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FOREWORD

In accordance with the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972-81 Management Plans have been prepared for the following conservation parks on Kangaroo Island:

Beatrice Islet Conservation Park
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Cape Torrens Conservation Park
Dudley Conservation Park
Mount Taylor Conservation Park
Nepean Bay Conservation Park
Parndana Conservation Park
Pelican Lagoon Conservation Park
Seddon Conservation Park
Vivonne Bay Conservation Park
Western River Conservation Park

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INTRODUCTION

This report contains management plans for twelve small parks on Kangaroo Island. The management plan for each park consists of a brief survey of the park resources, a statement of management philosophy for the park, a listing of management objectives and a statement of management actions which must be undertaken to achieve these objectives. The report excludes the island's three major parks, namely Seal Bay/Cape Gantheaume, Kelly Hill and Flinders Chase.

The twelve conservation parks are considered together as they are all generally small in area, lacking in complex management problems and subject to low intensity visitor usage. The management plans for these parks do not involve radical proposals for changes to present park management and are based upon a less comprehensive survey of park resources than would be required for major parks.

The method adopted for preparation of the plan involved an initial period of work obtaining information and data on Kangaroo Island and its parks from libraries and material held within the National Parks and Wildlife Service. Discussions were also held with public interest groups in Adelaide and input sought from them.

A period of four weeks was then spent undertaking field work on the island. Each park was inspected at least once with ranger staff and their opinions on management problems obtained and discussed. Where it was deemed necessary, repeat visits were made to some parks.

During this field work period, public involvement and opinion was canvassed from island residents through the local newspaper. Submissions from the residents were made in writing and verbally to staff undertaking the field work. A draft management plan for each park was prepared on the basis of this research.

The draft management report was placed on public exhibition for several months during 1984, and resulted in eighteen submissions being received. The content of these responses was reviewed by the Reserves Advisory Committee and all comments taken into consideration when preparing the text of the final document.

It is intended that the plan will provide the National Parks and Wildlife Service and the public with a statement of how the parks on Kangaroo Island are to be managed over the next few years. As more information on the parks becomes available, this plan may need to be reviewed and updated.

Part 2

Kangaroo Island- The Region

KANGAROO ISLAND - THE REGION

INTRODUCTION

Kangaroo Island's national and conservation parks are placed in a landscape comprising mosaics of uncleared native scrub and pastoral/agricultural land. While the eastern part of the island has been settled and farmed since the nineteenth century, it is only within the last thirty-five years with the advent of the soldier-settlement scheme, that large-scale clearing and settlement of the western half of the island have taken place.

The island has a resident population of 4040 as at December 1983 (Australian Bureau of Statistics, personal communication). Service centres are Kingscote (the biggest town with a population of over 1,000), American River and Penneshaw, with Parndana servicing the western part of the island.

Kangaroo Island's economy is based on agriculture, including wool production, with tourism accounting for the next most profitable industry in terms of both gross income to the island economy and employment of local people. Conservation is a major land use on the island with about 25 per cent of the land area dedicated as national and conservation parks.

NATURAL HISTORY

Information concerning the island's archeological sites, geology, soils, location of parks and vegetation clearance is provided in Figures 1 to 5 of this report.

Structurally, Kangaroo Island is an extension of the geological unit which comprises the Mount Lofty Ranges and the Flinders Ranges. There are some aspects of the flora and fauna which are very similar to the island's nearest mainland neighbour, the Fleurieu Peninsula, but there are other aspects which are unique to Kangaroo Island. About 9,500 years ago, following the end of the last Ice Age and the corresponding rise in sealevel, Kangaroo Island became separated from the mainland.

The island's vegetation has experienced a somewhat different recent history from that on the mainland: there was no Aboriginal population on Kangaroo Island at the time of European exploration and settlement in the early nineteenth century. Archaeological evidence suggests that the Aboriginal population disappeared some time between 2,250 and 4,300 years ago.

This means that the island's vegetation was subject to a change in fire regime in the absence of the Aborigines' practice of burning vegetation. Fire frequency would have increased again following European settlement of the island.

Kangaroo Island is free of rabbits which have proved so destructive to native vegetation associations on the mainland. The absence of foxes on the island has had important advantages for native fauna.

The following is a brief account of some of the flora and fauna of Kangaroo Island which are of special interest.

Vegetation

The status of several vegetation associations on the island is dealt with in the Vegetation sections in the relevant parks.

Eucalyptus cneorifolia

Kangaroo Island Narrow-leaved Mallee. On Kangaroo Island this species is almost entirely restricted to the eastern end of the island. The only other occurrence is in a few hectares on the Fleurieu Peninsula. The natural distribution of this species coincides with some of the more productive farming areas on the island and has therefore been extensively cleared. It was also a favoured species for the extraction of Eucalyptus oil.

Eucalyptus remota

Kangaroo Island Mallee Ash. This species is endemic to Kangaroo Island. It is found mainly in the western areas of the island. The E-remota open scrub alliance is considered to be poorly conserved.

Xanthorrhoea tateana

Grass Tree or Yacca. This species of Xanthorrhoea is endemic to Kangaroo Island and the lower Fleurieu Peninsula and was extensively used in the yacca gum stripping industry. This process of stripping yacca yielded a resin which was used in the manufacture of varnish. The industry is in decline because of competition from synthetics and because the extensive clearance of native vegetation which made grass trees available to the industry has been reduced.

Fauna

Mammals

Arctocephalus forsteri. New Zealand Fur-Seal. Kangaroo Island represents the most easterly distribution of this species in Australia. The population at Cape du Couedic represents approximately 10 per cent of the Australian population.

Macropus eugenii. Tammar Wallaby. Once common in South Australia and Western Australia. Its range in South Australia is now restricted to one mainland location on Eyre Peninsula and several offshore islands, including Kangaroo Island, where it is commonly seen.

Macropus fuliginosus fuliginosus. Kangaroo Island Kangaroo. A distinctive sub-species of the Western Grey Kangaroo, this sub-species is found only on Kangaroo Island.

Neophoca cinerea. Australian Sea-lion. This species is the tourist attraction at Seal Bay and accounts for more than 10 per cent of the world population of this species.

Ornithorhynchus anatinus. Platypus.

Phascolarctos cinereus. Koala.

Pseudocheirus peregrinus. Common Ringtail.

These mammals are native to other parts of Australia and have been sucessfully introduced to Kangaroo Island. They are found mainly in the western part of the island, most notably in Flinders Chase National Park.

Sus scrofa. Pig.

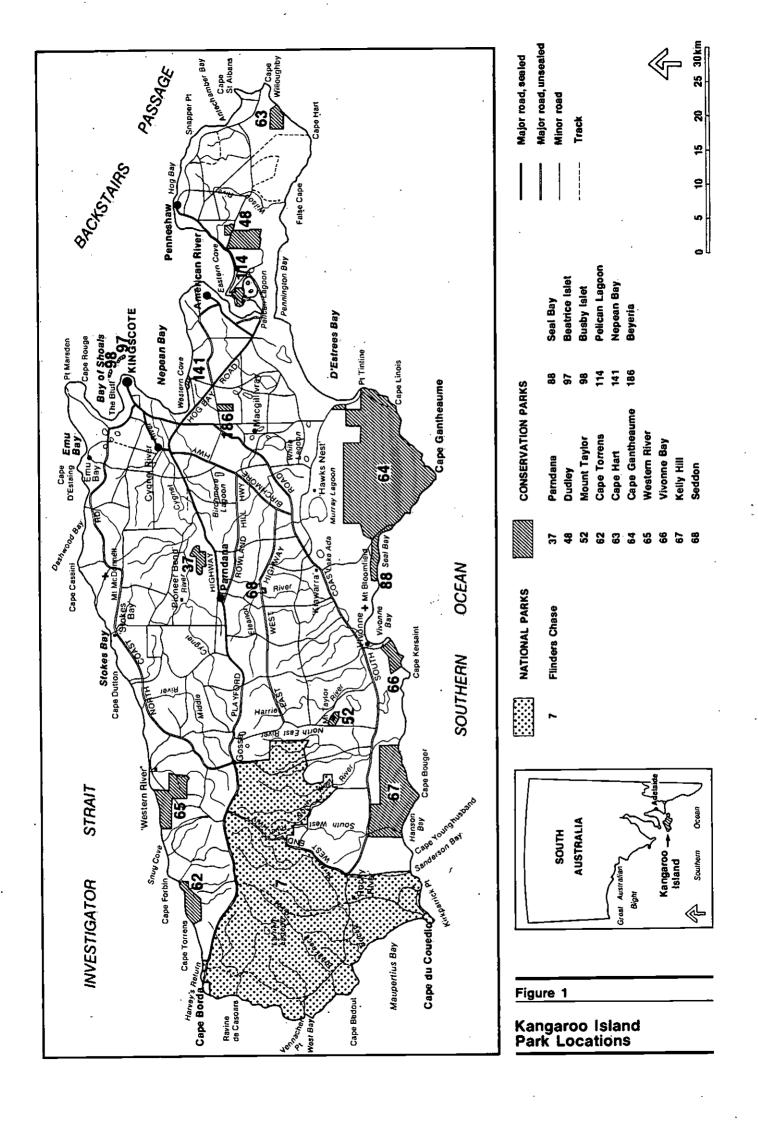
Capra hircus. Goat.

Felis catus. Cat.

These feral animals are found in several of the parks on the island, the Feral Goats and Pigs being concentrated mainly in the parks at the western end of the island.

Trichosurus vulpecula. Common Brushtail Possum.

Very common. Larger than the mainland form. Spends much time feeding on the ground, perhaps due to a lack of predators.



Reptiles

There are nineteen known reptile species recorded from Kangaroo Island. There are no known species unique to the island. All but two of the island's reptiles occur on the Fleurieu Peninsula. There are species found on the adjacent mainland which are absent from the island.

Varanus rosenbergi. Goulds Goanna.

This species occurs in south-western Australia. It is frequently seen on the island, even in farming country wherever there are substantial verges of roadside scrub.

Notechis ater niger. Black Tiger Snake.

This is the most abundant and frequently seen species of snake on the island. It is also the most dangerous.

Amphibians

Each of the six species of frogs on Kangaroo Island is widespread throughout south-east Australia. There are no amphibian species endemic to the island.

Birds

Burhinus magnirostris. Bush Thick-knee.

This species is much more common on the island than the mainland, probably because of the absence of foxes on the island.

Calyptorhynchus lathami. Glossy Black-Cockatoo.

An uncommon species throughout its range from central Queensland to eastern Victoria. Kangaroo Island is now the only area of South Australia where it occurs regularly. Its feeding habitat is restricted to Allocasuarina verticillata (Sheoak) woodland.

Cereopsis novaehollandiae. Cape Barren Goose.

Introduced to Flinders Chase, it now forms a breeding population there.

Dromaius baudinianus. Dwarf Emu.

A separate species from the mainland Emu and much smaller in size. This species became extinct in the early nineteenth century shortly after European settlement of the island.

Platycercus elegans. Crimson Rosella.

May be considered to be an endemic subspecies.

Psophodes nigrogularis pondalouviencis. Western Whipbird.

This subspecies of the Western Whipbird is found on Kangaroo Island and southern Yorke Peninsula. It has a restricted range but is fairly common wherever it does occur.

Stipiturus malachurus. Southern Emu-wren.

There is an endemic subspecies on the island.

There are seventy-one species of birds found on the Fleurieu Peninsula which are not found on Kangaroo Island.

VISITOR USE

The attraction of the island to tourists and holiday-makers lies in its scenic and natural features and its peaceful and unspoiled character. Kangaroo Island is also important for outdoor education and this is reflected in the large number of school groups visiting the island. The focus of their activities is largely, but not exclusively, Kangaroo Island's parks. The island's conservation and national parks, together with District Council managed recreation areas, are also an important recreation resource

for the island's resident population.

Kangaroo Island's parks are one of the main visitor attractions, in particular, Seal Bay and Kelly Hill conservation parks and Flinders Chase National Park. While the public are welcome to visit any park, the outstanding attractions and facilities provided for visitors are located in these three parks.

Visitor numbers to Kangaroo Island's parks peak in December and January, with steady usage throughout the spring and autumn months. June, July and August record low numbers of visitors.

Access to, and the availability of transport on, the island are major considerations for visitors to Kangaroo Island. There is no public transport on the island. People may therefore make use of bus tours to sites of interest or they may hire a car. Those people who wish to drive their own cars have to resort to a seven-hour journey on the MV Troubridge, or may use the quicker roll-on roll-off ferry, the Philanderer III from Cape Jervis to Penneshaw which was introduced into service in December 1984. This ferry is able to carry about 25 cars and 200 passengers. Improved access to the island is expected to result in an increase in visitors which is expected to affect the island's parks, most particularly the three larger more popular ones. Some minor increase in visitation to the parks covered by this plan can also be expected.

At the time of writing, Kangaroo Island is serviced by several small airlines. The main function of the MV <u>Troubridge</u> is the transport of supplies to, and products from, the island. It also serves as a passenger and vehicle ferry. Other ferries which operate out of Adelaide and Cape Jervis provide relatively rapid passenger transport.

MAJOR PARKS

There are three large parks on Kangaroo Island, each of which attracts and provides facilities for high levels of visitor use (Figure 1). In addition each of these parks conserves large tracts of natural vegetation and landscape.

Seal Bay and Cape Gantheaume Conservation Parks

These adjoining parks occupy approximately 24,000 hectares and are located on the southern coastline of the island. They have been dedicated to protect one of the largest and most viable Australian Sea-lion colonies in Australia (Seal Bay) and to conserve a large area of natural scrub which had been subject to little interference (Cape Gantheaume). The major visitor attraction of the parks is the Australian Sea-lions at Seal Bay.

Kelly Hill Conservation Park

The Kelly Hill Conservation Park occupies an area of approximately 6,300 hectares on the southern coast of the island. It came under the control of the National Parks and Wildlife Service during 1972-73 and was reserved as being representative of south coastal vegetation on the island as well as for its rugged coastline. The park includes caves which have been developed as the focus of visitor usage.

Flinders Chase National Park

Formerly a Fauna and Flora Reserve, the park, which is located at the western end of the island, was dedicated in 1907 for the preservation, protection and propagation of Australasian flora and fauna. It occupies approximately 73,662 hectares and has some spectacular coastal scenery and views including Remarkable Rocks and Admirals Arch. Current management philosophy focuses on conservation of natural and historical features of the

park and on providing the opportunity for public education and enjoyment of these resources. The main visitor facilities at the park have been developed around the Rocky River Park headquarters.

A Management Plan was prepared and adopted for Seal Bay and Cape Gantheaume Conservation Parks in 1977. Plans for Kelly Hill Conservation Park and Flinders Chase National Park are being prepared.

INTERPRETATION

Information brochures on Kangaroo Island available from the South Australian Tourist Bureau include brief information on national and conservation parks on the island. The National Parks and Wildlife Service has produced a regional guide to all the conservation and national parks and Kangaroo Island. In addition, individual colour brochures on the major parks are available.

