

MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF CLARKES LAGOON RESERVE POLICY

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1. BACKGROUND

Goondiwindi Regional Council is committed to ensuring that the highest possible standard is achieved when carrying out maintenance to its parks, gardens and reserves within normal budgetary constraints.

2. POLICY STATEMENT

- It is the intent of Goondiwindi Regional Council to maintain and manage Clarkes Lagoon Reserve as a nature reserve and not as improved parkland.
- Slashing or mowing will be undertaken primarily for fire control purposes and will be carried out when required.
- Regular slashing or mowing will not be undertaken.
- Council will endeavour to control noxious weeds and provide selective treatment to tree and shrub regrowth to ensure the area remains as natural as possible.
- Stick, leaf litter and other debris will be left in a natural state unless they form a safety hazard or impede maintenance and access.
- No structures or improvements are permitted to be constructed on the reserve land or any other measures taken that may restrict access around the lagoon in the reserve area.
- Pumping of water from the lagoon for private use is not permitted under any circumstances to properties, other than the properties highlighted on the plan, provided as Attachment A. The highlighted properties adjoining the reserve contain part of the water body within their freehold title and have a historic right to access this water.
- Under no circumstances is the reserve land to be considered private property of those properties abutting the reserve area. The general public must at all times be able to lawfully gain access to the reserve from Clarkes Road.
- The water level in the lagoon will be maintained as best as possible. This however is dependent on the availability of high flow entitlements and other operational matters. Council will not purchase and pump any "make-up" water for the lagoon.
- The pumping of water including the necessary arrangements with the appropriate authorities will remain the responsibility of Council. No guarantee as to the pumping rate will be given as this will depend on the capacity of Council's existing and future infrastructure.
- A group (for example the "Clarkes Lagoon and Parkland Group"), may approach Council to facilitate the pumping of "make-up" water however no costs, apart from pumping costs, will be borne by Council.
- Council will continue to liaise with the Clarkes Lagoon and Parkland Group in relation to cooperation

and assistance with pumping and other normal maintenance issues.

3. PURPOSE/OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this policy is to provide clarity in the extent of Council's responsibilities in the maintenance and management of Clarkes Lagoon Reserve.

4. SCOPE

This policy applies to Clarkes Lagoon Reserve (Lot 8 RP 213577).

5. REVIEW DATE

November 2025

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Plan of properties permitted to pump water from Clarkes Lagoon for private use.

Attachment A

