



## **Vegetation Assessment of Ingleside Chase Reserve (commissioned by Council)**

### **Purpose**

Northern Beaches Council is seeking a BioBanking assessor accredited under the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995 to provide the credit assessment for biodiversity and threatened species credits for these Council reserves allowing Council to enter into a BioBanking agreement. This request is for Ingleside Chase Reserve.

### **Scope of work**

The appraisal is to utilise the most recent BioBanking assessment methodology as established within the *Threatened Species Act*. The following outputs are required:

- assessment for biodiversity and threatened values of the reserves;
- number and type of credits that can be created;
- development of management actions required, in consultation with Council Staff;
- production of a BioBanking Agreement Credit report for submission to the Office of Environment and Heritage

Comments will be required on the relevance of existing obligations within the reserves given the zoning and current management of the reserves, with Northern Beaches Council liaising with the Office of Environment and Heritage to finalise specific details.

Ingleside Chase Reserve currently has a Plan of Management which will need to be considered as it contains actions proposed to be undertaken to date but unlikely to be fulfilled. The Plan of Management also contains information on the vegetation types and fauna known in the reserve. Council staff will be available to assist in the development the number and costs associated with management actions.

Ingleside Chase Reserve is currently zoned E2 and is approximately 70 hectares in size.

Council has specific data on several fauna species most noticeably Eastern Pygmy Possum, general fauna and flora data is also available.