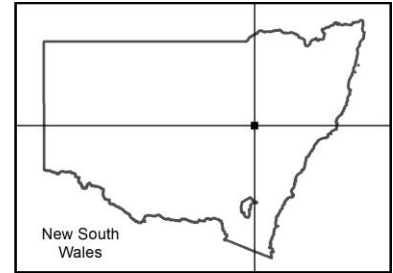




# Statement of Management Intent



## Yarrobil National Park Community Conservation Area Zone 1

### 1. Introduction

This statement outlines the main values, issues, management directions and priorities of the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) for managing Yarrobil National Park Community Conservation Area Zone 1 (Yarrobil National Park). This statement, together with relevant NPWS policies, will guide the management of the park 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

Zone 1 community conservation areas are reserved as national parks under the NPW Act to protect and conserve areas containing outstanding or representative ecosystems, natural or cultural features or landscapes or phenomena that provide opportunities for public appreciation, inspiration and sustainable visitor or tourist use and enjoyment. Under the NPW Act ([section 30E](#)) national parks are managed to:

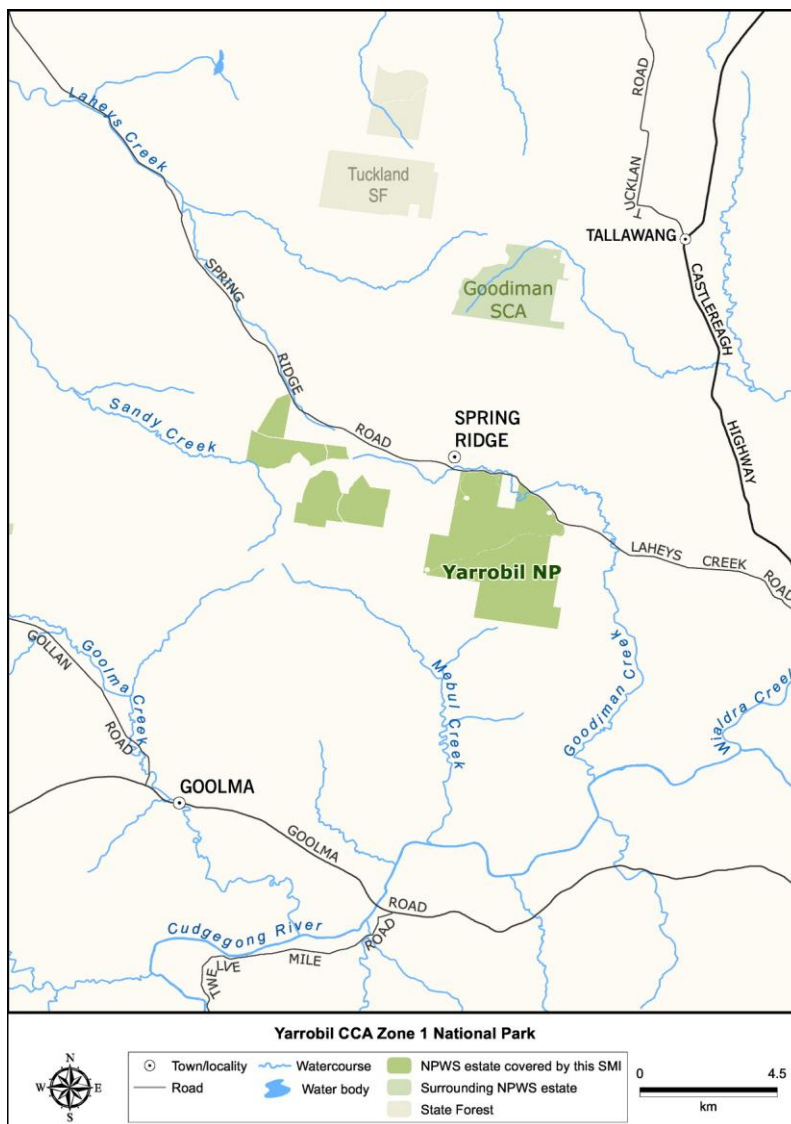
- conserve biodiversity, maintain ecosystem functions, protect geological and geomorphological features and natural phenomena and maintain natural landscapes
- conserve places, objects, features and landscapes of cultural value
- protect the ecological integrity of one or more ecosystems for present and future generations
- promote public appreciation and understanding of the park's natural and cultural values
- provide for sustainable visitor or tourist use and enjoyment that is compatible with conservation of natural and cultural values
- provide for sustainable use (including adaptive reuse) of any buildings or structures or modified natural areas having regard to conservation of natural and cultural values
- provide for appropriate research and monitoring.

