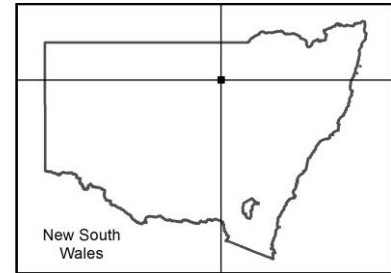


Statement of Management Intent



Wingadee Nature Reserve

1. Introduction

This statement outlines the main values, issues, management directions and priorities of the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) for managing Wingadee Nature Reserve. This statement, together with relevant NPWS policies, will guide the management of the reserve until a plan of management has been prepared in accordance with the [National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 \(NPW Act\)](#). The NPWS [Managing Parks Prior to Plan of Management Policy](#) states that parks and reserves without a plan of management are to be managed in a manner consistent with the intent of the NPW Act and the ['precautionary principle'](#) (see [Principle 15](#)).

2. Management principles

Nature reserves are reserved under the NPW Act to protect and conserve areas containing outstanding, unique or representative ecosystems, species, communities or natural phenomena. Under the NPW Act ([section 30J](#)), nature reserves are managed to:

- conserve biodiversity, maintain ecosystem functions, and protect geological and geomorphological features and natural phenomena
- conserve places, objects, features and landscapes of cultural value
- promote public appreciation, enjoyment and understanding of the reserve's natural and cultural values
- provide for appropriate research and monitoring.

The primary purpose of nature reserves is to conserve nature. Nature reserves differ from national parks in that they do not have the provision of visitor use as a management purpose or principle.

3. Context

Reservation details: Wingadee Nature Reserve was reserved on 1 January 2011.

Size: 304 hectares.

Wingadee Nature Reserve is located approximately 20 kilometres east of Carinda. It falls within the Darling Riverine Plains Bioregion. It also lies within the administrative areas of Coonamble Shire Council, Walgett Local Aboriginal Land Council and Central West Local Land Services.

Wingadee Nature Reserve was formerly state forest proclaimed in February 1914. It was acquired into the NPWS reserve system under the *National Park Estate (South-Western Cypress Reservations) Act 2010* (NP Estate Act 2010) to protect remaining areas of cypress pine woodlands in the heavily cleared wheat–sheep belt region of New South Wales. Except for the stock reserve

along the north-west boundary, the reserve is bounded by freehold and Crown land used for agriculture.

Wingadee Nature Reserve protects a section of woodland vegetation communities which have experienced significant declines and are becoming increasingly fragmented within NSW inland regions. Their populations have been greatly reduced due to large-scale clearing, grazing and habitat degradation.



4. Values

- Wingadee Nature Reserve is dominated by Poplar Box and White Cypress Pine woodlands.
- Wingadee Nature Reserve, although small, is part of a larger corridor incorporating Gilwarry State Forest and Gilwarry Nature Reserve to the north. This corridor encompasses continuous woodland cover and is important to a number of threatened woodland birds known to occur in Gilwarry Nature Reserve and likely to be found in Wingadee Nature Reserve.
- There is a high likelihood of Aboriginal camp sites and burials in this reserve, particularly in sand ridge areas and areas adjacent to Black Box Woodlands.

5. Issues

- Prickly pear (*Opuntia* spp.) and African boxthorn (*Lycium ferocissimum*) weed species have been recorded within Wingadee Nature Reserve.
- Vertebrate pest species that occur within the reserve include foxes (*Vulpes vulpes*), goats (*Capra hircus*) and feral pigs (*Sus scrofa*).
- A grazing occupation permit exists over the reserve.
- Unauthorised activities occasionally occur in the reserve, for example illegal hunting of feral pigs and straying of cattle.

6. Key management directions

- Fire is managed in accordance with the Gilwarny and Wingadee Nature Reserves [Fire Management Strategy](#).
- Pest management programs will be implemented in accordance with the [NPWS Regional Pest Management Strategy](#): Northern Plains Region.
- Grazing under licence will be monitored and managed in accordance with licence conditions.
- All management activities will be preceded by the preparation of an environmental assessment or heritage assessment where this is a requirement of NPWS policy or legislation.
- Environmental repair and threat management programs, such as erosion mitigation measures, pest management, and activities arising from threatened species requirements may be implemented in accordance with NPWS policies and procedures.
- Non-intrusive works may be undertaken where necessary to protect cultural heritage items from further deterioration, to ensure the safety of visitors, to protect wildlife or to prevent damage to park assets.
- A plan of management will be prepared to set out the ongoing management objectives for the reserve. The plan of management is a statutory document under the NPW Act which will be available for public comment. NPWS will also encourage the community to contribute to the ongoing conservation of the reserve by promoting and raising public awareness of its special values.

For additional information or enquiries about any aspect of this reserve or this statement, contact the NPWS Baradine Area Office on 02 6843 4000; or 50–58 Wellington Street, Baradine 2396.

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