

## MANAGEMENT OF BRISBANE'S NATURAL AREAS

Brisbane City Council manages more than 14,000 hectares of parkland including 7500 hectares of bushland and wetland reserves.

The major threats to our natural areas include weeds, fire, pest animals, unsustainable recreation such as off-track mountain biking and illegal dumping. An ongoing program of management actions seeks to ensure these threats are controlled.

The primary weeds in Brisbane Koala Bushlands are lantana (*Lantana camara*), groundsel bush (*Baccharis halimifolia*) and exotic grasses.

Some sections may be closed on occasions for fire management purposes.

### Take a trip to:

- Bayside Parklands
- Boondall Wetlands
- Chermside Hills Reserves
- Karawatha Forest
- Mt Coot-tha Forest
- Tinchi Tamba Wetlands
- Toohey Forest
- Whites Hill.

Brisbane Koala Bushlands  
Courtesy of Bruce Cowell, Queensland Museum



## FOR YOUR SAFETY

- wear a hat and sunscreen
- always carry water
- exercise caution when on the tracks and wear comfortable footwear
- take insect repellent.

## HOW TO LOVE YOUR BUSHLAND

- Please keep to the designated tracks.
- All plants and animals are protected – take photos only.
- Watch wildlife from a distance.
- Camping is not allowed.
- Fires are permitted in designated fireplaces only.
- Use of vehicles is restricted to defined public roads.
- Take your rubbish home with you.
- Check shoes and socks for seed or plant material to prevent the spread of weeds.
- Do not dump any waste in natural areas. Dumping increases the spread of weeds, potential spread of fire ants (*Solenopsis invicta*) and the risk of fire.
- Manage weeds in your own yard to reduce spread into bushland.
- Dogs disturb wildlife so it is best to leave them at home. Otherwise, ensure they are on a leash and that you clean up after them.

Managing Brisbane's natural areas is another way Council is achieving our vision for the city's future.

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track map



Koala (*Phascolarctos cinereus*)

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- Watch out for koalas resting in their trees during the day (scratches or droppings at the tree base may point you in the right direction – up).
- Other marsupials in the bushlands include red-necked wallabies, swamp wallabies, bandicoots, greater gliders and squirrel gliders.
- For feathers rather than fur, watch out for pale-headed rosellas, scarlet honeyeaters and sacred kingfishers. There is often a pair of wedge-tailed eagles circling around the area.
- Reptilian residents include eastern water dragons and eastern long-necked turtles.

### Animals to see

An abundance of wildlife can be found in Brisbane Koala Bushlands.

## A WILDLIFE REFUGE

The vegetation communities have considerable regional significance as remnants of the original lowland vegetation found in South East Queensland. Open forest, woodland, riparian forest, and heathland are found throughout this area. Native grasses, herbs, wildflowers, melaleucas, brush box, wattles and scribbly gums are also present.

## A WEALTH OF PLANTLIFE

Brisbane Koala Bushlands were set aside primarily to protect significant koala habitat. In 1992 the establishment of the bushlands was approved and since then there has been significant and ongoing acquisition of additional properties. The majority of the land has been purchased using funds from the Bushland Preservation Levy, however some land was also kindly donated. This significant fauna corridor extends to Logan City and Redland Shire. The bushlands contain many different vegetation communities and habitat for many animals, including part of one of Australia's most stable koala populations.



J.C. Trotter Memorial Park picnic area



Red-necked wallaby (*Macropus rufogriseus*)  
Courtesy of Queensland Museum

## WHERE ARE BRISBANE KOALA BUSHLANDS?

Brisbane Koala Bushlands cover approximately 800 hectares and is located within South East Queensland's strategic Koala Coast Network. It stretches from Belmont to Tingalpa Creek at Burbank. While Brisbane Koala Bushlands consist of mostly scattered eucalypts across rolling hills, there are also small pockets of rainforest and heathland. The visitor node, picnic area and walking tracks located near Alperton Road, Burbank, provide an ideal opportunity to learn more about the Brisbane Koala Bushlands. This area is one of Brisbane's greatest bushland assets.

15 kilometres south east of Brisbane's CBD. Access to the bushlands, including the visitor node, is from Alperton Road, Burbank. Gates are locked between 6pm to 8am. Limited parking is available. For public transport information visit [www.translink.com.au](http://www.translink.com.au) or phone 13 12 30.

## HISTORY & ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE

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## SPECIAL FEATURES

### Koala habitat

These bushlands are part of the Koala Coast Network that is one of the most important koala habitat areas in Australia. It also extends into parts of Logan City and Redland Shire. The Koala Coast protects between 3000 and 5000 koalas, as well as many other native animals. See if you can spot a koala!

### Visitor node

The visitor node contains information displays on koala conservation, handy hints to help spot a koala and details on the reserve. Picnic facilities, including electric barbecues, large shelters and toilets are available. A great spot for a family gathering.

