

WELCOME

PARKS & VISITOR SERVICES STRATEGIC & BUSINESS DIRECTIONS



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SERVICE

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OBJECTIVE

- To provide world-class recreation and tourism opportunities, services and facilities for visitors to the public conservation estate while maintaining in perpetuity WA's natural and cultural heritage.
“Helping people to get outdoors and enjoy nature”.



TWO COMPONENTS

1. People experiencing, enjoying and therefore appreciating and valuing the wildlife and natural environment.
2. People being given the opportunity to be meaningfully engaged and involved in maintaining biodiversity through contributing to management.



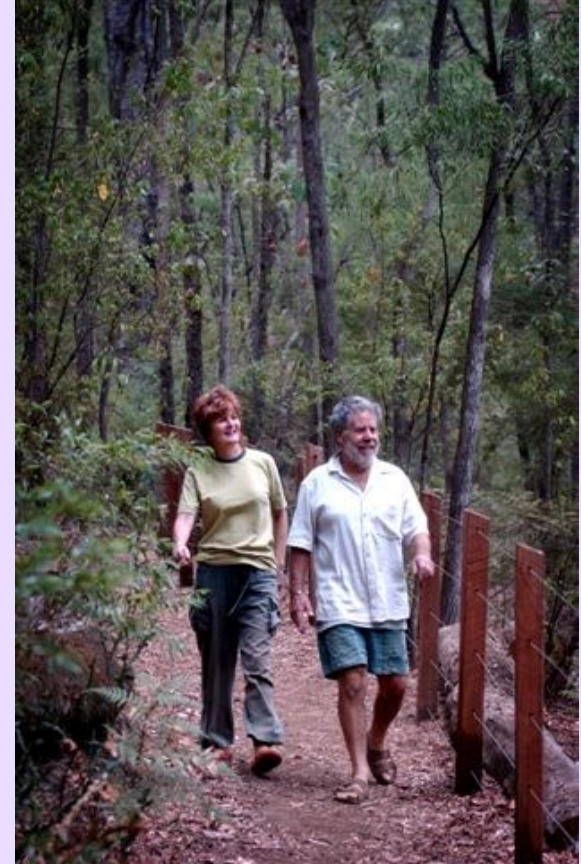
WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

- Over 26.3 million hectares of lands and waters (17 million in 1985).
- Creation of 36 new national parks (now 97 in total) and nature reserves, and 10 new conservation parks promised under the Governments Old Growth Forest policy.
- Parks and reserves increasingly valued for economic and social contribution, eg Bibbulmun Track; Tree Top Walk.



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

- Increase in area of marine parks and reserves.
- Increased focus on management planning.
- Dramatic increase in visitation over a decade, up to 11.84 million visits (doubling over decade).
- Dramatic increase in number of volunteers and their support.
- High level of satisfaction of visitors about the job we are doing.