SMALL PARKS

The importance of the small parks on Kangaroo Island lies not only in the natural environment and landscape qualities which each park itself exhibits, but also in the qualities which the combination of small parks contribute to the island as a whole. The habitats conserved in the small parks are important, integral parts of the sum of wildlife habitats on Kangaroo Island.

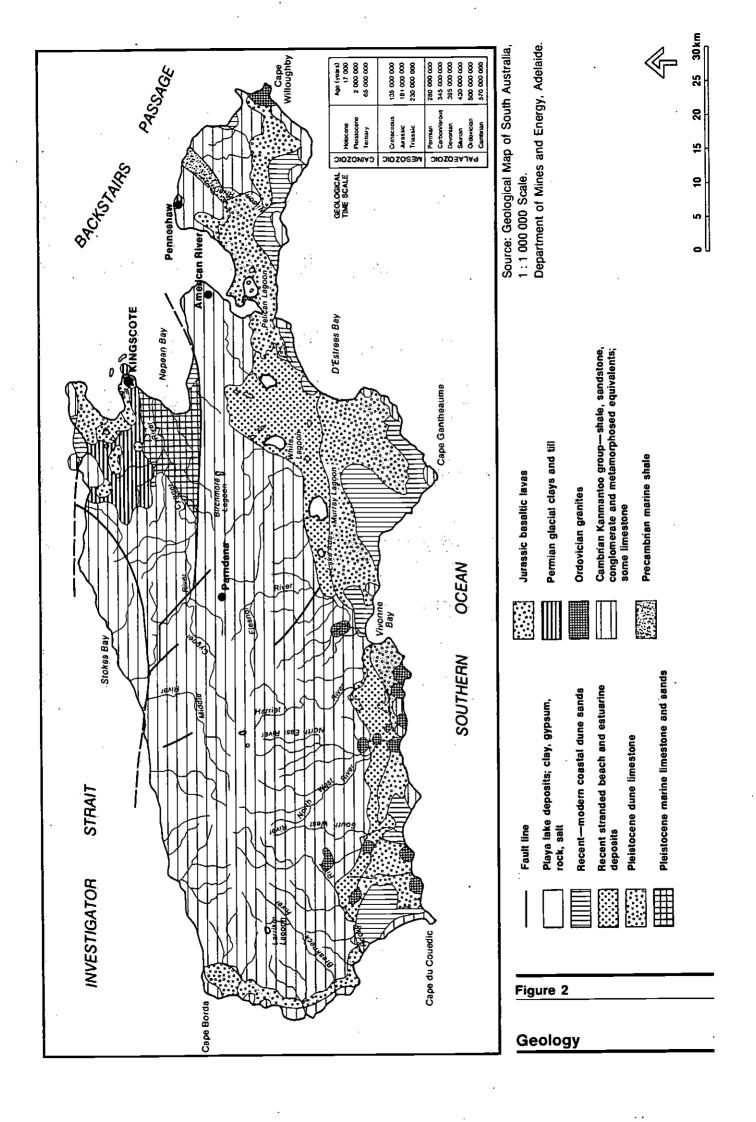
When considering small parks it is important to note the impact which surrounding land and its management has upon achievement of park objectives. Many of the small parks on the island have a significance which is dependent in many ways upon the nature and use of adjacent land. Where natural vegetation adjoins a small park, a comprehensive assessment should be made of its conservation status and significance with a view to ensuring the protection of those areas upon which the park is largely dependent. In instances where a park habitat is considerably enhanced by the presence of adjoining areas of natural vegetation, negotiations should be undertaken with the respective property owners in an attempt to ensure the long-term conservation of those areas.

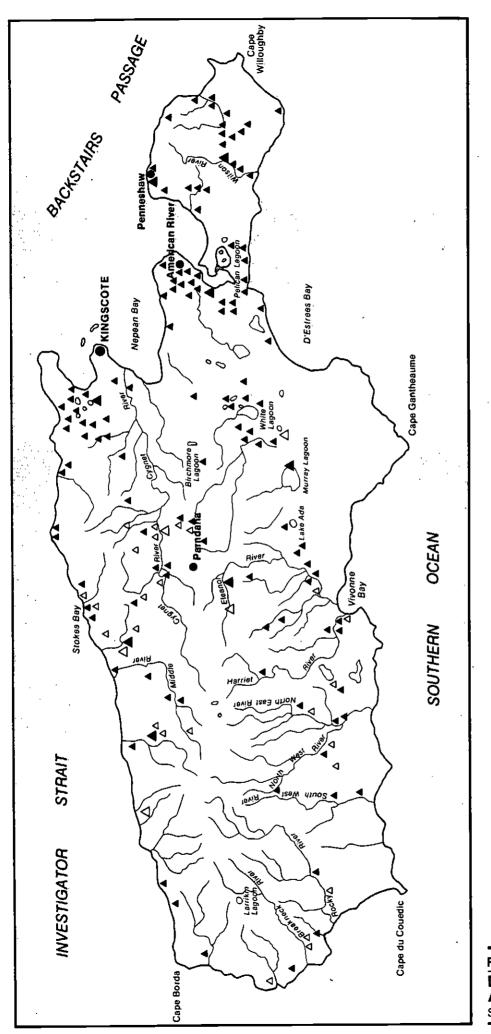
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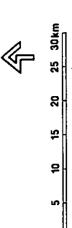
STAFFING

National Parks and Wildlife Service staff on Kangaroo Island comprise the following: two rangers, one maintenance worker and one plant operator based at Flinders Chase National Park; a ranger and casual cave guides at Kelly Hill Conservation Park: one ranger and a maintenance worker based at Murray Lagoon and two rangers based at Kingscote. The twelve conservation parks for which plans have been prepared in this document are managed by these staff on a district basis.

Management Plans for the conservation parks have been prepared on the basis of the current (1987) staffing levels. No assessment has been made in the plans of the specific future staffing requirements for individual parks. However, the ability to employ staff on a casual basis to handle busy periods at Seal Bay is considered to be essential. Any additional staff in the district should result in increased management input into the small conservation parks and allow more effective implementation of the management plans for these parks.







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Figure 4
Distribution of
Aboriginal Sites
Source: R. Lampert (1981)

Note: These sites are of the Kartan culture only

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Management Plans

BEATRICE ISLET CONSERVATION PARK

PARK DESCRIPTION

Location

Sections 948-49, Hundred of Menzies (Figure 6).

Climate

Cool temperate with a winter rainfall maximum.

Landscape, Geology and Soils

The islet forms part of a larger sandspit.

Vegetation

There is no vegetation on Beatrice Islet. In the 1960s the islet was cleared of African Boxthorn (Lycium ferocissimum), which resulted in destabilisation of the islet and subsequent erosion. Attempts to revegetate have been unsuccessful. The islet now exists only as a mudflat/cocklebed which emerges above the sea only at low tide.

Fauna

Beatrice Islet provides feeding and roosting habitat for waterbirds.

History

The park was dedicated in 1967 for the conservation of wildlife habitat.

Staff

Ranger-in-charge based at Kingscote.

PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

Management Philosophy

It is proposed that the islet remain as a low tide sandspit to provide roosting and feeding habitat for birds.

BUSBY ISLET CONSERVATION PARK

PARK DESCRIPTION

Location and Size

Sections 946-47, Hundred of Menzies. 10 hectares (Figure 6).

Climate

Cool temperate with a winter rainfall maximum. Average annual rainfall approximately 450 millimetres.

Landscape, Geology and Soils

A small island of low relief comprised of sand and shell-grit.

Vegetation

Atriplex sp., Sarcocornia sp. and other species in the Chenopodiaceae family: Nitraria billardieri and Lycium ferocissimum (African Boxthorn).

Fauna

Birds

The following species list of birds was compiled by C. Baxter, N.P.W.S. in June 1980 and October 1981.

Pelecanus conspicillatus. Australian Pelican (breeding)

Leucocarbo fuscescens. Black-faced Shag (breeding)

Phalacrocorax melanoleucos. Little Pied Cormorant

P. sulcirostris. Little Black Cormorant

P. varius. Pied Cormorant (breeding)

Ardea novaehollandiae. White-faced Heron

Threskiornis aethiopicus. Sacred Ibis

Anas castanea. Chestnut Teal

Cygnus atratus. Black Swan

Falco berigora. Brown Falcon

Pluvialis squatarola. Grey Plover

Haematopus ostralegus. Pied Oystercatcher (breeding)

H. fuliginosus. Sooty Oystercatcher (breeding)

Arenaria interpres. Ruddy Turnstone

Larus novaehollandiae. Silver Gull (breeding)

L. pacificus. Pacific Gull (breeding)

Hydroprogne caspia. Caspian Tern

Sterna nereis. Fairy Tern

Thalagseus. bergii. Crested Tern

Calidris acuminata. Sharp-tailed Sandpiper

C. ruficollis. Red-necked Stint

C. ferruginea. Curlew Sandpiper

Numenius madagascariensis. Eastern Curlew

N. phaeopus. Whimbrel

Tringa nebularia. Greenshank

Neophema petrophila. Rock Parrot

Corvus mellori. Little Raven

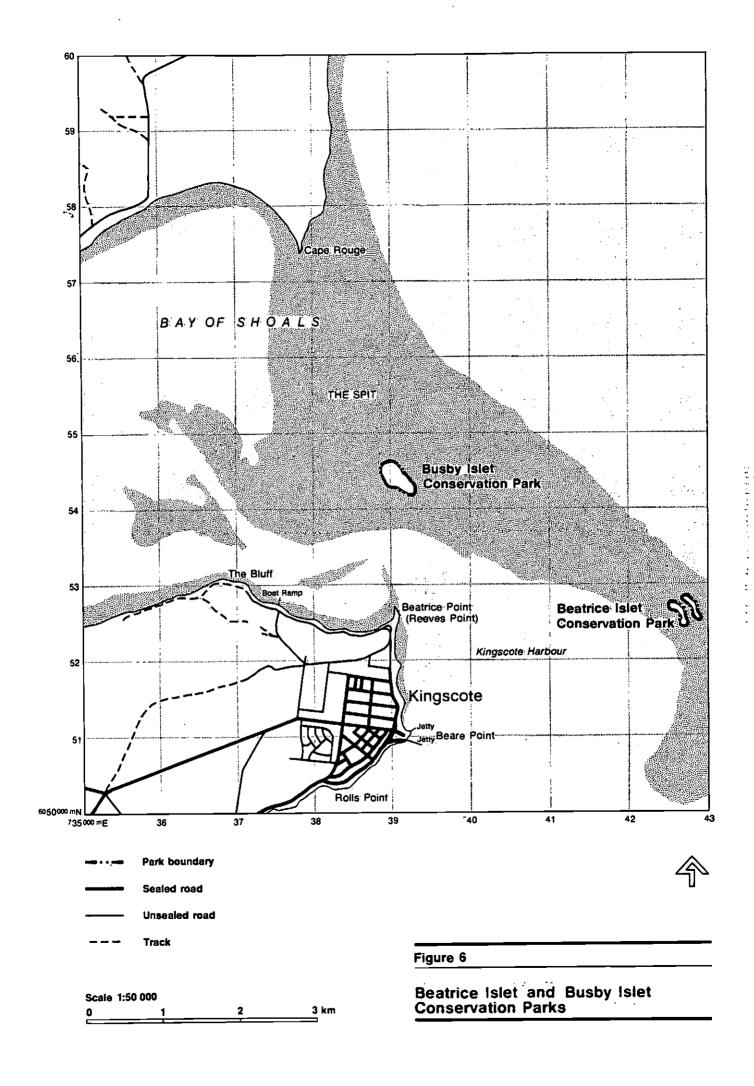
Megalurus gramineus. Little Grassbird

History

The park was dedicated in 1967 for the conservation of wildlife habitat. The islet is a breeding site for many species of birds.

Staff

Ranger-in-charge based in Kingscote.



PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

Management Philosophy

The park should be managed to ensure the conservation, in perpetuity, of the natural environment, in particular the breeding habitat for birds of the ocean and seashore.

Management Objectives

1. Preserve the breeding and wildlife habitat for the range of birdlife frequenting the islet.

Management Actions

ACT	ION	PRIORITY
1.	Erect triangular Reserve signs which would be visible from likely mooring sites.	Medium
2.	Monitor public use of the park to ensure that it is in no way detrimental to the purpose for which the park was dedicated.	Ongoing
١.	Preserve existing vegetation on the islet, including retention of existing African Boxthorn.	Ongoing
٠.	Maintain surveillance of the island to ensure protection of breeding bird populations, and undertake an educational programme to harness public support for wildlife protection.	High

CAPE HART CONSERVATION PARK

PARK DESCRIPTION

Location and Size

Sections 377, 384 and 467, Hundred of Dudley. 311 hectares (Figure 7).

Climate

Cool temperate with a distinct winter rainfall maximum. Average annual rainfall approximately 600 millimetres.

Mean daily maximum temperature recorded at Cape Willoughby: 21.4° C (January) and 14.1° C (July).

Mean daily minimum temperature recorded at Cape Willoughby: 15.5° C (January) and 9.6° C (July).

Landscape, Geology and Soils

This area comprises Middleton sandstone with Encounter Bay granite boulders along the coast. Some fossil bearing deposits have been located near the eastern boundary of the park. Soil and geology maps of the island (Figures 2 and 3).

Vegetation

Open Scrub

Eucalyptus diversifolia. (+/- E. cneorifolia, +/- E. rugosa).

Low Shrubland (Coastal Cliffs)

Melaleuca gibbosa and Eucalyptus diversifolia.

Open Heath

 $\underline{\text{E. cneorifolia}}/\underline{\text{M. uncinata}}$. A very small patch in the north eastern corner of the park.

Low Open Forest

Allocasuarina verticillata. A small area at the eastern end of the park (Davies 1982).

The <u>Eucalyptus diversifolia/E. rugosa</u> association is considered to be well conserved in the Cape Hart, Cape Gantheaume and Kelly Hill conservation parks and in Flinders Chase (Mowling and Barritt 1981).

Of interest is a record of Euphrasia collina ssp. osbornii, the only known population on Kangaroo Island.

Fauna

Mammals

The following species list of mammals was obtained from the Field Naturalists Society of South Australia, Field Survey December 1973/January 1974.

