

Queanbeyan Memorial Park

Site Discussion: Queanbeyan Nature Reserve

One of the proposed sites for the Queanbeyan Memorial Park was part of the Queanbeyan Nature Reserve. This site is managed by the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS), and is not a candidate site for the Memorial Park. The site is two plots of land being managed for conservation purposes, pictured below.



This block of land belongs to and is managed by the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service.



This block adjoins the NPWS block, and is crown land managed by QPRC in conjunction with the NPWS.

Queanbeyan Nature Reserve is not suitable for use as the Memorial Park due to its high environmental value and resident populations of vulnerable and endangered species. The site is home to a number of species which are being protected, and is managed by NPWS to better protect these species.

The reserve has a population of Button Wrinklewort (*Rutidosia leptorhynchoides*). This endangered species is the primary reason the site was initially managed by NPWS.

It is also home to populations of the critically endangered Canberra Grassland Earless Dragon (*Tympanocryptis lineata*), and forms part of the Saving our Species Strategy developed to protect this species.

The vulnerable Golden Sun Moth (*Synemon plana*) has been recorded on the site, and the site forms part of the proposed Saving our Species strategy for this species.

A concentrated population of vulnerable Pink-tailed Worm Lizards (*Aprasia parapulchella*) is found across the Queanbeyan area, and the Canberra Nature Reserve is a key habitat for the species.

Finally, the site contains a section of open White Box-Yellow Box-Blakely's Red Gum Woodland and Derived Native Grassland, which is now considered critically endangered.