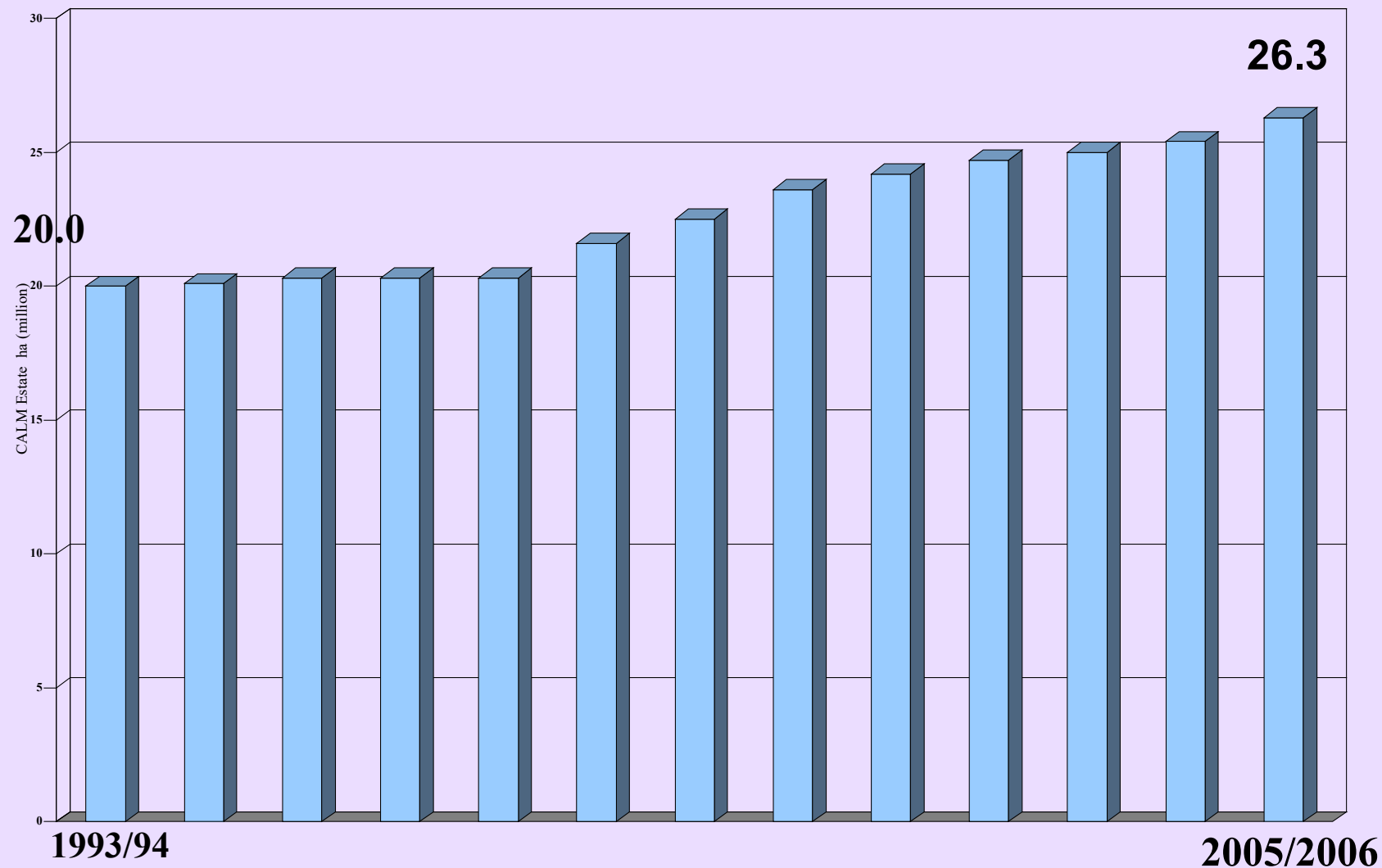


WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

- Establishing a research base:
 - Nature Based Tourism and Recreation Research Committee; plus
 - joined Cooperative Research Centre on Nature Based (Sustainable Tourism).
- Have identified a way forward for meaningful indigenous involvement in park management.
- Expanded Aboriginal training and employment programs.
- Have established a system of strategic planning and forward estimates with integration between services.
- Have embraced the wider use of technologies and approaches to increase our capacities, eg VISTAT, RATIS.