Felis catus. Feral Cat

Macropus eugenii. Tammar Wallaby

Macropus f. fuliginosus. Kangaroo Island Kangaroo

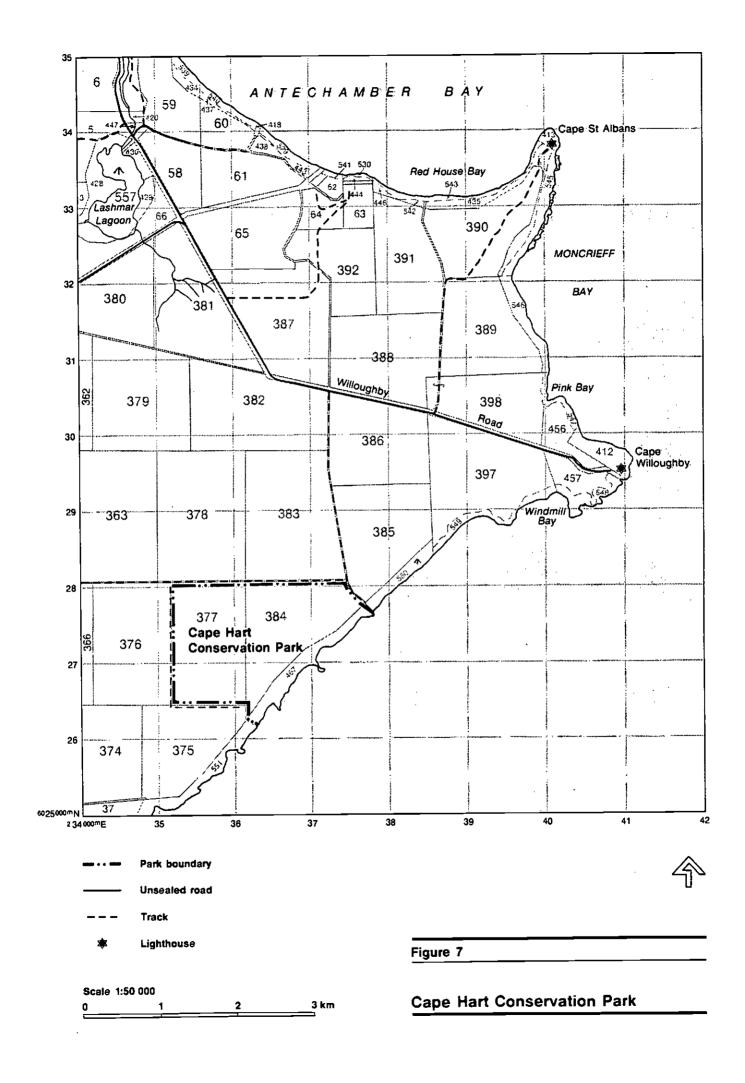
Mus musculus. House Mouse

Neophoca cinerea. Australian Sea-lion

Rattus fuscipes. Bush Rat

Tachyglossus aculeatus. Short-beaked Echidna

Trichosurus vulpecula. Common Brushtail Possum



Outstanding Natural Features

Impressive coastal cliffs and scenery.

History

The park was dedicated in 1971 as a representative sample of coastal vegetation and soils of the southern part of the eastern end of Kangaroo Island.

Previous Land-Uses of the Park

Unallotted Crown Land.

Fire History and Management

Park burnt in December 1980 except for a strip of vegetation along the coastal fringe.

The draft fire protection plan for the park proposes that no fuel reduction burning be undertaken. The plan does make allowance for low intensity burns for habitat management.

Existing Capital Works

Roads

Access tracks as shown in Figure 7.

Fencing

Small section fenced as shown in Figure 7.

Visitor Use

The park is used mainly for nature study and research.

Staff

Ranger-in-charge based in Kingscote.

PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

Management Philosophy

The park should be managed to ensure the conservation, in perpetuity, of its natural environment and landscape qualities, in particular its impressive coastal cliffs and scenery and the representative sample of coastal vegetation which it contains.

Visitors should be permitted to enter and use the park, however, as its prime function is one of conservation, facilities should not be provided.

Management Objectives

- 1. Protect the natural vegetation of the park.
- 2. Control wildfires in the park and protect the park from fire.
- 3. Control animal pests in the park.
- 4. Prevent stock from neighbouring properties entering the park.
- 5. Allow limited public access to the park, confining vehicular access to existing tracks. Access to other parts of the park to be on foot.

Management Actions

ACT:	ION	PRIORITY
1.	Keep existing access tracks clear and in good repair.	High Ongoing
2.	Trap Feral Cats as necessary.	High Ongoing
3.	Erect fencing along the northern boundary of the park adjoining Sections 378 and 383, Hundred of Dudley.	Medium
4.	Monitor the impact of visitor access on the park environment.	Ongoing
5.	Undertake research to obtain more detailed base line data on the park's fauna, vegetation and ecology.	Medium
6.	Investigate adjoining areas of native vegetation for possible purchase and inclusion in the reserves system, where it can be demonstrated that these areas will improve the conservation status of the park.	High
7.	Implement the fire protection plan.	High

CAPE TORRENS CONSERVATION PARK

PARK DESCRIPTION

Location and Size Sections 10 and 12, Hundred of Borda. 916 hectares (Figure 8).

Climate

Cool temperate with a winter rainfall maximum. Average annual rainfall approximately 700 millimeters.

Mean daily maximum temperature recorded at Cape Borda: 22.4°C (January) and 13.6°C (July).

Mean daily minimum temperature recorded at Cape Borda: 13.6° C (January) and 9.0° C (July).

Landscape, Geology and Soils Geology and soils maps of Kangaroo Island (Figures 2 and 3).

Vegetation

Patches of Eucalyptus cladocalyx on the ridge with Xanthorrhoea tateana, Hakea rostrata and Lasiopetalum spp. understorey; cliff top coastal complex of Acacia paradoxa with some Olearia and Goodenia spp. grading through windswept E. diversifolia low open scrub to E. cosmophylla/E. baxteri/E. obliqua open scrub further inland.

The following vegetation associations are conserved in the park (Mowling and Barritt 1981).

E. baxteri/E. obliqua/E. cosmophylla. Approximately 75 per cent of the original area has been cleared. This association is conserved in Seddon, Parndana and parts of Cape Torrens and Western River conservation parks.

Allocasuarina verticillata. Moderately conserved in Cape Torrens and Western River conservation parks. (This species provides important habitat for Glossy Black-Cockatoos.)

Fauna

Birds

The following list has been compiled by C. Baxter, N.P.W.S.

Leucocarbo fuscescens. Black-faced Shag Phalacrocorax carbo. Great Cormorant Phalacrocorax varius. Pied Cormorant Pandion haliaetus. Osprey Accipi<u>ter fasciat</u>us. Brown Goshawk Haliaeetus leucogaster. White-bellied Sea-eagle Aquila audax. Wedge-tailed Eagle Falco berigora. Brown Falcon Falco cenchroides. Australian Kestrel Ardea novaehollandiae. White-faced Heron Burhinus grallerius. Bush Thick-knee Haematopus fuliginosus. Sooty Oystercatcher Larus novaehollandiae. Silver Gull Larus pacificus. Pacific Gull Thalosseus bergii. Crested Tern Phaps elegans. Brush Bronzewing Calyptorhynchus funereus. Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo Calyptorhynchus lathami. Glossy Black Cockatoo Trichoglossus haematodus. Rainbow Lorikeet Glossopsitta porphyrocephala. Purple-crowned Lorikeet Platycercus elegans. Crimson Rosella Neophema petrophila. Rock Parrot Cacomantis flabelliformis. Fan-tailed Cuckoo Chrysococcyx basalis. Horsfield's Bronze-cuckoo Chrysococcyx lucidus. Shining Bronze-cuckoo Ninox novaeseelandiae. Southern Boobook Hirundapus caudacutus. White-throated Needletail Hirundo neoxena. Welcome Swallow Pachycephala pectoralis. Golden Whistler Petroica multicolor. Scarlet Robin Cecropis nigricans. Tree Martin Coracina novaehollandiae. Black-faced Cuckoo Shrike Zoothera dauma. White's Thrush Rhipidura fuliginosa. Grey Fantail Colluricincla harmonica. Grey Shrike-thrush Psophodes nigrogularis. Western Whipbird Malurus cyaneus. Superb Fairy-wren Hylacola cauta. Shy Hylacola Acanthiza pusilla. Brown Thornbill Acanthiza lineata. Striated Thornbill Meliphaga leucotis. White-eared Honeyeater Melithreptus brevirostris. Brown-headed Honeyeater Phylidonyris pyrrhoptera. Crescent Honeyeater Phylidonyris novaehollandiae. New Holland Honeyeater Phylidonyris melanops. Tawny-crowned Honeyeater Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris. Eastern Spinebill Ephthianura albifrons. White-fronted Chat Pardalotus striatus. Striated Pardalote Pardalotus xanthopygus. Yellow-rumped Pardalote Emblema temporalis. Red-browed Firetail Emblema bellem. Beautiful Firetail Sturnus vulgaris. Common Starling Artamus cyanopterus. Dusky Wood Swallow Gymnorhina tibicen. Australian Magpie Strepera versicolor. Grey Currawong Corvus coronoides. Australian Raven Corvus mellori. Little Raven Zosterops lateralis. Silvereye

Mammals

There has been no survey of mammals in the park, but it is known that Feral Goats are present.

Outstanding Natural Features

Spectacular coastal cliffs typical of the north coast.

History

The park was dedicated in 1971 and was formerly Crown Land with outstanding cliff and coastal scenery.

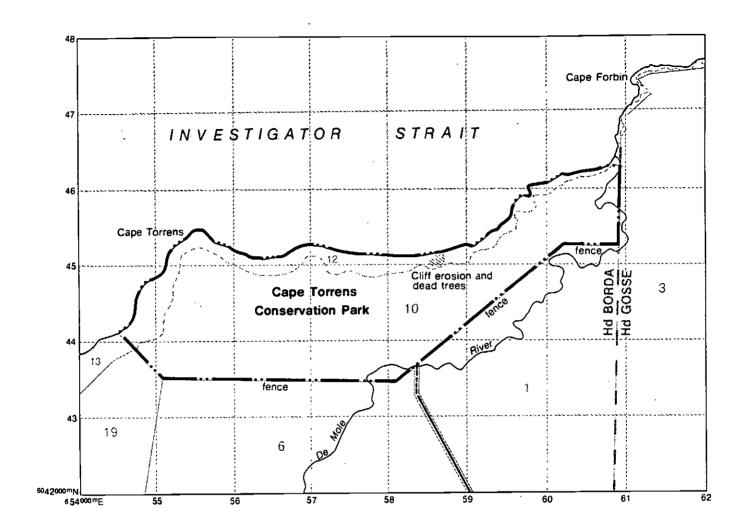
Historic Sites

Aboriginal Sites

Aboriginal artefacts have been reported in the Cape Torrens area.

Fire Management

The fire protection plan (in preparation) proposes that no fuel reduction burning



Park boundary

----- Unsealed road

----- Track

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Scale 1:50 000

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Figure 8

Cape Torrens Conservation Park

be undertaken in the park in order to protect stands of Allocasuarina verticillata (Sheoaks) which provide a food source for Glossy Black Cockatoos.

Previous Land-Uses of the Park Crown Land.

Existing Capital Works

Fencing

Southern boundary of the park is fenced (Figure 8).

Staff

Ranger-in-charge based at Flinders Chase National Park.

Other Information

Area of erosion on the cliff face: E. cladocalyx dying on the sea frontage with no regeneration apparent (see Figure 8). Investigations suggest that feral goats are the major cause of this damage.

PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

Management Philosophy

The park should be managed to ensure the conservation, in perpetuity, of the natural environment and landscape qualities of the park. Particular attention should be paid to the preservation of park vegetation, any Aboriginal sites, and the outstanding cliff and coastal scenery along its northern boundary.

Visitors should be permitted to enter and use the park, however, as its prime function is one of conservation, facilities will not be provided.

Management Objectives

- Protect the artefacts and integrity of any Aboriginal sites which are located in the park while not excluding archaeological research at the sites.
- 2. Protect the habitat of the Glossy Black-Cockatoo, especially Allocasuarina verticillata (Sheoak) which provides the primary food source and Eucalyptus cladocalyx, the nesting sites for the cockatoos.
- 3. Control the numbers of Feral Goats in the park.
- 4. Control wildfires in the park and protect the park from fire.
- 5. Prevent stock from neighbouring properties entering the park.
- Preserve the natural features, including the flora and fauna and landscape qualities of the park.

ACTION		PRIORITY	
1.	Avoid work programmes in the vicinity of any Aboriginal sites.	Ongoing	
2.	Conduct surveys to determine whether Aboriginal sites exist in the park, and if there are sites, assess their significance.	Medium	
3.	Continue programme of controlling Feral Goats, particularly in areas where damage by goats has already been identified.	High Ongoing	
4.	Liaise with adjoining land-holders to ensure that access to the park through private property for fire-fighting is maintained.	High Ongoing	
5.	Maintain existing fences in good repair.	High Ongoing	
6.	Investigate the abundance and distribution of Cape Weed (Arctotheca calendula) in the park and determine whether action is necessary to prevent it becoming a problem. Take remedial action if necessary.	High Ongoing	
7.	Undertake research to obtain more detailed baseline data on the park's fauna, vegetation and ecology.	Medium Ongoing	
8.	Implement the fire protection plan and protect the park from fire.	High Ongoing	
9.	Investigate adjoining uncleared land for possible purchase and addition to the park.	High Short.	

DUDLEY CONSERVATION PARK

PARK DESCRIPTION

Location and Size

Sections 136, 294-296, 302 and 303, Hundred of Dudley. 1102 hectares (Figure 9).

Climate

Cool temperate with a winter rainfall maximum. Average annual rainfall approximately 550 millimetres.

Landscape, Geology and Soils

Limestone ridges with sandhill country in the south-east corner of the park. Geology and soils maps of Kangaroo Island (Figures 2 and 3).

Vegetation

See Figure 10.

Although the park was primarily dedicated for the conservation of the Kangaroo Island Narrow-leaved Mallee (Eucalyptus cneorifolia), according to Davies (1982), this species occurs only as an infrequent sub-dominant in the park. His study suggests that E. cneorifolia open scrub associations do not occur in the park.

Fauna

Mammals

The following species list of mammals was obtained from the Field Naturalists Society of South Australia, Field Survey December 1973/January 1974.

Macropus eugenii. Tammar Wallaby

Macropus f. fuliginosus. Kangaroo Island Kangaroo

Tachyglossus aculeatus. Short-beaked Echidna

In addition, the following have been recorded in or near the park:

*Capra hiras. Feral Goat

*Felis catus. Feral Cat

*Mus musculus. House Mouse

Rattus fuscipes. Southern Bush Rat

Trichosurus vulpecula. Brush-tailed Possum

*Introduced Species

(Information provided by A.F.C. Lashmar and M. McKelvey of Penneshaw).

Birds

The following species list of birds has been compiled from records by A.F.C. Lashmar and M. McKelvey in and near the park.

