



## **Permanent Park Preserve**

Lord Howe Island is an outstanding natural area of national and international significance. This significance is recognised by the island's status as a property on the World Heritage List.

The Lord Howe Island Permanent Park Preserve (PPP) was dedicated to protect the unique natural values of Lord Howe Island and neighbouring Islands. The PPP covers 75% of Lord Howe Island, including the southern mountains and northern hills. The PPP also includes Balls Pyramid and neighbouring Islands.

The PPP is similar to a National Park in terms of the primary management emphasis is directed at conservation and preservation of natural values, the main difference being the PPP is managed by the Lord Howe Island Board rather than the NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service.

The PPP is of outstanding value for nature conservation, for aesthetic appreciation, for recreation, for education and for research.

There are over 200 native species of vascular plants on the Island. Over 70 plants are endemic to the Island (meaning Lord Howe Island is the only place in the world where they grow naturally). NPWS are currently undertaking a comprehensive endemic plant survey to determine if some of these plants should be nominated as threatened under the NSW Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995. Lord Howe has 129 plant genera in common with Australia, 102 with New Caledonia and only 75 in common with New Zealand. Due to the high level of endemism the Island flora is of outstanding regional nature conservation value.