the park.

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5. Appendices

Appendix A. Policy and management commitments

Gazettal details

The park was previously part of a larger freehold property granted as freehold estate in 1881.

It was originally gazetted as Urangan Reserve on 7 March 1987 under the *Land Act 1962* and was managed under a trustee agreement by the Director of National Parks and Wildlife.

It was gazetted as Duggan Conservation Park under the NCA on 16 December 1994 and again on 1 July 2016.

There was a short period during 2014 to 2016 when certain classes of protected area under the NCA were removed, including conservation parks. During this time, the park was a regional park under the NCA, until legislative amendments in 2016 removed the 'regional park' class of protected area and it was reinstated as a conservation park.

Appendix B. Regional ecosystems of significance

Regional ecosystem	Description	Regional ecosystem class*	Biodiversity status**
12.3.11	<i>Eucalyptus tereticornis</i> +/- <i>E. siderophloia</i> , <i>Corymbia intermedia</i> open forest on alluvial plains usually near coast	Of concern	Of concern

* Vegetation Management Regional Ecosystem Description Database (VM REDD)

** Queensland Herbarium, Regional Ecosystem Description Database (REDD)