Elanus caeruleus. Black-shouldered Kite
Accipiter fasciatus. Brown Goshawk
Aquila audax. Wedge-tailed Eagle
Falco berigora. Brown Falcon
Falco cenchroides. Australian Kestrel
Coturnix novaezelandiae. Stubble Quail
Burhinus grallarius. Bush Thick-knee
Vanellus miles. Masked Lapwing
Phaps chalcoptera. Common Bronzewing
Phaps elegans. Brush Bronzewing
Calyptorhynchus funereus. Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo

Cacatua roseicapilla. Galah Trichoglossus haematodus. Rainbow Lorikeet Glossopsitta porphyrocephala. Purple-crowned Lorikeet Cuculus pallidus. Pallid Cuckoo Cacomantis flabelliformis. Fan-tailed Cuckoo Ninox novaeseelandiae. Southern Boobook Hirundo neoxena. Welcome Swallow Coracina novaehollandiae. Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike Petroica multicolor. Scarlet Robin Pachycephala pectoralis. Golden Whistler Colluricincla harmonica. Grey Shrike-thrush Myiagra inquieta. Restless Flycatcher Rhipidura fuliginosa. Grey Fantail Malurus cyaneus. Superb Fairy-wren Sericornis frontalis. White-browed Scrubwren Hylacola cauta. Shy Hylacola Acanthiza pusilla. Brown Thornbill Pardalotus xanthopygus. Yellow-rumped Pardalote Pardalotus striatus. Striated Pardalote Anthochaera carunculata. Red Wattlebird Meliphaga leucotis. White-eared Honeyeater Meliphaga cratitia cratitius. Purple-gaped Honeyeater Melithreptus brevirostris. Brown-headed Honeyeater Phylidonyris melanops. Tawny-crowned Honeyeater Phylidonyris pyrrhoptera. Cresent Honeyeater Phylidonyris novaehollandiae. New Holland Honeyeater Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris. Eastern Spinebill Epthianura albifrons. White-fronted Chat Passer domesticus. House Sparrow Emblema temporalis. Red-browed Firetail Artamus cyanopterus. Dusky Wood Swallow Gymnorhina tibicen. Australian Magpie Strepera versicolor. Grey Currawong Corvus mellori. Little Raven Zosterops lateralis. Silvereye

History

The park was dedicated in 1970 for the conservation of the Kangaroo Island Narrow-leaved Mallee (Eucalyptus cneorifolia) on the island. An area of 181 hectares north of the road was added to the park in 1977.

Historic Sites

There is one charcoal pit in the park and others to the west of the park. These are the remains of a local industry to produce fuel for gas producers at a time when fuel restrictions were in force (M. McKelvey, personal communication).

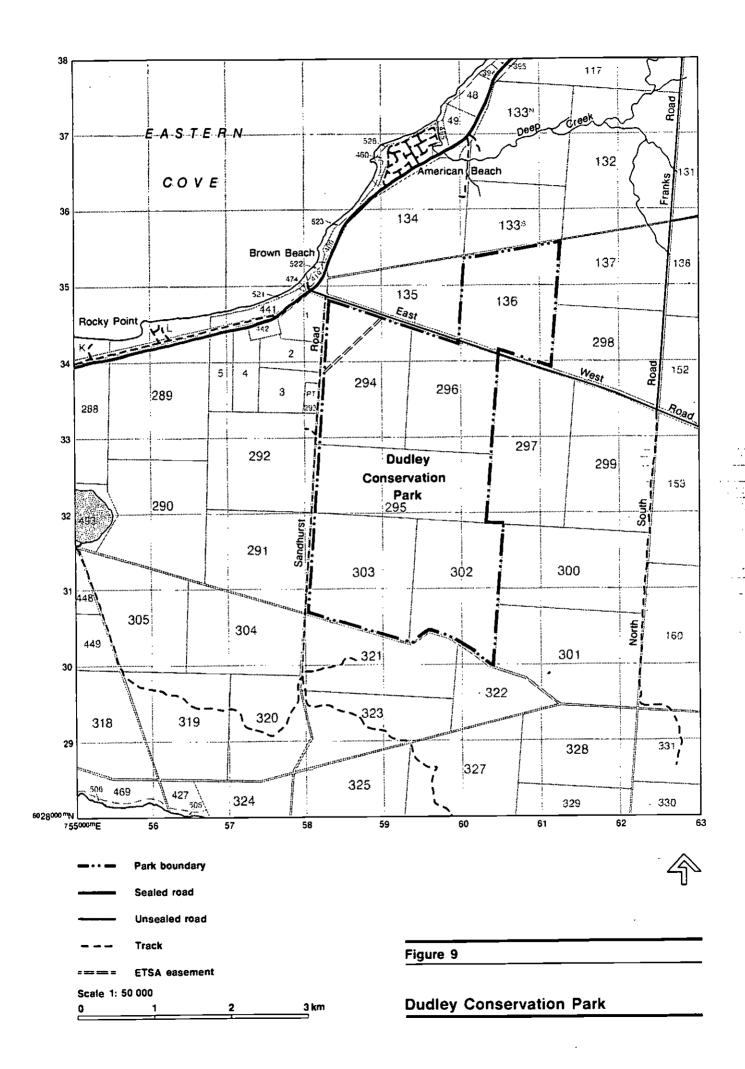
Previous Land-Uses of the Park

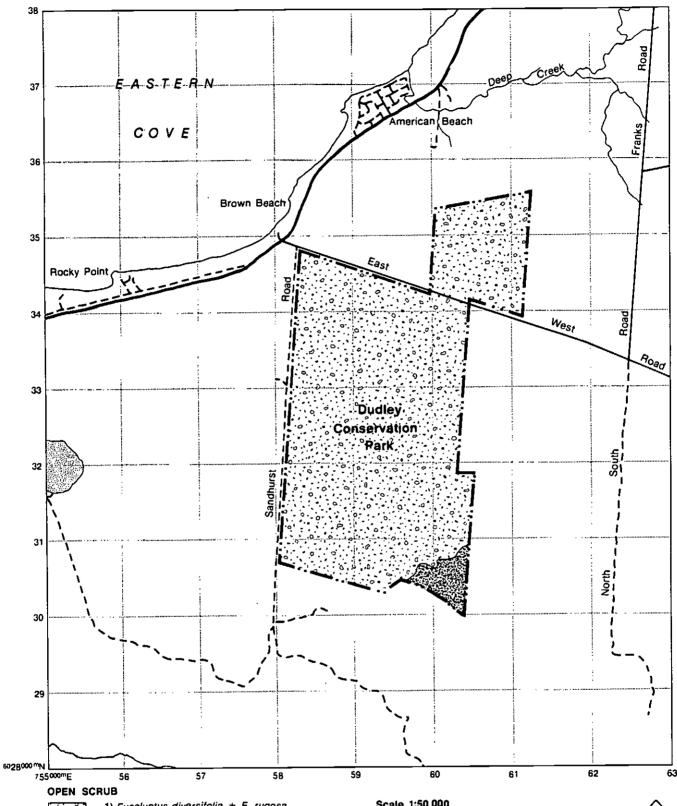
Crown Land under Miscellaneous Lease for grazing purposes. Little or no use was made of the land by the lessees.

Fire History and Fire Management

A 1969 aerial photograph shows a quite extensive fire scar in the south-west corner of the park. A strip along the eastern boundary was burned in March 1982.

The draft fire protection plan proposes that no fuel reduction burning be undertaken in the park. Boundary access tracks surround the Park. A 15 metre break has been constructed under the power line in the north-west corner of the park.







- Eucalyptus diversifolia ± E. rugosa
 (± E. cneorifolia) over M. lanceolata
- 2) Eucalyptus rugosa (Rocky Ridges) over M. lanceolata

(E. cneorifolia occurs only as an infrequent subdominant)

OPEN SCRUB



E. diversifolia (\$) 3%

Condition of vegetation:

(S) = 1) Virgin or 2) Slight weed invasion and/or only lightly grazed in past with no resultant loss of species richness



(Source: Davies, R.J-P (1982) "The Conservation of Major Plant Associations in South Australia")

Figure 10

Dudley Conservation Park Vegetation

Existing Capital Works

Roads

Access tracks on western, southern and eastern boundaries (Figure 9).

Other

Electricity Trust of South Australia overhead powerlines in the north-west of the park.

Staff

Ranger-in-charge based at Kingscote.

PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

Management Philosophy

The park should be managed to ensure the conservation, in perpetuity, of its natural environment and landscape qualities, in particular the conservation of the Kangaroo Island Narrow-leaved Mallee.

Management Objectives

- Conserve the natural vegetation of the park, in particular the Kangaroo Island Narrow-leaved Mallee.
- 2. Control wildfires in the park and protect the park from fire.
- 3. Prevent stock from neighbouring properties entering the park.
- 4. Allow limited public access to the park, confining vehicular access to existing tracks. Access to other parts of the park to be on foot.

ACTI	ION	PRIORITY
1.	Maintain existing fire access tracks in good repair.	High Ongoing
2.	Investigate the need to use special vegetation management techniques to ensure the conservation of the Kangaroo Island Narrow-leaved Mallee.	High
3.	Erect fencing along adjoining property boundaries prior to the properties being used for grazing stock.	Medium
4.	Erect sign indicating name of the park and triangular Reserve signs along both sides of the road dividing the park.	Medium
5.	Monitor the impact of visitors on the park environment.	Ongoing
6.	Undertake research to obtain more detailed baseline data on the park's fauna, vegetation and ecology.	Medium Ongoing
7.	Investigate adjoining areas of native vegetation for possible purchase and inclusion in the reserves system where it can be demonstrated that these areas will improve the conservation status of the park.	High
8.	Implement the fire protection plan.	High
9.	In the longer term, provide a small picnic area adjacent to the Cape Willoughby Road together with minor walking track development.	Medium

MOUNT TAYLOR CONSERVATION PARK

PARK DESCRIPTION

Location and Size

Section 102, Hundred of Newland. 18 hectares (Figure 11).

Climate

Cool temperate with a winter rainfall maximum. Average annual rainfall approximately 600 millimetres.

Landscape, Geology and Soils

Geology and soils maps for Kangaroo Island (Figures 2 and 3). A limestone cave system is located in the park.

Vegetation

Open Scrub - Open Heath

Eucalyptus diversifolia. (+/- E. baxteri at edges) over Acacia myrtifolia and Pultenaea acerosa. Stylidium tepperanum occurs in understorey. Tepper's Trigger Plant (Stylidium tepperanum) has been found at several locations on Kangaroo Island, but Mount Taylor Conservation Park is the only National Parks and Wildlife Service reserve where it occurs. The species frequently grows in sheet limestone areas and is therefore not in immediate danger of being cleared for agriculture.

Fauna

Birds

The following list is compiled from personal knowledge of what may occur in Mount Taylor Conservation Park and from two brief visits to this park (C. Baxter, N.P.W.S, personal communication).

Accipiter cirrhocephalus. Collared Sparrowhawk Accipiter fasciatus. Brown Goshawk Falco berigora. Brown Falcon Falco cenchroides. Australian Kestrel Burhinus grallarius. Bush Thick-knee Turnix varia. Painted Button-quail Phaps chalcoptera. Common Bronzewing Phaps elegans. Brush Bronzewing Calyptorhynchus funereus. Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo Cacatua roseicapilla. Galah Trichoglossus haemotodus. Rainbow Lorikeet Glossopsitta porphyrocephala. Purple-crowned Lorikeet Platycercus elegans. Crimson Rosella Neophema elegans. Elegant Parrot Cacomantis flabelliformis. Fan-tailed Cuckoo Chrysococcyx basalis. Horsfield's Bronze-cuckoo Ninox novaeseelandiae. Southern Boobook

Hirundo neoxena. Welcome Swallow Hirundo nigricans. Tree Martin

Coracina novaehollandiae. Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike

Petroica multicolor. Scarlet Robin

Pachycephala pectoralis. Golden Whistler

Colluricincla harmonica. Grey Shrike-thrush

Rhipidura fuliginosa. Grey Fantail

Psophodes nigrogularis. Western Whipbird

Malurus cyaneus. Superb Fairy-wren

Stipiturus malachurus. Southern Emu Wren

Sericornis frontalis. White-browed Scrubwren Hylacola cauta. Shy Hylacola Acanthiza pusilla. Brown Thornbill Acanthiza lineata. Straited Thornbill Anthochaera carunculata. Red Wattlebird Anthochaera chrysoptera. Little Wattlebird Meliphaga cratita. Purple-gaped Honeyeater Melithreptus brevirostris. Brown-headed Honeyeater Phylidonyris pyrrhoptera. Crescent Honeyeater Phylidonyris novaehollandiae. New Holland Honeyeater Phylidonyris melanops. Tawny-crowned Honeyeater Ephthianura albifrons. White-fronted Chat Pardalotus xanthopygus. Yellow-rumped Pardolote Pardalotus striatus. Striated Pardalote Zosterops lateralis. Silvereye Passer domesticus. House Sparrow Emblema temporalis. Red-browed Firetail Emblema bellum. Beautiful Firetail Sturnus vulgaris. Common Starling Artamus cyanopterus. Dusky Woodswallow Strepera versicolor. Grey Currawong Corvus coronoides. Australian Raven Corvus mellori. Little Raven

History

The park was dedicated in 1970 primarily for the conservation of the rare Tepper's Trigger Plant (Stylidium tepperanum).

Historic Sites None recorded.

Fire History and Fire Management

A substantial part of the park was burnt in the 1976 fires. The draft fire management plan proposes that a five metre fire access track be maintained and used for service purposes only. The draft fire protection plan proposes that no fuel reduction burning be undertaken in the park, and that in the event of fire no earth breaks will be constructed.

Existing Capital Works

Fencing

As shown on Figure 11.

Staff

Ranger-in-charge based at Flinders Chase National Park.

PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

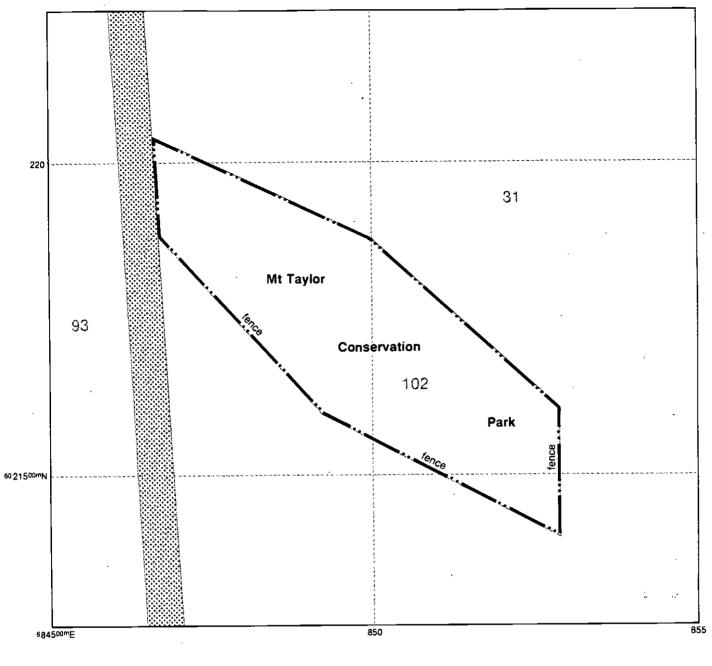
Management Philosophy

The park should be managed to ensure the conservation, in perpetuity, of the natural environment and landscape qualities of the park, in particular the conservation of Tepper's Trigger Plant.

Visitors should be permitted to enter and use the park, however, as its prime function is one of conservation, facilities should not be provided.

Management Objectives

1. Conserve the natural vegetation of the park, in particular the Tepper's Trigger Plant.



Park boundary

Mt Taylor Road
(public road)

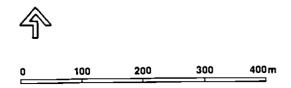


Figure 11

Mount Taylor Conservation Park

- 2. Control wildfires in the park and protect the park from fire.
- 3. Prevent stock from neighbouring properties entering the park.
- 4. Inform the public of the existence of the park.
- 5. Allow limited public access to the park, confining vehicular access to existing tracks. Other access to the park to be on foot.