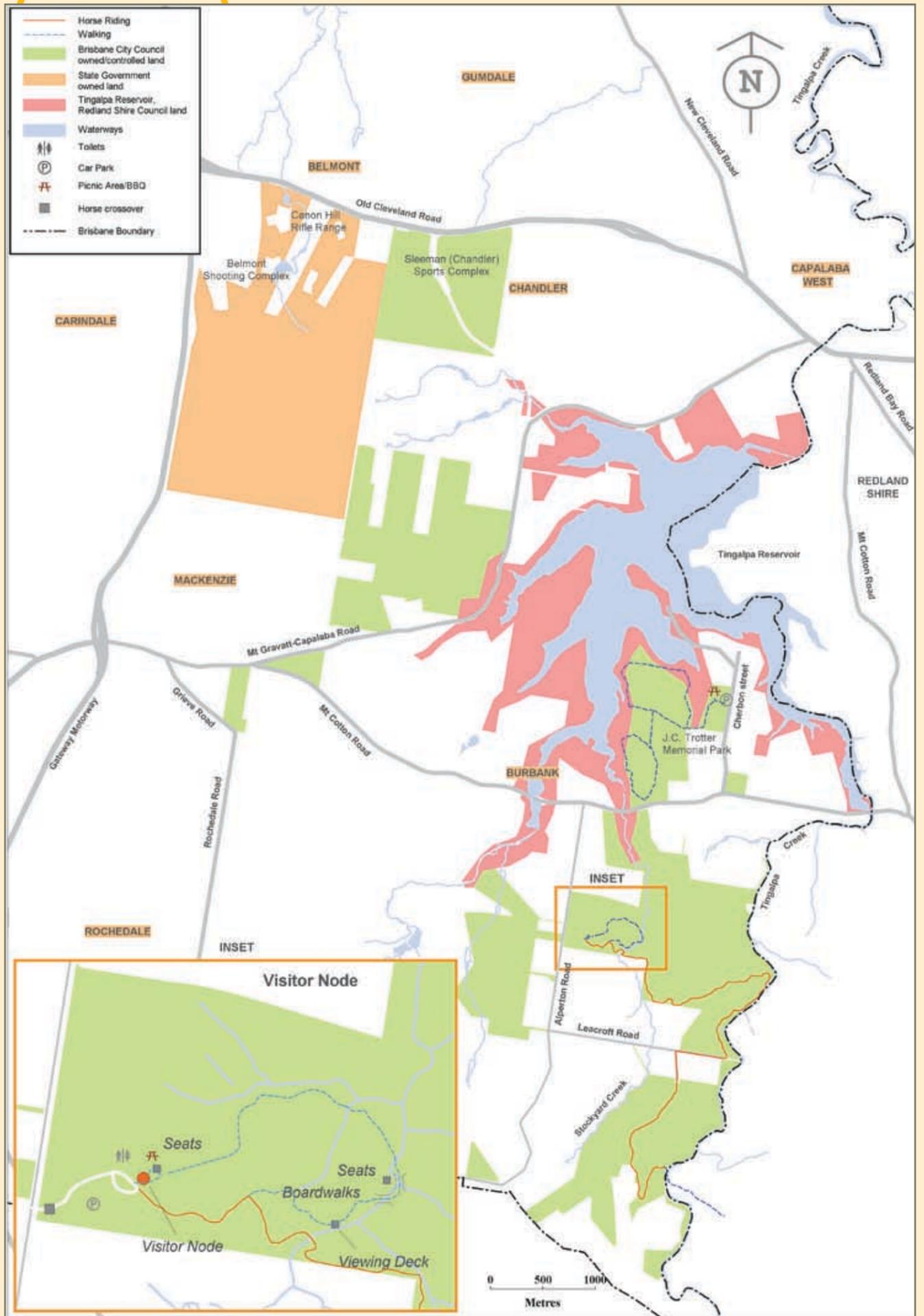
## THINGS TO DO

- Go koala spotting along the walking tracks.
- Have a BBQ or picnic and relax among the gum trees and bloodwoods (picnic and electric barbecue facilities are located near the visitor node).
- Take a bushwalk along the self-guiding walking track that extends to Stockyard Creek.
- Ride your horse on the designated riding track from Alperston Road to Redland Shire.
- Go wild about the flowers – the open forest wildflowers bloom in late winter and spring.
- Rest and relax down by Stockyard Creek and watch the creek life from the viewing platform and boardwalks.
- Learn more about koalas and Brisbane's biodiversity at the visitor node.
- Go birdwatching and see some of the many bird species found here.
- Join one of the regular spotlighting tours. Contact Council for further details.

Stockyard Creek walking track



Viewing platform



## POPULAR TRACKS

### Stockyard Creek walking track 1.4km (50 minutes)

This circuit extends to Stockyard Creek with a boardwalk and a viewing platform. Keep an eye out for signs of koala activity like scratches in the bark of the trees, especially closer to the creek. After rain you may be able to hear the calls of some of the different frog species which live in this area. The creek is also the home of a number of eastern water dragons. Listen for the splash as they launch themselves into the water.

**Grade:** Easy  
**Suited to:** Bushwalking, wheelchair assisted  
**Habitat:** Open eucalypt forest, riparian vegetation  
**Must:** Listen to the noises of the forest and look for koalas

### Horse trail 5.4km (1 hour to ride, 2 hours to walk)

This horse trail is designed for use by both horse riders and walkers. It traverses a variety of habitat types including the riparian areas of Stockyard and Tingalpa Creeks, and the open forests of the adjoining ridgelines. Access to the track is available from the Alperston Road visitor node, from Longton Court to the south of the Centre or through the Redland Shire Conservation Area of Ford Road. Riders and walkers should watch out for the large population of red neck wallabies that call this area home. Horse riders must give way to walkers at all times and strictly adhere to the designated track.

**Grade:** Easy  
**Suited to:** Horse riding, bushwalking  
**Habitat:** Open eucalypt forest, riparian vegetation  
**Must:** Look for wildlife



Koala  
(Phascolarctos cinereus)  
Courtesy of Queensland Museum