

CULTURAL HERITAGE RESOURCES

The Wide Bay Burnett is the traditional country of many Indigenous peoples including the Butchella, Djak-Unde, Jangerie Jangerie, Gooreng Gooreng, Gurang, Jinibara, Kabi Kabi, Taribelang Bunda, Wakka Wakka, Wulli Wulli.

Indigenous people have a strong physical and spiritual connection to their country. Cultural resources are all the tangible and intangible things in land and sea country that are essential to the wellbeing of Indigenous people: land, water, plants and animals, coastal and marine resources, air and community.

Traditional Owner knowledge and values is extensive and significantly assists in the management of our region's natural resources.

Draft Regional Targets for Cultural Heritage Resources:

CH1: By 2031, Traditional Owner cultural heritage landscapes, sites and species are protected for future generations.

Sustainable development of the Wide Bay Burnett requires that cultural landscapes, sites and species are preserved. Activities in the protection and conservation of cultural heritage landscapes, sites and species allow Aboriginal people to reaffirm their obligations to land and country.

CH2: By 2031, Traditional knowledge is valued, recorded and incorporated into natural resources management strategies.

Incorporating Traditional Owner knowledge of natural and cultural resources into management strategies across the region is significant and there is a need to further develop processes that enable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to participate as active partners in the future development of the region. (RPAC, 2007)



Midden, Fraser Island. Image courtesy of Tourism QLD

References

Wide Bay Burnett Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC) 2007, *Wide Bay Regional Plan 2007-2026*.