ACT:	ON	PRIORITY	
1.	Ensure that fire-fighting vehicles can gain access around the perimeter of the park. Maintain existing tracks and construct an additional access track along the north/north-western boundary of the park.	High Ongoing	
2.	Obtain expert advice as to what vegetation management is necessary to optimise the survival of the Tepper's Trigger Plant.	High	
3.	Maintain existing fences.	Ongoing	
4.	Erect fence along the northern boundary of the park before neighbouring land is used for grazing.	Medium	
5.	Investigate the need to prepare a separate Cave Management Plan.	Medium	
6.	Monitor the impact of visitor access on the park environment with particular attention to the area in which the Tepper's Trigger Plant is found.	Ongoing	
7.	Undertake research to obtain more detailed baseline data on the park's fauna, vegetation and ecology.	Medium Ongoing	
8.	Implement the fire protection plan.	High	

NEPEAN BAY CONSERVATION PARK

PARK DESCRIPTION

Location and Size

Section 209, Hundred of Haines. 30 hectares (Figure 12).

Climate

Cool temperate with a winter rainfall maximum. Average annual rainfall approximately 450 millimetres.

Mean daily maximum temperature recorded at Kingscote: 23.5° C (January) and 14.4° C (July).

Mean daily minimum temperature recorded at Kingscote: 14.6° C (January) and 8.3° C (July).

Landscape, Geology and Soils

A coastal park on the southern edge of Nepean Bay comprising deep calcareous sands. The park is the only reserved area of coastal sand plain on the island. Soils and geology maps of Kangaroo Island (Figures 2 and 3).

Vegetation

See Figure 12.

Fauna

M. McKelvey of Penneshaw has recorded the following in the Western Cove/Nepean Bay area:

Reptiles and Amphibians
Hemiergis peronii. Skink
Litoria ewingi. Tree Frog
Leiolopisma delicata. Skink
Morethia adelaidensis. Skink
Notechis ater niger. Black Tiger Snake
Phyllodactylus marmoratus. Marbled Gecko
Underwoodisaurus milii. Thick-tailed Gecko
Varanus rosenbergi. Goanna

Mammals

*Felis catus. Feral Cat.

Macropus eugenii. Tammar Wallaby

*Mus musculus. House Mouse

Tachyglossus aculeatus. Echidna

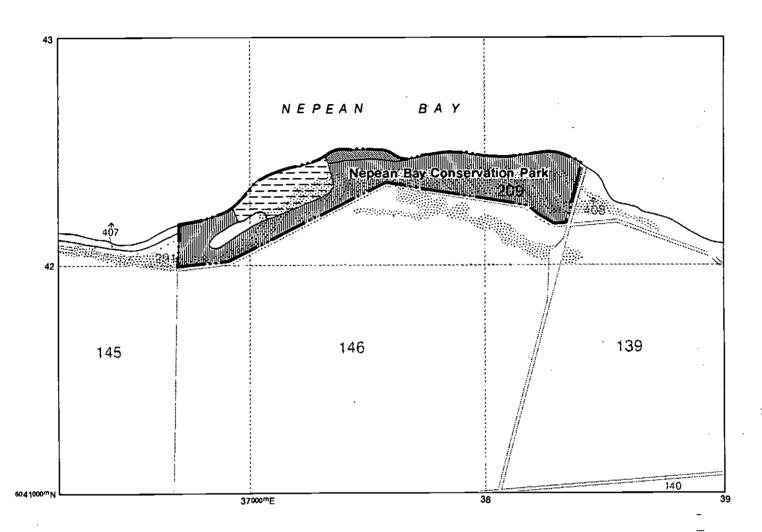
Trichosurus vulpecula. Bushy-tailed Possum

Rattus fuscipes. Southern Bush Rat

*Rattus rattus. Black Rat

Birds

Pelecanus conspicillatus. Australian Pelican
Leucocarbo fuscescens. Black-faced Shag
Phalacrocarax varius. Pied Cormorant
Phalacrocarax melanoleucos. Little Pied Cormorant
Phalacrocarax carbo. Great Cormorant
Ardea novaehollandiae. White-faced Heron
Ardea sacra. Eastern Reef Heron
Threskiornis aethiopicus. White Ibis
Cygnus atratus. Black Swan
Tadorna tadornoides. Australian Shelduck
Anas superciliosa. Pacific Black Duck



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	Park boundary
	OPEN SCRUB Eucalyptus diversifolia ± Callitris preissii . (S-M) 85% ± Melaleuca lanceolata ± Allocasuarina verticillata
	LOW OPEN FOREST Allocasuarina verticillata · (S-M) 5%
	LOW SHRUBLAND Olearia axillaris—Leucopogon parviflorus TUSSOCK SEDGELAND Isolepis nodosa (S) 8%
	LOW SHRUBLAND Atriplex cinerea (S) 2%
羅羅羅	Sand hills
Condition of	of vegetation:
	derate weed invasion and/or moderately grazed ast resulting in some loss of species richness;

0 250 500 750 1000m

(Source: Davies, R.J-P (1982) "The Conservation of Major Plant Associations in South Australia")

(S) = 1) Virgin or
 2) Slight weed invasion and/or only lightly grazed in past with no resultant loss of species richness

Nepean Bay Conservation Park

Anas castanea. Chestnut Teal Pandion haliaetus. Osprey Elanus caeruleus. Black-shouldered Kite Haliaeetus leucogaster. White-breasted Sea-eagle Aquila audax. Wedge-tailed Eagle Circus approximans. Marsh Harrier Falco berigora. Brown Falcon Falco cenchroides. Australian Kestrel Coturnix novaezelandiae. Stubble Quail *Pavo cristatus. Peafowl Gallinula ventralis. Black-tailed Native Hen Burhninus grallarius. Bush Thick-knee Haematopus ostralegus. Pied Oystercatcher Haematopus fuliginosus. Sooty Oystercatcher Vanellus miles. Masked Lapwing Charadrius rubricollis: Hooded Plover Charadrius ruficapillus. Red-capped Plover Himatopus leuescephalus. Black-winged Stilt Arenaria interpes. Ruddy Turnstone Numenius phaeopus. Whimbrel Tringa nebularia. Greenshank Limosa lapponica. Bar-tailed Godwit Calidris canutus. Knot Calidris ruficollis. Red-necked Stint Calidris alba. Sanderling Larus novaehollandiae. Silver Gull Larus pacificus. Pacific Gull Hydroprogne caspia. Caspian Tern Thalasseus bergii. Crested Tern Phaps elegans. Brush Bronzewing Calyptorhynchus lathami. Glossy Black Cockatoo Calyptorhynchus funereus. Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo Cacatua roseicapilla. Galah Trichoglossus haematodus. Rainbow Lorikeet Glossopsitta porphyrocephala. Purple-crowned Lorikeet Cuculus pallidus. Pallid Cuckoo Cacomantis flabelliformis. Fan-tailed Cuckoo Ninox novaeseelandiae. Southern Boobook Halcyon sancta. Sacred Kingfisher Hirundo neoxena. Welcome Swallow Hirundo nigricans. Tree Martin Coracina novaehollandiae. Black-faced Cuckoo Shrike Petroica multicolor. Scarlet Robin Pachycephala pectoralis. Golden Whistler Myiagra inquieta. Restless Flycatcher Rhipidura fuliginosa. Grey Fantail Rhipidura leucophrys. Willie Wagtail Malurus cyaneus. Superb Fairy Wren Sericornis frontalis. White-browed Scrub Wren Acanthiza chrysorrhoa. Yellow-rumped Thornbill Acanthiza lineata. Striated Thornbill Anthochaera carunculata. Red Wattlebird Meliphaga leucotis. White-eared Honeyeater Meliphaga cratitia. Purple-gaped Honeyeater Melithreptus brevirostris. Brown-headed Honeyeater Phylidonyris pyrrhoptera. Crescent Honeyeater Phylidonyris novaehollandiae. New Holland Honeyeater Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris. Eastern Spinebill Epthianura albifrons. White-fronted Chat

Pardalotus striatus. Striated Pardalote

Pardalotus xanthopygus. Yellow-rumped Pardalote

Zosterops lateralis. Silvereye

*Passer domesticus. House Sparrow

Emblema temporalis. Red-browed Firetail

Emblema bellum. Beautiful Firetail

*Sturnus vulgaris. Starling

Artamus cyanopterus. Dusky Wood Swallow

Gymnorhina tibicen. Australian Magpie

Strepera versicolor. Grey Currawong

Corvus mellori. Little Raven

*Introduced Species

In addition there is a nesting colony of Fairy Terns (<u>Sterna nereis</u>) on the coast adjacent to the park (information from I. Jackson, Kingscote).

History

The park was dedicated in 1974 for the protection of flora and fauna.

Historic Sites

There are old wells in and near the park which farmers used in dry years before the Middle River reservoir had been built.

Previous Land-Uses of the Park Previously Miscellaneous Lease land.

Fire History and Fire Management

The last known fire in the area occurred in approximately 1955.

The draft fire protection plan proposes that the park be protected from fire to conserve stands of Sheoak (Allocasuarina verticillata) which provide food for the rare Glossy Black Cockatoo.

The draft fire protection plan allows for a low intensity mosaic burning programme for the management of habitats in the park. This would be undertaken only after detailed research has been undertaken.

Existing Capital Works

Roads

A sand track provides vehicle access to the western boundary of the park. There are no other vehicle tracks in the park.

Visitor Facilities

None. The park is used mainly by day visitors along the beach.

Staff

Ranger-in-charge based in Kingscote.

Other Information

Tidal flats (which are outside the park boundary) provide feeding habitat for waders and other waterbirds.

The park provides remnant feeding habitat for Glossy Black Cockatoos.

PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

Management Philosophy

The park should be managed to ensure the conservation, in perpetuity, of its natural environment and landscape qualities.

Visitors should be permitted to enter and use the park, however, as its prime function is one of conservation, facilities should not be provided.

Management Objectives

- 1. Conserve the natural vegetation and native fauna of the park.
- 2. Control wildfires in the park and protect the park from fire.
- 3. Prevent stock from neighbouring properties entering the park.
- 4. Inform the public of the existence of the park.
- 5. Allow pedestrian public access in the park.

ACTION		PRIORITY	
1.	If stock become a problem, fence the southern and south-eastern boundaries of the park.	Medium	
2.	Monitor the impact of visitors on the park environment.	Ongoing	
3.	Investigate the possibility of increasing the area and the viability of this small park through the purchase of adjoining areas of uncleared scrub.	High	
4.	Undertake research to obtain more detailed baseline data on the park's fauna, vegetation and ecology.	Medium Ongoing	
5.	Implement the fire protection plan for the park.	High	

PARNDANA CONSERVATION PARK

PARK DESCRIPTION

Location and Size

Section 58, Hundred of Seddon and the recently dedicated Section 200, Hundred of Cassini. 421 hectares (Figure 13). Part Section 49, Hundred of Seddon, an area of 160 hectares is in the process of being added to the park.

Climate

Cool temperate with a winter rainfall maximum. Average annual rainfall approximately 650 millimetres.

Mean daily maximum temperature recorded at Parndana Research Centre: 24.9° C (January) and 13.6° C (July).

Mean daily minimum temperature recorded at Parndana Research Centre: 12.4° C (January) and 6.8° C (July).

Landscape, Geology and Soils

Geology and soils maps of Kangaroo Island (Figures 2 and 3).

Vegetation

See Figure 13.

Fauna

Although the fauna of the park has not been surveyed, it is known that the park provides feeding and breeding habitat for the Glossy Black Cockatoo.

History

The park was dedicated in 1968 to preserve natural vegetation.

Historic Sites

None recorded.

Fire History and Fire Management

A fire burnt the eastern part of the park in 1976 (part of widespread fires that swept through the island); previously, a fire burnt almost the whole park area in the mid 1960s. Part Section 49, which is awaiting dedication was burnt in April 1984.

The fire protection plan proposes that no fuel reduction burning take place in the park in order to protect the habitats of the Glossy Black Cockatoo and White's Thrush. It does allow for small-scale mosaic burning in the future for the management of habitat. This would not take place until detailed environmental surveys have been undertaken.

Existing Capital Works

Road:

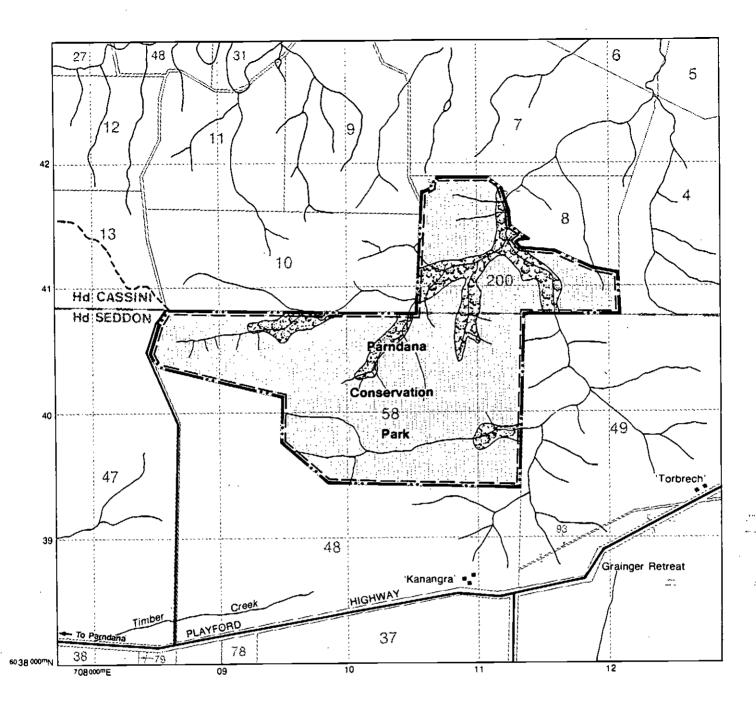
Newly constructed boundary/access tracks as shown in Figure 13. The boundary track is not continuous because of difficult terrain.

Fencing

As shown on Figure 13.

Visitor Facilities

None.



	Park boundary
	Unsealed road
	Track
	Fire access track
	LOW OPEN FORESTOPEN SCRUBTALL OPEN SHRUBLAND Eucalyptus baxteri—E. cosmophylla over (S) 93% Allocasuarina muelleriana, Banksia marginata, B. ornata, Xanthorrhoea tateana, Leptospermum myrsinoides, Hakea sp.
883	OPEN FOREST

Condition of vegetation;

(S) = 1) Virgin or
 2) Slight weed invasion and/or only lightly grazed in past with no resultant loss of species richness

(Source: Davies, R.J-P. (1982) "The Conservation of Major Plant Associations in South Australia")

IMPORTANCE OF VEGETATION ASSOCIATIONS CONSERVED IN PARNOANA CONSERVATION PARK

ASSOCIATION

Eucalyptus baxteri/E. obliqua/E. cosmophylla

COMMENTS

Figure 13

Approximately ¾ of the original area has been cleared. This association is conserved in Seddon and Parndana and in parts of Cape Torrens and Western River Conservation Parks and Flinders Chase National Park

(Source: Mowling, Frances A. & Mark K. Barritt (1981) "The Natural Vegetation of Kangaroo Island", 1980, N.C.S.S.A. & Davies (1982))

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Parndana Conservation Park

Staff

Ranger-in-charge based in Kingscote.

PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

Management Philosophy

The park should be managed to ensure the conservation, in perpetuity, of its natural environment and landscape qualities. Particular attention should be paid to preserving the natural vegetation in the park.

Management Objectives

- 1. Conserve the natural vegetation of the park.
- 2. Control wildfires in the park and protect the park from fire.
- 3. Prevent stock from neighbouring properties entering the park.
- 4. Inform the public of the existence of the park.
- 5. Allow limited public access to the park, confining vehicular access to existing tracks. Other access to parts of the park to be on foot.

ACT:	ION	PRIORITY
1.	Maintain existing tracks in good repair.	High Ongoing
2.	Erect exit gate in the south-eastern corner of the park.	High
3.	Erect fencing along the perimeter of the new land additions to the park.	High
4.	Monitor the effects of the pine plantations on the park, including siltation of creek and self-seeding of pine trees in the park. Self-seeded Radiata Pine trees to be removed from the park.	High Ongoing
5.	Monitor the impact of visitors on the park environment.	Ongoing
6.	Implement the fire protection plan.	High
7.	Undertake research to obtain more detailed baseline data on the park's fauna vegetation and ecology.	High
8.	In the longer term, establish picnic facilities and minor associated walking track for public use.	Medium

PELICAN LAGOON CONSERVATION PARK

PARK DESCRIPTION

Location and Size

Sections 452, 453, 475-479, 512 and 641, Hundred of Dudley. 366 hectares (Figure 14).

Climate

Cool temperate with a winter rainfall maximum. Average annual rainfall approximately 550 millimetres.

Landscape, Geology and Soils

Geology and soils maps of Kangaroo Island (Figures 2 and 3).

Vegetation

See Figure 15.

Except along the edges of the islands in Pelican Lagoon, the vegetation on all is a low shrubland or low open shrubland/grassland. All have some African Boxthorn (Lycium ferocissimum) and introduced herb species as well as the native plant associations described in Figure 15. Island 479 in particular is dominated by boxthorn and nettles.

Trebeck and Ball (n.d.) have recorded the following plant species in the park:

Aizoaceae

Carprobrotus rossii

Apocynaceae

Alyxia buxifo<u>lia</u>

Casuarinaceae

Allocasuarina muellerana Allocasuarina verticillata

Chenopodiaceae

Atriplex paludosa Rhagodia candolleana Samphire species

Compositae

*Carduus tenuiflorus Olearia axillaris Olearia ramulosa Senecio odoratus

Cuppressaceae

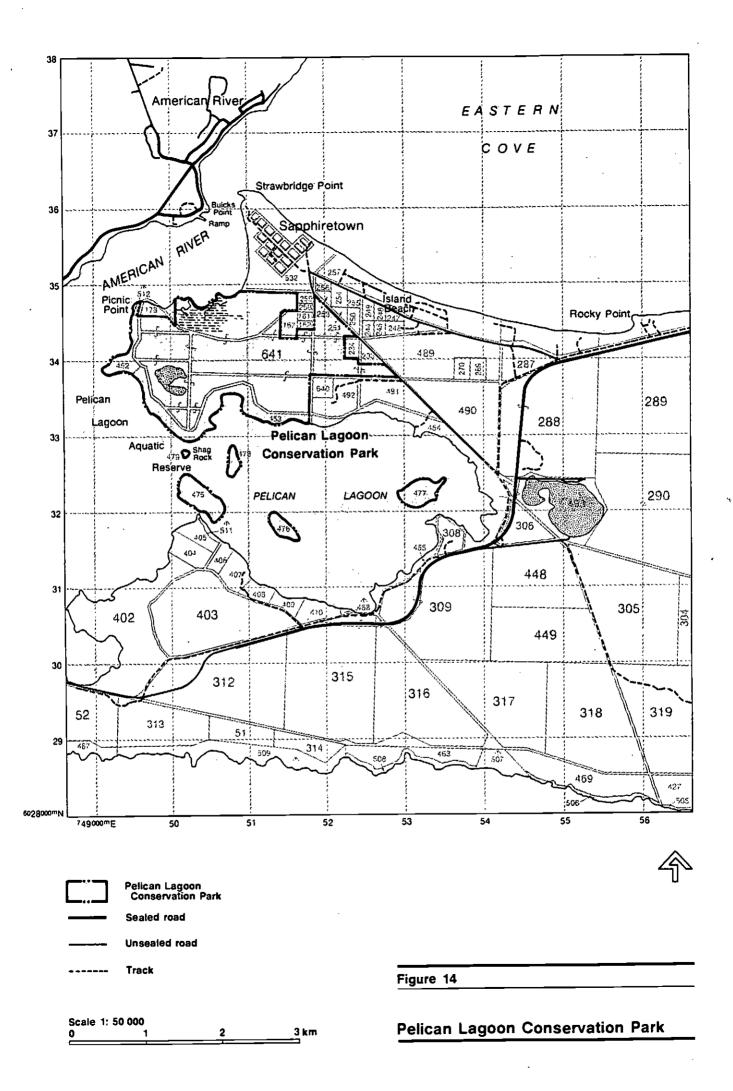
Callitris preissii

Cyperaceae

Isolepis nodosa

Dillenaceae

Hibbertia species



Epacridaceae

Acrotriche depressa
Acrotriche patula
Astroloma humifusum
Leucopogon parviflorus

Euphorbiaceae

Adriana klotzchii Beyeria leschenaultii

Gramineae

Spinifex sericeus Stipa species

Iridaceae

Orthrosanthus multiflorus

Juncaceae

Juncus effusus

Labiatae

*Marrubium vulgare

Leguminaceae

Goodia lotifolia

Lilliaceae

Bulbine semibarbata Dianella revoluta

Mimosaceae

Acacia acinacea
Acacia leiophylla
Acacia longifolia var. sophorae
Acacia paradoxa

Myoporaceae

Myoporum <u>insula</u>re

Myrtaceae

Eucalyptus cneorifolia
Eucalyptus diversifolia
Eucalyptus foecunda
Eucalyptus lansdowneana (subspecies albopurpura)
Eucalyptus oleosa
Eucalyptus rugosa
Melaleuca acuminata
Melaleuca gibbosa
Melaleuca lanceolata
Melaleuca halmaturorum

Pittosporaceae

Pittosporum phyillyreoides

Primulaceae

*Anagallis arvensis

*Anagallis femina

Proteaceae

Hakea muellerana

Ranunculaceae Clematis microphylla

Rhamnaceae Pomaderris paniculosa

Rutaceae Correa reflexa

Sapindaceae Dononaea<u>angustis</u>sima

Solanaceae Solanum simile

Sterculiaceae Lasiopetalum baurie Lasiopetalum discolor

Thymelaeaceae Pimelea serpyllifolia Pimelea stricta

Urticaceae Urtica species

*Introduced species

Fauna

Mammals
Tachyglossus aculeatus. Echidna
Trichosurus vulpecula. Brush-tailed Possum
Cercartetus concinnus. South-western Pigmy Possum
Macropus fuliginosus fuliginosus. Grey Kangaroo
Macropus eugenii. Tammar Wallaby
*Mus musculus. House Mouse
Rattus fuscipes. Southern Bush Rat
Nyctophilus geoffroyi. Lesser Long-eared Bat
*Felis catus. Feral Cat
*Capra hircus. Feral Goat
Neophoca cinerea. Australian Sea Lion

*Introduced Species

(Source: M. McKelvey, Penneshaw)

Reptiles

Aprasia striolata. Lined Worm Lizard

Australaps superbus. Pigmy Copperhead

Diplodactylus vittatus. Wood Gecko

Egernia multiscutata

Egernia whitei. White Skink

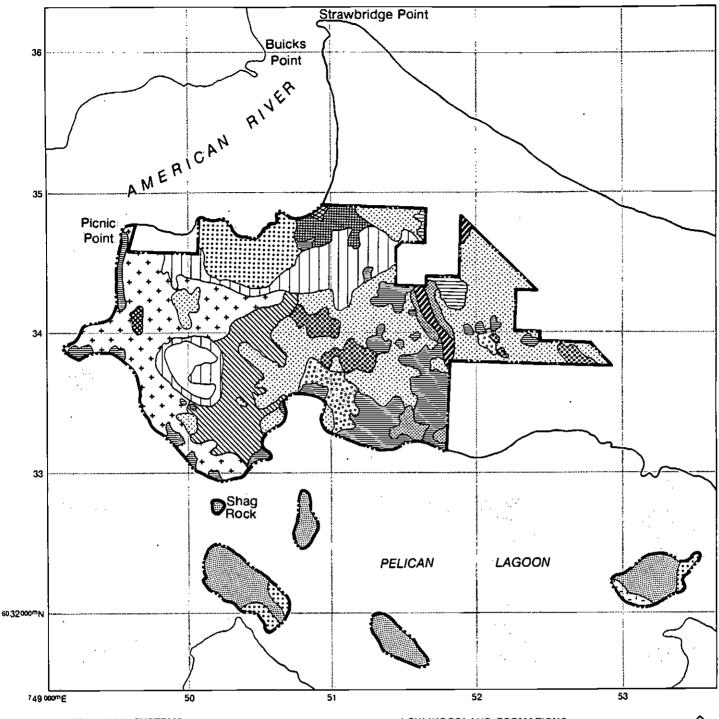
Hemiergis peronii. Four-toed Skink

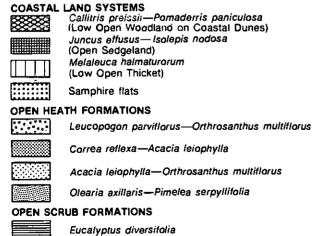
Leiolopisma delicata

Leiolopisma trilineata

Lerista bougainvillii. Bougainvillii's Skink

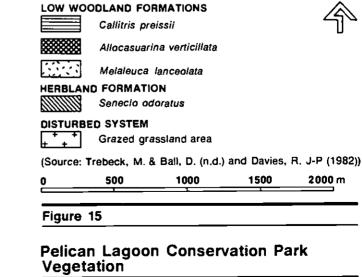
Morethia adelaidensis





Eucalyptus oleosa-Eucalyptus rugosa

Eucalyptus cneorifolia



Notechis ater niger. Black Tiger Snake
Phyllodactylus marmoratus. Marbled Gecko
Underwoodisaurus milii. Thick-tailed Gecko
Unechis flagellum. Little Whip Snake
Varanus rosenbergi. Gould's Goanna

(Source: Trebeck and Ball, n.d.)

Birds

The following species list of birds was compiled from information provided by C. Baxter, P. Needle and M. McKelvey.

Poliocephalus poliocephalus. Hoary-headed Grebe Eudyptula minor. Fairy Penguin Pelecanus conspicillatus. Australian Pelican Sula serrator. Australasian Gannet. Leucocarbo <u>fusc</u>escens. Black-faced Shag Phalacrocorax varius. Pied Cormorant Phalacrocorax melanoleucos. Little Pied Cormorant Phalacrocorax carbo. Great Cormorant Phalacrocorax sulcirostris. Little Black Cormorant Bubulcus ibis. Cattle Egret Ardea novaehollandiae. White-faced Heron Ardea sacra. Eastern Reef Heron Nycticorax caledonicus. Rufous Night Heron Threskiornis aethiopicus. Sacred Ibis Cygnus atratus. Black Swan <u>Cereopsis novaehollandia. Cape Barren Goose</u> Tadorna tadornoides. Australian Shelduck Anas superciliosa. Pacific Black Duck Anas gracilis. Grey Teal Anas rhynohotis. Australasian Shoveller Anas castanea. Chestnut Teal (breeding) Malacorhynchus membranaceus. Pink-eared Duck Biziura lobata. Musk Duck Pandion haliaetus. Osprey Elanus caeruleus. Black-shouldered Kite Accipiter fasciatus. Brown Goshawk Accipiter cirrhocephalus. Collared Sparrowhawk Haliaeetus leucogaster. White-bellied Sea-Eagle Aquila audax. Wedge-tailed Eagle Circus approximans. Marsh Harrier Falco peregrinus. Peregrine Falcon Falco longipennis. Australian Hobby Falco berigora. Brown Falcon Falco cenchroides. Australian Kestrel Coturnix novaezelandiae. Stubble Quail Coturnix ypsilophora. Brown Quail Turnix varia. Painted Button Quail Burhinus grallarius. Bush Thick-knee Haematopus ostralegus. Pied Oystercatcher (breeding) Haematopus fulginosus. Sooty Oystercatcher (breeding) Vanellus miles. Masked Lapwing Vanellus tricolor. Banded Lapwing Pluvialis Fulva. Lesser Golden Plover Charadrius rubricollis. Hooded Plover Charadrius ruficapillus. Red-capped Plover Himantopus leucocephalus. Black-winged Stilt Cladorhynchus leucocephalus. Banded Stilt

Recurvirostra novaehollandiae. Red-necked Avocet

Arenaria interpes. Ruddy Turnstone Numenius madagascariensis. Eastern Curlew Numenius phaeopus. Whimbrel Tringa nebularia. Greenshank Limosa lapponica. Bar-tailed Godwit Calidris canutus. Knot Calidris acuminata. Sharp-tailed Sandpiper Calidris ferruginea. Curlew Sandpiper Calidris alba. Sanderling Calidris ruficollis. Red-necked Stint Larus novaehollandiae. Silver Gull Larus pacificus. Pacific Gull Hydroprogne caspia. Caspian Tern Sterna nereis. Fairy Tern Thalasseus bergii. Crested Tern Stretopelia chinesis. Spotted Turtle Dove Phaps elegans. Brush Bronzewing Calyptorhynchus funereus. Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo Cacatua roseicapilla. Galah Trichoglossus haematodus. Rainbow Lorikeet Glossopsitta porphyrocephala. Purple-crowned Lorikeet Cuculus pallidus. Pallid Cuckoo Cacomantis flabelliformis. Fan-tailed Cuckoo Chrysococcyx basalis. Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo Ninox novaeseelandiae. Southern Boobook Tyto alba. Barn Owl Halcyon sancta. Sacred Kingfisher Alauda arvensis. Skylark Hirundo neoxena. Welcome Swallow Hirundo nigricans. Tree Martin Anthus novaeseelandiae. Richard's Pipit Coracina novaehollandiae. Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike Petroica multicolor. Scarlet Robin Micoeca leuchophaea. Jacky Winter Pachycephala pectoralis. Golden Whistler Colluricincla harmonica. Grey Shrike-thrush Myiagra inquieta. Restless Flycatcher Rhipidura fuliginosa. Grey Fantail Rhipidura leucophrys. Willie Wagtail Malurus cyaneus. Superb Fairy-wren Stipiturus malachurus. Southern Emu Wren Sericornis frontalis. White-browed Scrubwren Acanthiza chrysorrhoa. Yellow-rumped Thornbill Acanthiza lineata. Straited Thornbill Acanthiza pusilla. Brown Thornbill Anthochaera carunculata. Red Wattlebird Meliphaga virescens. Singing Honeyeater Meliphaga leucotis. White-eared Honeyeater Melipha cratitia. Purple-gaped Honeyeater Melithreptus brevirostris. Brown-headed Honeyeater Phylidonyris pyrrhoptera. Crescent Honeyeater Phylidonyris novaehollandiae. New Holland Honeyeater Phylidonyris albifrons. White-fronted Honeyeater Phylidonyris melanops. Tawny-crowned Honeyeater Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris. Eastern Spinebill Epthianura albifrons. White-fronted Chat Pardalotus striatus. Striated Pardalote Pardalotus xanthopygus. Yellow-rumped Pardalote Zosterops lateralis. Silvereye

*Passer domesticus. House Sparrow

Emblema temporalis. Red-browed Firetail

Emblema bellum. Beautiful Firetail

*Sturnus vulgaris. Common Starling

Grallina cyanoleuca. Australian Magpie-lark

Artamus cyanopterus. Dusky Wood Swallow

Gymnorhina tibicen. Australian Magpie

Strepera versicolor. Grey Currawong

Corvus mellori. Little Raven

*Introduced Species

Outstanding Natural Features

Views of Pelican Lagoon and American River. Attractive coastline and beaches along the lagoon.

