

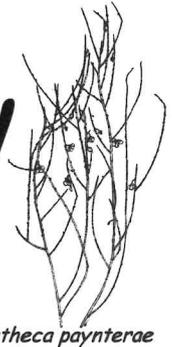
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Northern Yilgarn (Mt Manning Range Nature Reserve, Mt Elvire and Jaurdi)
Conservation Reserves Management Plan

MANAGEMENT PLAN NEWSLETTER



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A Plan in Preparation

Welcome to the first edition of the Northern Yilgarn (Mt Manning Range Nature Reserve, Mt Elvire and Jaurdi) Conservation Reserves Management Plan Newsletter. For ease of reference the Newsletter will be known as the "Management Plan Newsletter".

On behalf of the Conservation Commission of Western Australia the Department of Conservation and Land Management (CALM) is preparing a management plan for the Conservation Reserves in the Northern Yilgarn. It will include the Mt Manning Range Nature Reserve and proposed Conservation Park additions of Mt Elvire and Jaurdi.

This Newsletter is designed to keep interested parties informed on progress with preparation of the management plan for the Conservation Reserves in this area.

What is a Management Plan?

A management plan is a key planning document which presents a strategic view of management directions and a long-term vision for the future of a protected area. It describes the significant natural and cultural values and resources of the protected area and identifies actions and proposed outcomes designed to manage these values. A management plan is operational for 10 years unless replaced by a new one.

Why Prepare a Management Plan?

It is a requirement under the *Conservation and Land Management Act* that all land vested in the Conservation Commission shall have a Management Plan.

Where is the Northern Yilgarn Conservation Reserves Planning Area?

The Northern Yilgarn (Mt Manning Range Nature Reserve, Mt Elvire and Jaurdi) Conservation Reserves are located 70-200km north-east of Southern Cross.

A Brief History of the Northern Yilgarn Area

In 1969 the Reserves Advisory Council recommended that the Mt Manning Range area be made a reserve to protect the flora and fauna. In 1974 the Mt Manning Range area was again recommended for reservation and this time it also recommended the inclusion of Mt Jackson and Die Hardy Range.

In September 1979 Mt Manning Range Nature Reserve was declared for the purpose of conservation of flora and fauna.

Since this time CALM has purchased the former pastoral stations of Jaurdi (1989) and Mt Elvire (1991). CALM has also been progressing recommendations that areas of Unallocated Crown Land (UCL) to the west and the south of the Mt Manning Range Nature Reserve become

conservation reserves including the Helena and Aurora Range. In 2000 the Hunt Range (northern part of Jaurdi) was incorporated into the Mt Manning Range Nature Reserve. Under the 2015 Pastoral Lease Exclusion process portions of Mt Jackson and Diemals Stations (containing Die Hardy, Jackson and Windarling Ranges) will become Conservation Parks.

The Northern Yilgarn Conservation Reserves planning area covers an area of 821 383ha comprised of the:

- Mt Manning Range Nature Reserve (203 065ha);
- Proposed Helena and Aurora Range Conservation Park (91 943ha);
- Proposed Jaurdi Conservation Park (284 207ha);
- Proposed Mt Elvire Conservation Park (154 267ha); and
- Proposed Die Hardy/ Jackson/ Windarling Ranges Conservation Park (87 901ha).

These conservation areas are shown on the attached map.

Why is the Northern Yilgarn Area Significant?

The planning area has a very high conservation value, unique land systems and diverse vegetation. The area has had minimal disturbance from grazing and fire and contains very few weeds.

The area includes four banded ironstone ranges (including Die Hardy, Jackson, Windarling and Helena and Aurora Ranges) with each containing a different species of the rare flora *Tetratheca*. There are also 20 currently known species of rare flora scattered throughout the planning area.

The Northern Yilgarn area contains significant fauna including a number of small mammals and the rare Malleefowl. The area has the potential for the reintroduction of locally extinct fauna

such as the Chuditch. The area also contains high numbers of reptiles and birds including some birds which are listed under international migratory bird agreements.

Public Participation in the Planning Process

While it is a statutory requirement for CALM to involve the public it also adds value to the management planning process. The involvement of the community in the process provides CALM with the benefit of obtaining information, creating solutions and gaining an insight into the relationship of the community to the protected area.

How Can You Be Involved?

The Management Plan Newsletters will be produced throughout the planning process to ensure you are kept informed. Other methods of involvement throughout the planning process (timing is yet to be finalised) will be through public meetings, "Have Your Say" brochures, commenting on the Issues Paper and finally through commenting on the draft management plan once released.

If you have any questions or ideas on the Northern Yilgarn (Mt Manning Range Nature Reserve, Mt Elvire and Jaurdi) Conservation Reserves please contact the Goldfields Regional Planning Officer, Maria Wauchope on 9021 2677 or you can view the progress through CALM's NatureBase Website by visiting:

www.calm.wa.gov.au/national_parks/management/index.html#management_plans

We look forward to your involvement in the preparation of the management plan.



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