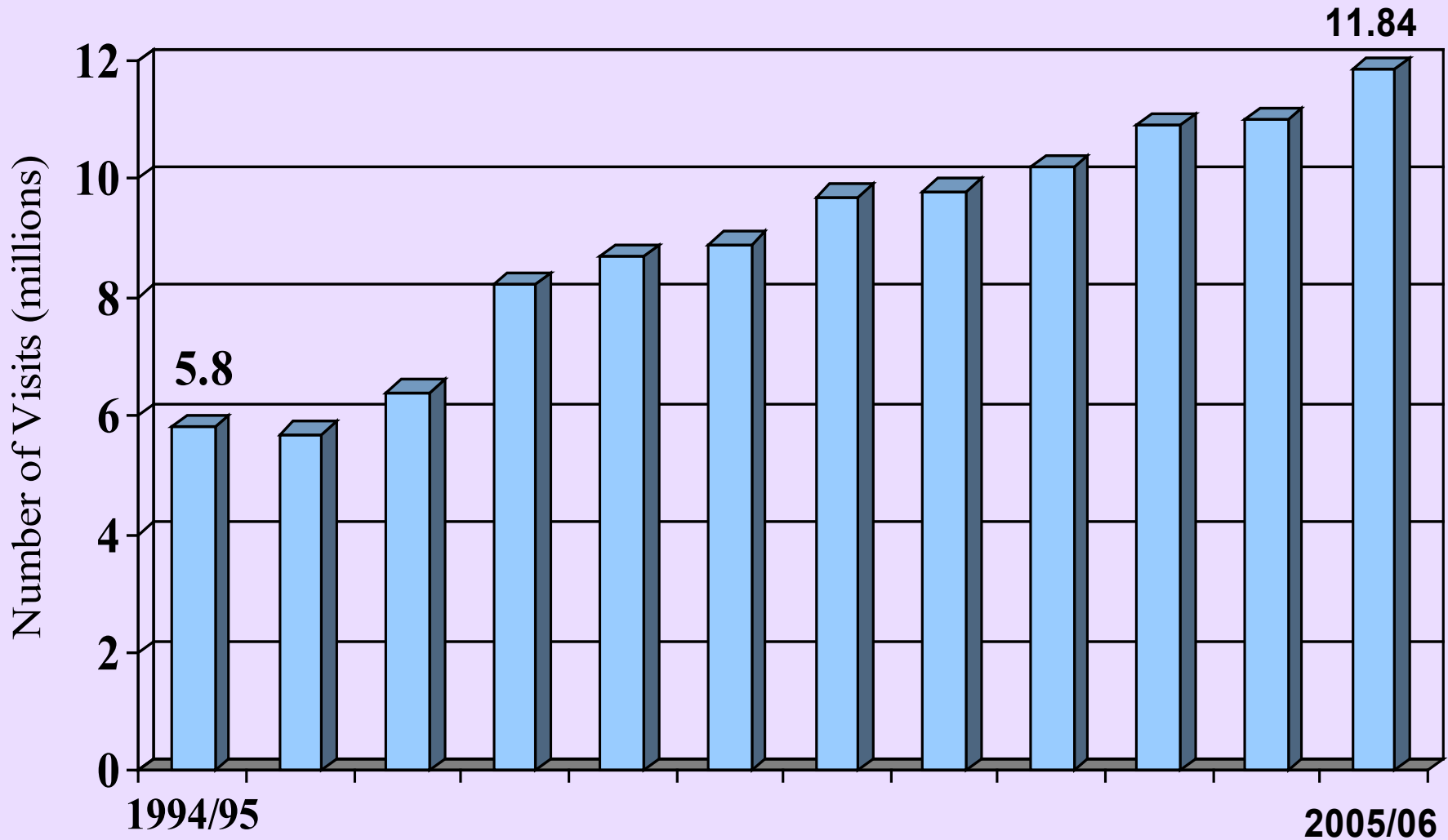
GROWTH IN RESERVES

26.3 million hectares of the State's lands and waters

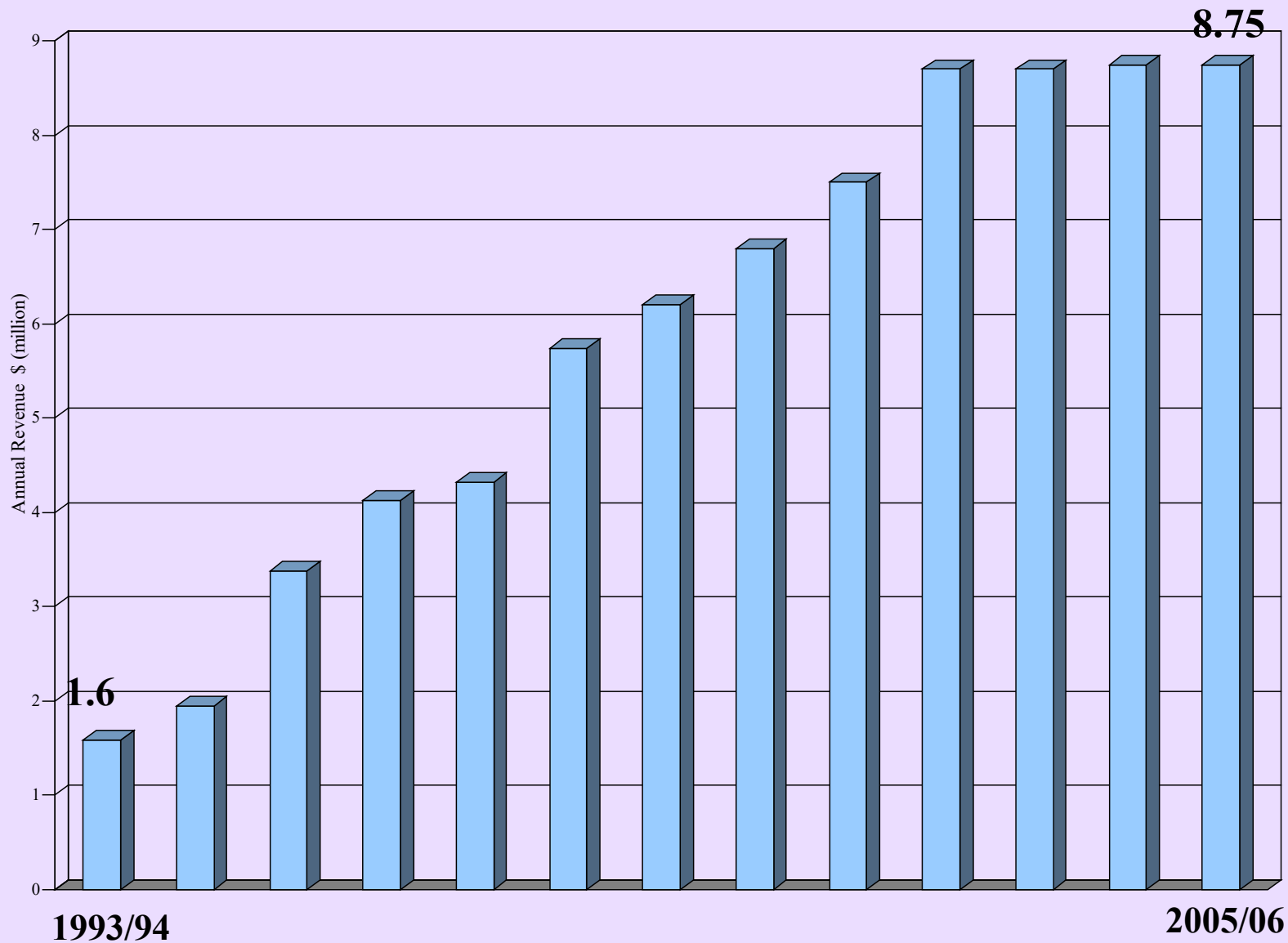


GROWTH IN VISITORS

Nearly 12 million visits in 2005/06



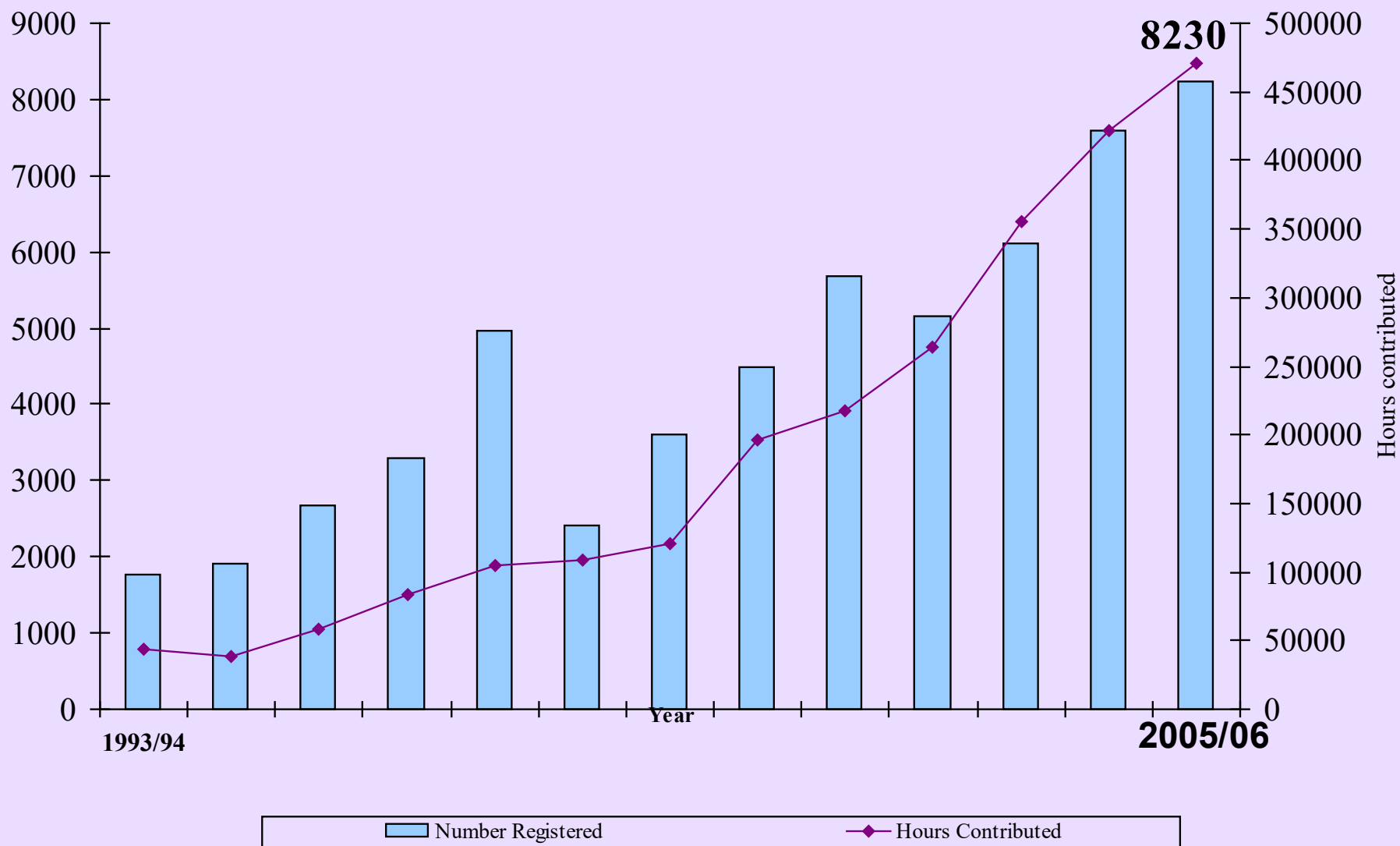
PVS REVENUE





VOLUNTEERS

A total of 7,600 registered volunteers and 444,000 hours contributed in 2004/05



ISSUES / CHALLENGES

- Budget, including \$56.6 million capital over 4 years.
- Management responsibilities increasing.
- Role in resolving planning issues.
- Joint management outcomes / reliant on external processes.

CURRENT GOVERNMENT PRIORITIES

Creation of marine parks:

Significant progress made on establishing new marine reserves at Dampier Archipelago/Cape Preston, Geographe Bay/Leeuwin-Naturaliste/Hardy Inlet and Walpole/Nornalup Inlets.

Indigenous involvement:

employment and social outcomes based on meaningful role in management.

Community involvement

direct and meaningful involvement of the community.



BUSINESS FOCUS

2005/06

Management planning

Indigenous liaison

Access

Facility development

Community involvement

Facility maintenance

New parks

Revenue generation and
management

RATIS

Resource protection



Parks and Visitor Services Division

Park Policy and Services:

- Tourism and Marketing
- Research and Information
- Land and External Funding
- Administration and Finance
- Indigenous Heritage

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Visitor and Regional Services:

- Property
- Management Planning
- Recreation and Landscape
- Interpretation and Visitor Information
- Community Involvement
- Tracks and Trails

We thank you and wish you
many great adventures
with



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