History

The islands and the coastal strip were dedicated as Pelican Lagoon Conservation Park in 1967 for the conservation of wildlife habitat. A large area adjacent to the coastal strip was in private ownership and subsequently bequeathed to the state for the purposes of fauna conservation. This area, together with Crown Land in Section 462 were added to the park in August 1984, increasing the park's area by 311.1 hectares.

Historic Sites

Remains of former agricultural activity are found in the park, including wells, orchards, seawalls, dikes and canals, buildings and a barley threshing floor.

Previous Land-Uses of the Park

The islands in the lagoon have apparently been grazed in the past. Up until the early 1950s much of the mainland sections of the park were burnt for grazing. Prior to the 1930s several areas were used to grow barley. The remains of agricultural artefacts associated with this period are still to be found in the area. As recently as the 1950s Melaleuca halmaturorum was cut for fence posts.

Fire History and Fire Management

The last known fire in the area was in the 1950s, lit for the purposes of clearing regenerating vegetation. The draft Fire Protection Plan proposes that no fuel reduction burning be undertaken in the park. It does allow for the possibility of mosaic burning for ecological management of habitats in the future, but only after adequate research has been done.

A boundary fire access track will be constructed along the park's eastern boundary.

Existing Capital Works

Roads

As shown in Figure 14.

Staff

Ranger-in-charge based in Kingscote.

Other Information

The lagoon south of Picnic Point is an aquatic reserve, known as the American River Aquatic Reserve under the protection of the Department of Fisheries. The primary purpose of the Aquatic Reserve is to protect seagrass mudflats and to provide a sanctuary for juvenile and adult fish including whiting. Although entry to the reserve is allowed, no fishing is permitted.

PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

Management Philosophy

The park should be managed to ensure the conservation, in perpetuity, of its natural environment and landscape qualities.

Management Objectives

- Conserve the natural vegetation and native fauna of the park, and work towards improving the conservation status of the park.
- 2. Control wildfires in the park and protect the park from fire.
- 3. Control weed growth within the park.
- 4. Control animal pests within the park.
- 5. Inform the public of the existence of the park.
- 6. Allow public access to the park, confining vehicular access to existing roads and tracks. Access to other parts of the park to be on foot.
- 7. Rationalise park boundaries.
- 8. Protect Aboriginal and European historic sites.

ACTI	ON	PRIORITY	
1.	Maintain existing roads and tracks in good repair.	High Ongoing	
2.	Control weeds and encourage revegetation. However, advice should be obtained from the South Australian Museum in relation to their work on Black Tiger Snakes to determine whether it is desirable to remove African Boxthorn.	High Ongoing	
3.	Control Feral Cats in the park.	Medium	
4.	Control Feral Goats on the mainland section of the park.	High	
5.	Erect a sign indicating name of park in a prominent place on the mainland section of the park and triangular Reserve signs along roads and on each of the islands.	Medium	
6.	Investigate the possibility of rationalising the park boundary in order to facilitate boundary management.	High	
7.	Monitor the impact of visitors on the park environment	Ongoing	
8.	Implement the fire protection plan.	High	
9.	Undertake research to obtain more detailed baseline data on the park's fauna, vegetation and ecology.	Medium Ongoing	
10.	In the longer term, investigate the possibility of	Medium	

extending the vehicle track through Section 462 and the development of picnic facilities at Picnic Point.

SEDDON CONSERVATION PARK

PARK DESCRIPTION

Location and Size

Section 67, Hundred of Seddon. 23 hectares (Figure 16).

Climate

Cool temperate with a distinct winter rainfall maximum. Average annual rainfall approximately 600 millimetres.

Mean daily maximum temperature recorded at Parndana Research Centre: 24.9° C (January) and 13.6° C (July).

Mean daily minimum temperature recorded at Parndana Research Centre: 12.4° C (January) and 6.8° C (July).

Landscape, Geology and Soils

A small reserve on the undulating lateritic plateau of central Kangaroo Island. The Eleanor River flows through the park. Geology and soils maps of Kangaroo Island (Figures 2 and 3).

Vegetation

See Figure 16.

Fauna

Has not been surveyed.

History

The park was dedicated in 1971 as a small area representative of the plateau vegetation of Kangaroo Island. Original proposals for the establishment of the park mentioned the presence of a well-used picnic area on the main road to Cape Borda located in the park. This statement appears to have been made in error as there is no picnic place in this park.

Previous Land-Uses of the Park

Previously a Water Reserve. The vegetation has never been cleared.

Existing Capital Works

Roads

Access tracks for management purposes have been constructed along the western and southern boundaries and to the east of the park (Figure 16).

Fencing

The eastern, western and southern boundaries are fenced.

Visitor Facilities

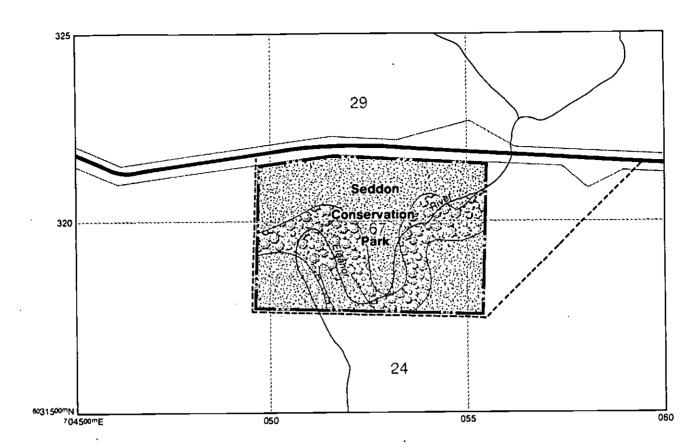
None. The park is used for nature study and research.

Fire History and Fire Management

The park was completely burnt in 1976. The draft fire protection plan proposes that no fuel reduction burning be undertaken in the park. The plan makes allowance for fire to be used for habitat management in the future, but only if research findings indicate that this is warranted.

Staff

Ranger-in-charge based at Kingscote.



---- Park boundary

Unsealed road

---- Access track (Approximate position)

WOODLAND

Eucalyptus leucoxylon—E. fasciculosa (S) 35%

OPEN SCRUB......LOW OPEN SHRUBLAND

E. cosmophylla ± E. baxteri over

Allocasuarina muelleriana, Xanthorrhoea tateana, Melaleuca uncinata (S) 65%

Condition of vegetation:

(S) = 1) Virgin or
 2) Slight weed invasion and/or only lightly grazed in past with no resultant loss of species richness

(Source: Davies, R.J-P (1982) "The Conservation of Major Plant Associations in South Australia")

IMPORTANCE OF VEGETATION ASSOCIATIONS CONSERVED IN SEDDON CONSERVATION PARK

ASSOCIATION

COMMENTS

Eucalyptus baxteri/E. obliqua/E. cosmophylla

Approximately ¼ of the original area has been cleared, This association is conserved in Seddon and Parndana and in parts of Cape Torrens and Western River Conservation Parks and Flinders Chase National Park.

(Source: Mowling, Frances A. & Mark K. Barritt (1981)
"The Natural Vegetation of Kangaroo Island", 1980, N.C.S.S.A. and Davies (1982))



Scale 1:10 000

0 100 200 300 400 <u>500</u> m

Figure 16

Seddon Conservation Park

PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

Management Philosophy

The park should be managed to ensure the conservation, in perpetuity, of its natural environment and landscape qualities. Although only small, the park provides a good example of the plateau vegetation of Kangaroo Island and should be managed to ensure its preservation.

Visitors should be permitted to enter and use the park, however, as its prime function is one of conservation, facilities should not be provided.

Management Objectives

- Preserve the natural vegetation of the park.
- 2. Control wildfires in the park and protect the park from fire.
- 3. Prevent stock from neighbouring properties entering the park.
- 4. Inform the public of the existence of the park.
- 5. Allow limited public access to the park, confining vehicular access to existing tracks and roads. Access to other parts of the park to be on foot.

ACTION		PRIORITY
1.	Maintain existing tracks in good repair.	High Ongoing
2.	Undertake research to obtain more detailed baseline data on the park's fauna, vegetation and ecology.	Medium Ongoing
3.	Monitor the effect of salinisation on vegetation in the park adjacent to the saline soak near the eastern boundary of the park.	Medium
4.	Monitor the impact of visitors on the park.	Ongoing
5.	Implement the fire protection plan.	High

VIVONNE BAY CONSERVATION PARK

PARK DESCRIPTION

Location and Size

Sections 7, 8, 106, 107, 108 and 109, Hundred of Newland. 887 hectares (Figure 17).

Climate

Cool temperate with a winter rainfall maximum. Average annual rainfall approximately 550 millimetres.

Landscape, Geology and Soils

Geology and soils maps of Kangaroo Island (Figures 2 and 3).

Vegetation

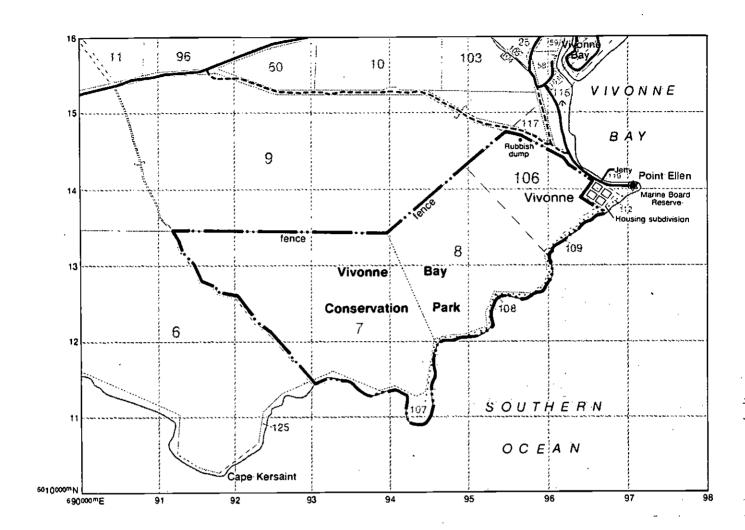
Open scrub/open heath of E. diversifolia/E. rugosa; low shrubland on dunes and cliffs of Calocephalus brownii.

Fauna

This bird list was compiled from observations made by C. Baxter during infrequent visits to the park and more intensive observations in similar habitats just east of the park during the period 1978-1984.

Eudyptula minor. Little Penguin Phalacrocorax varius. Pied Cormorant Phalacrocorax carbo. Great Cormorant Ardea novaehollandiae. White-faced Heron Ardea sacra. Eastern Reef Egret Pandion haliaetus. Osprey Accipiter fasciatus. Brown Goshawk Accipiter cirrhocephalus. Collared Sparrowhawk Haliaeetus leucogaster. White-bellied Sea-eagle Aquila audax. Wedge-tailed Eagle Falco berigora. Brown Falcon Falco cenchroides. Australian Kestrel Turnix varia. Painted Button Quail Burhinus grallarius. Bush Thick-knee Haematopus ostralegus. Pied Oystercatcher Haematopus fuliginosus. Sooty Oystercatcher Vanellus miles. Masked Lapwing Charadrius rubricollis. Hooded Plover Larus novaehollandiae. Silver Gull Larus pacificus. Pacific Gull Sterna nereis. Fairy Tern Thalosseus bergii. Crested Tern Phaps chalcoptera. Common Bronzewing Phaps elegans. Brush Bronzewing Calyptorhynchus funereus. Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo Cacatua roseicapilla. Galah Trichoglossus haematodus. Rainbow Lorikeet Glossopsitta haematodus. Purple-crowned Lorikeet Platycercus elegans. Crimson Rosella Neophema petrophila. Rock Parrot Cacomantis flabelliformis Fan-tailed Cuckoo Chysococcyx basalis. Horsfield's Bronze Cuckoo Ninox novaeseelandiae. Southern Boobook Hirundapus caudacutus. White-throated Needletail

Apus pacificus. Fork-tailed Swift Hirundo neoxena. Welcome Swallow



Park boundary

---- Unsealed road

---- Track

..... Walking track

≢ Lighthouse



Scale 1:50 000 0 1 2 3 km Figure 17

Vivonne Bay Conservation Park

Hirundo nigricans. Tree Martin Anthus novaeseelandiae. Richard's Pipit Coracina novaehollandiae. Black-faced Cuckoo Shrike Petroica multicolor. Scarlet Robin Pachycephala pectoralis. Golden Whistler Colluricincla harmonica. Grey Shrike-thrush Rhipidura fuliginosa. Grey Fantail Psophodes nigrogularis. Western Whipbird Malurus cyaneus. Superb Fairy Wren Stipiturus malachurus. Southern Emu Wren Sericornis frontalis. White-browed Scrub Wren Hylacola cauta. Shy Hylacola Acanthiza pusilla. Brown Thornbill Acanthiza lineata. Striated Thornbill Anthochaera carunculata. Red Wattlebird Meliphaga cratitia. Purple-gaped Honeyeater Melithreptus brevirostris. Brown-headed Honeyeater Phylidonyris pyrrhoptera. Crescent Honeyeater Phylidonyris novaehollandiae. New Holland Honeyeater Phylidonyris melanops. Tawny Crowned Honeyeater Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris. Eastern Spinebill Pardalotus striatus. Striated Pardalote Pardalotus xanthopygus. Yellow-rumped Pardalote Zosterops lateralis. Silvereye Passer domesticus. House Sparrow Emblema bellum. Beautiful Firetail Sturnus vulgaris. Common Starling Artamus cyanopterus. Dusky Woodswallow Gymnorhina tibicen. Australian Magpie Strepera versicolor. Grey Currawong Corvus coronoides. Australian Raven

Outstanding Natural Features Scenic coastal landscape

History

The park was dedicated in 1971 because the area comprises coastal country containing vegetation not occurring at Kelly Hill Conservation Park.