The primary purpose of national parks is to conserve nature and cultural heritage. In doing so, opportunities are provided for appropriate and sustainable recreation.

### 3. Context

**Reservation details:** Yarrobil National Park was reserved on 1 December 2005.

**Size:** 1846 hectares.



Yarrobil National Park is located approximately 40 kilometres north-west of Mudgee. It falls within the South Western Slopes Bioregion and within the administrative areas of Central Tablelands and Central West local land services, Mid-Western Regional and Warrumbungle Shire councils and Mudgee and Dubbo local Aboriginal land councils.

Yarrobil National Park is comprised of three separate sections that are surrounded by heavily cleared land primarily used for grazing. The park is comprised of former State Forest tenure and for 100 years was selectively logged for ironbark. Located within the overlap transition zone between the Brigalow Belt South Bioregion and South West Slopes Bioregion, the park protects important remnant native vegetation and a unique mix of native plant species. The park also protects the upper sections of the catchments of Goodiman Creek, Mebul Creek, Sandy Creek and Lahey's Creek. Licensed beekeeping activities occur within the largest section of Yarrobil National Park and is considered an existing interest under the NPW Act as it predates the park's reservation.

## 4. Values

- Yarrobil National Park protects habitat for a variety of threatened species, including the malleefowl (*Leipoa ocellata*), brown treecreeper (eastern subspecies) (*Climacteris picumnus victoriae*), speckled warbler (*Chthonicola sagittata*), varied sittella (*Daphoenositta chrysoptera*), powerful owl (*Ninox strenua*), barking owl (*Ninox connivens*) and glossy black-cockatoo (*Calyptorhynchus lathami*).
- The park provides habitat for the threatened shrub species, Ausfeld's wattle (*Acacia ausfeldii*).
- The park contains historic heritage sites associated with the mining, pastoral and forestry history of the park.

## 5. Issues

- Pest animals recorded in Yarrobil National Park include foxes (*Vulpes vulpes*), rabbits (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*), feral cats (*Felis catus*) and feral deer (various species).
- Weed species recorded in the park includes St John's wort (*Hypericum perforatum*), common prickly pear (*Opuntia stricta*) and tree of heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*).
- There are instances of illegal fire wood collection and rubbish dumping occurring within the park.
- There is a proposal for an open cut coal mine and rail infrastructure development within the vicinity of Yarrobil National Park.
- One of the historic heritage items (a hut) within the park contains asbestos.

## 6. Key management directions

- Fire is being managed in accordance with the [Reserve Fire Management Strategy](#) for Yarrobil National Park and Goodiman State Conservation Area.
- Pest management programs will be implemented in accordance with the NPWS [Regional Pest Management Strategy](#): Northern Plains Region.
- NPWS will continue to liaise with the proponent of the Cobbora Mine proposal to ensure that management needs for Yarrobil National Park are considered.
- Apiary sites within Yarrobil National Park will be managed in accordance with the NPWS [Beekeeping Policy](#).
- Asbestos will be removed from the historic hut.
- 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 on-going management objectives for the park. 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

on-going conservation of the park by promoting and raising public awareness of its special values.

For additional information or enquiries about any aspect of this park or this statement, contact the NPWS Dubbo Office on (02) 6841 7100, or Lot 5/74 River Street or PO Box 580, Dubbo NSW 2830.

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