Previous Land-Uses of the Park Crown Land.

Existing Capital Works

Roads

Council road on the north-east boundary of the park, as indicated in Figure 17, leads to a jetty and lighthouse.

A track has been made illegally by four-wheel drive vehicles along the coast (shown on Figure 17 as a walking track).

Fire Management

The draft fire protection plan proposes that hazard reduction (either by burning or by mechanical means) be undertaken around the holiday shacks on the south-eastern boundary of the park. This fuel-reduced zone will be no more than 10 metres wide. A five-metre wide boundary access track will be constructed along the northern and western boundaries of the park.

Staff

Ranger-in-charge based at Flinders Chase National Park.

Other Information

A Council rubbish dump is located in the park (Figure 17).

PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

Management Philosophy

The park should be managed to ensure the conservation, in perpetuity, of its natural environment and landscape qualities. In particular, attention should be paid to preserving the natural coastal vegetation of the park.

Visitors should be permitted to enter and use the park, however, as its prime function is one of conservation, facilities should not be provided for visitors with the exception of the coastal walking track.

The presence of a rubbish dump is not considered to be compatible with dedication as a conservation reserve. An alternative location should ultimately be found for the Council dump.

Management Objectives

- Conserve the native vegetation and native fauna of the park.
- 2. Control wildfires in the park and protect the park from fire.
- 3. Limit the impact on the park of the Council rubbish dump on portion of Section 106.
- 4. Limit the impact on the park of housing development adjacent to Point Ellen.
- 5. Inform the public of the existence of the park.
- 6. Limit public access to the park to foot traffic only.

Management Actions

ACTION		PRIORITY
1.	Construct a fire access track along the northern boundary of the park.	High
2.	Maintain existing fencing in good repair.	Ongoing
3.	Construct a fence around the existing Council rubbish dump to prevent wind-blown rubbish entering the park, and ultimately re-locate rubbish dump outside the park.	High
4.	Construct a fence along the park boundary adjacent to the housing development at Point Ellen.	Low
5.	Erect a name sign and Conservation Park sign near the Point Ellen car parking area and triangular Reserve signs along the roadside adjacent to Section 106.	Me dium
6.	Close existing four-wheel drive track along Sections 107, 108 and 109 to use by public vehicles and convertinto a walking track.	High
7.	Erect signpost at the start of the walking track indicating its length.	High
8.	Monitor the impact of visitors on the park environment.	Ongoing
9.	Undertake research to obtain more detailed baseline data on the park's fauna, vegetation and ecology.	Medium Ongoing
10.	Establish whether the rare species Achnophera tatei grows in the park and take steps to ensure that populations within and outside the park are adequately conserved.	High
11.	Implement the fire protection plan.	High Ongoing
12.	Investigate adjoining uncleared land for possible purchase and addition to the park.	High

WESTERN RIVER CONSERVATION PARK

PARK DESCRIPTION

Location and Size

Sections 8, 47, 51 and 65, Hundred of Gosse. 2364 hectares (Figure 18).

Climate

Cool temperate with a winter rainfall maximum. Average annual rainfall approximately 700-800 millimetres.

Mean daily maximum temperature recorded at Cape Borda: 22.4° C (January) and 13.6° C (July).

Mean daily minimum temperature recorded at Cape Borda: 13.6° C (January) and 9.0° C (July).

Landscape, Geology and Soils

Geology and soils maps of the island (Figures 2 and 3).

Vegetation

Figure 19 maps the main vegetation associations.

Understorey species in the park include Allocasuarina muellerana and Allocasuarina striata, as well as Banksia ornata, Banksia marginata, Acacia dodonaeifolia, Prostanthera spinosa, Hakea rostrata, Adenanthos macropodiana, Spyridium sp., Cryptandra waterhousii, Astroloma conostephioides and Acacia humifusum (I. Jackson, personal communication).

Fauna

Mammals and reptiles have not been surveyed. However, it is known that Feral Goats are commonly seen in the park.

Birds

List compiled from observations made by C. Baxter 1978-84.

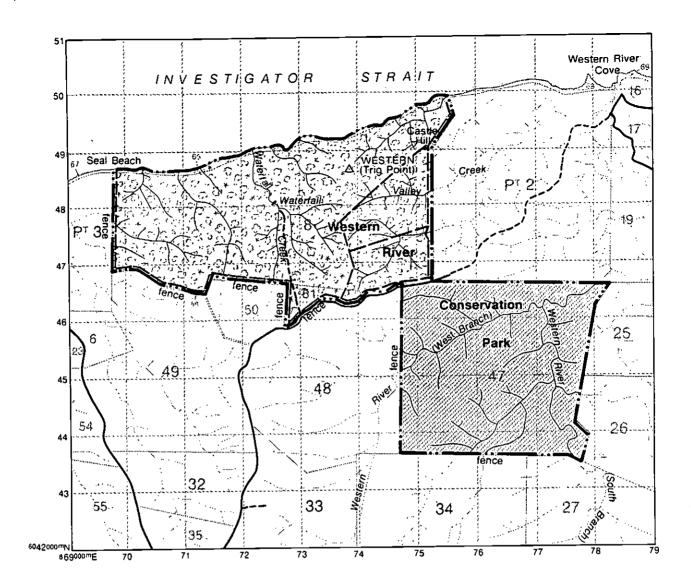
Eudyptula minor. Little Penguin Puffinus tenuirostris. Short-tailed Shearwater Pelagodroma marina. White-faced Storm Petrel Phalacrocorax varius. Pied Cormorant Phalacrocorax melanoleucos. Little Pied Cormorant Phalacrocorax carbo. Great Cormorant Leucocarbo fuscescens. Black-faced Shag Ardea novaehollandiae. White-faced Heron Ardea sacra. Eastern Reef Egret Anas superciliosa. Pacific Black Duck Pandion haliaetus. Osprey Accipiter fasciatus. Brown Goshawk Accipiter cirrhocephalus. Collared Sparrowhawk Aquila audax. Wedge-tailed Eagle Haliaeetus leucogaster. White-bellied Sea-eagle Falco berigora. Brown Falcon Falco cenchroides. Australian Kestrel Turnix varia. Painted Button Quail Burhinus grallarius. Bush Thick-knee

Haematopus fuliginosus. Sooty Oystercatcher

Larus novaehollandiae. Silver Gull

<u>Larus pacificus</u>. Pacific Gull Hydroprogne caspia. Caspian Tern

Sterna nereis. Fairy Tern



--- Park boundary

---- Unsealed road

---- Track

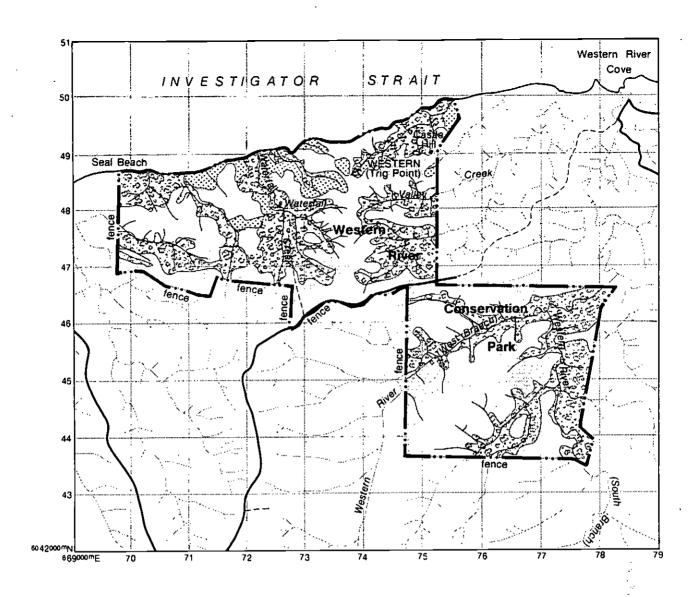
ウェナス Natural area

Limited access zone

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Figure 18

Western River Conservation Park



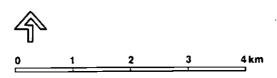
Park boundary

OPEN FOREST WOODLAND Eucalyptus cladocalyx

LOW OPEN FOREST E. baxteri ± E. cosmophylla
LOW OPEN FOREST LOW OPEN WOODLAND E. cosmophylla
OPEN HEATH Allocasuarina muelleriana

LOW OPEN FOREST Allocasuarina verticillata

(Source: Davies, R.J-P. (1982) "The Conservation of Major Plant Associations in South Australia")



Western River Conservation Park Vegetation

Thalasseus bergii. Crested Tern Phaps chalcoptera. Common Bronzewing Phaps elegans. Brush Bronzewing Calyptorhynchus lathami. Glossy Black Cockatoo Calyptorhynchus funereus. Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo Cacatua roseicapilla. Galah Trichoglossus haematodus. Rainbow Lorikeet Glossopsitta haematodus. Purple-crowned Lorikeet Platycercus elegans. Crimson Rosella Neophema elegans. Elegant Parrot Neophema, petrophila. Rock Parrot Cacomantis flabelliformis. Fan-tailed Cuckoo Chysococcyx basalis. Horsfield's Bronze Cuckoo Chrysococcyx lucidus. Shining Bronze-Cuckoo Ninox novaeseelandiae. Southern Boobook Hirundapus caudacutus. White-throated Needletail Apus pacificus. Fork-tailed Swift Hirundo neoxena. Welcome Swallow Hirundo nigricans. Tree Martin Anthus novaeseelandiae. Richard's Pipit Zoothera dauma. White's Thrush Petroica multicolor. Scarlet Robin Pachycephala pectoralis. Golden Whistler Colluricincla harmonica. Grey Shrike-thrush Myiagra inquieta. Restless Fly-catcher Rhipidura fuliginosa. Grey Fantail Psophodes nigrogularis. Western Whipbird Malurus cyaneus. Superb Fairy Wren Stipiturus malachurus. Southern Emu Wren Hylacola cauta. Shy Hylacola Sericornis frontalis. White-browed Scrub Wren Acanthiza pusilla. Brown Thornbill Acanthiza lineata. Striated Thornbill Anthochaera carunculata. Red Wattlebird Anthochaera chrysoptera. Little Wattlebird Meliphaga leucotis. White-eared Honeyeater Meliphaga cratitia. Purple-gaped Honeyeater Melithreptus brevirostris. Brown-headed Honeyeater Phylidonyris pyrrhoptera. Crescent Honeyeater Phylidonyris novaehollandiae. New Holland Honeyeater Phylidonyris melanops. Tawny Crowned Honeyeater Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris. Eastern Spinebill Ephthianura albifrons. White-fronted Chat Pardalotus xanthopygus. Yellow-rumped Pardalote Pardalotus striatus. Striated Pardalote Zosterops lateralis. Silvereye *Passer domesticus. House Sparrow Emblema temporalis. Red-browed Firetail Emblema bellum. Beautiful Firetail *Sturnus vulgaris. Common Starling Artamus cyanoterus. Dusky Woodswallow Gymnorhina tibicen. Australian Magpie Strepera versicolor. Grey Currawong Corvus coronoides. Australian Raven Corvus mellori. Little Raven

Outstanding Natural Features Waterfall on Waterfall Creek; coastal cliffs.

^{*}Introduced Species

History

The park was dedicated in 1971 because of the rough hilly country with a wide cross-section of Kangaroo Island vegetation which included the breakaway from the main plateau area to the northern coastal slopes.

Historic Sites

Aboriginal Sites

Aboriginal sites have been reported along the Western River.

Fire History and Fire Management

A large part of the park was burnt in 1980.

The draft fire protection plan proposes that no fuel reduction burning be undertaken in the park in order to protect stands of Allocasuarina verticillata (Sheoak) which provide a food source for Glossy Black Cockatoos and Eucalyptus cladocalyx (Sugar Gums) which provide breeding hollows.

The draft fire protection plan makes allowance for low intensity mosaic burns which might be required for ecological management purposes. This would be undertaken only if needed and only after detailed research has been done.

Existing Capital Works

Roads

There is an access track from the park entrance to the waterfall and fire access tracks as shown on Figure 18.

Fencing

As shown on Figure 18.

Visitor Facilities

None. The park is used mainly by local people; activities focus on area near the waterfall.

Staff

Ranger-in-charge based at Flinders Chase National Park.

PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

Management Philosophy

The park should be managed to ensure the conservation, in perpetuity, of its natural environment and landscape qualities. Management should also protect the artefacts and integrity of any Aboriginal sites and protect the habitat of the Glossy Black-Cockatoo.

Management Objectives

- Protect the artefacts and integrity of any Aboriginal sites which are located in the park while not excluding archaeological research at the sites.
- 2. Protect the habitat of the Glossy Black-Cockatoo, especially <u>Allocasuarina</u> verticillata which provides the primary food source and <u>Eucalyptus</u> cladocalyx, the nesting sites for the cockatoos.
- 3. Control wildfires in the park and protect the park from fire.
- 4. Control the numbers of Feral Goats in the park.

- 5. Prevent stock from neighbouring properties entering the park.
- 6. Allow limited public access to the park.

Management Actions

ACTION		PRIORITY
1.	In order to assist in meeting the management objectives set out above, the park will be divided into two zones:	High
	(a) Limited Access Zone (Section 47).	
	(b) Natural Area Zone (the remainder of the park). Only foot access should be allowed to the to the Limited Access Zone, while in the Natural Area Zone, foot access may be supplemented by vehicular access along existing tracks and roads.	
2.	Before commencement of any works, carefully evaluate likely impact on any Aboriginal sites along Western River.	Ongoing
3.	Present programme for shooting Feral Goats should continue.	High Ongoing
4.	Liaise with adjoining land-holders to ensure that access through private property for fire-fighting is maintained.	High Ongoing
5.	Assess need for fire access tracks along the perimeter of the park.	High
	Maintain existing fencing in good repair.	High Ongoing
7.	Erect fencing along park boundaries which adjoins grazing land.	High
3.	Maintain existing public access track from park entrance to waterfall, and public four—wheel drive access to Castle Hill. All other tracks in the park are for management purposes only.	High Ongoing
9.	Erect sign indicating the name of the park at the entrance and triangular Reserve signs along the road.	Medium
10.	Conduct survey to determine whether Aboriginal sites exist in the park, and if there are sites, assess their significance.	High
11.	Monitor the impact of visitors on the park environment with particular attention to their affect on any Aboriginal sites and the habitat of the Glossy Black-Cockatoo.	Ongoing

ACTION		PRIORITY
12.	Prepare a strategy to ensure that breeding and feeding sites for Glossy Black Cockatoos are maintained.	High
13.	Undertake research to obtain more detailed baseline data on the park's fauna, vegetation and ecology.	Medium Ongoing
14.	Implement the fire protection plan.	High
15.	Retain the picnic and barbecue area at the waterfall and in the longer term provide day—use facilities at this site.	High

Part 4

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