

WELCOME

PARKS & VISITOR SERVICES DIVISION

STRATEGIC & BUSINESS DIRECTIONS



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Organisation Structure

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Controlling Bodies

- Conservation
Commission
- Marine Parks
and Reserves
Authority

Corporate Plan

Strategic Directions,
Objectives and Strategies

Outputs:

- *Sustainable Forest Management*
- *Parks and Visitor Services*
- *Nature Conservation*



Corporate Plan

Strategic Directions, Objectives and strategies

Achieve Outputs by:

- Conserving Biodiversity
- Creating sustainable community benefits
- Maintaining community involvement and support
- Improving the way we do business



Output

Parks and Visitor Services

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OUTCOME

- Community enjoyment and appreciation of parks, wildlife and the natural environment without compromising conservation and management operations.



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.

Role of the PVS Division

- Provision of a wide range of central services
 - Specialised and technical services
 - Resource procurement and coordination
 - Central processes
 - Standards
 - Auditing
 - Training
 - and development
 - Innovation
 - and leadership
- Assist field delivery

Areas of Operation

- Capital Works Coordination
- Licensing and Tourism Operations
- Management Planning
- Policy and Legislation
- Community Engagement
- Land
- Recreation Management
- Indigenous programs
- Other



WHAT'S HAPPENING

- Over 25 million hectares of lands and waters in 2005 (17 million in 1985).
- Creation of 36 new national parks and nature reserves, and 10 new conservation parks promised under the Government's Old Growth Forest policy.
- Parks and reserves increasingly valued for economic and social contribution, eg Bibbulmun Track, Tree Top Walk.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

- Increase in area of marine parks and reserves.
- Increased focus on management planning.
- Dramatic increase in visitation over a decade, up to 10.9 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 HAPPENING

- Establishing a research base:
 - Nature Based Tourism and Recreation Research Committee; plus
 - joined Cooperative Research Centre on Nature Based (Sustainable Tourism).
- Embraced the wider use of technologies and approaches to increase our capacities, eg VISTAT, RATIS.
- Established a system of strategic planning and forward estimates with integration between outputs.

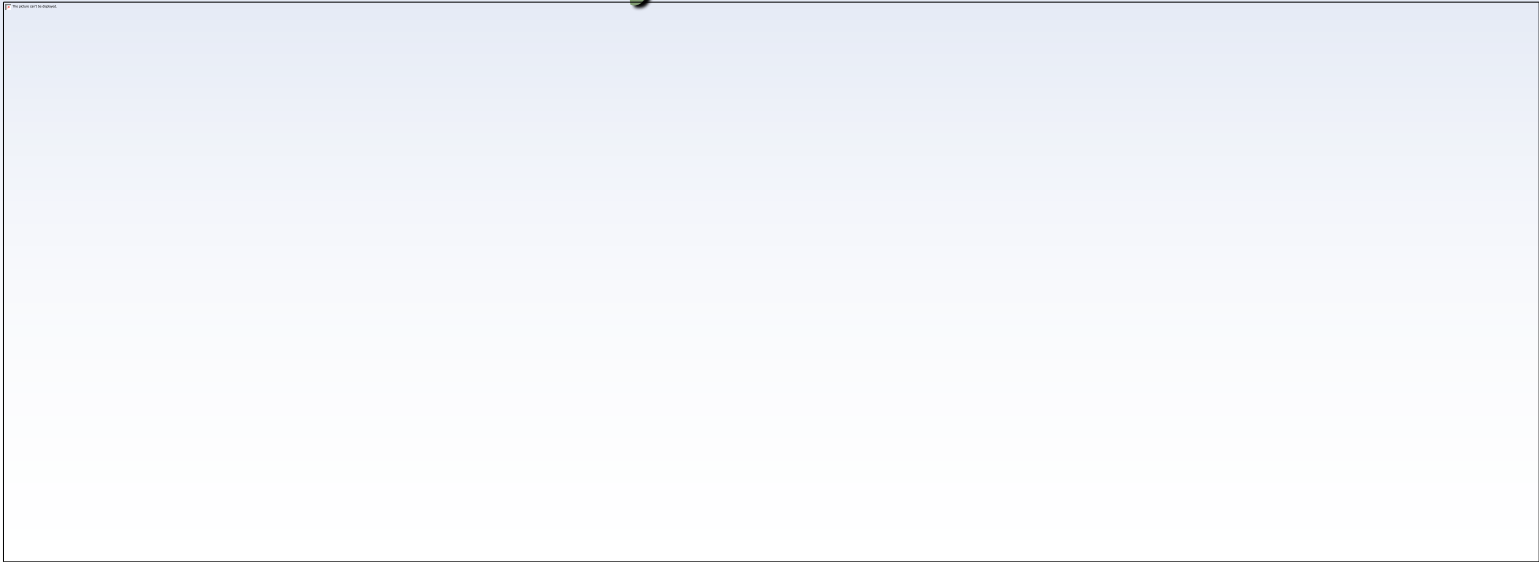


WHAT'S HAPPENING

- Identified a way forward for meaningful indigenous involvement in management subject to consultation.
- Expanded Aboriginal training and employment programs.

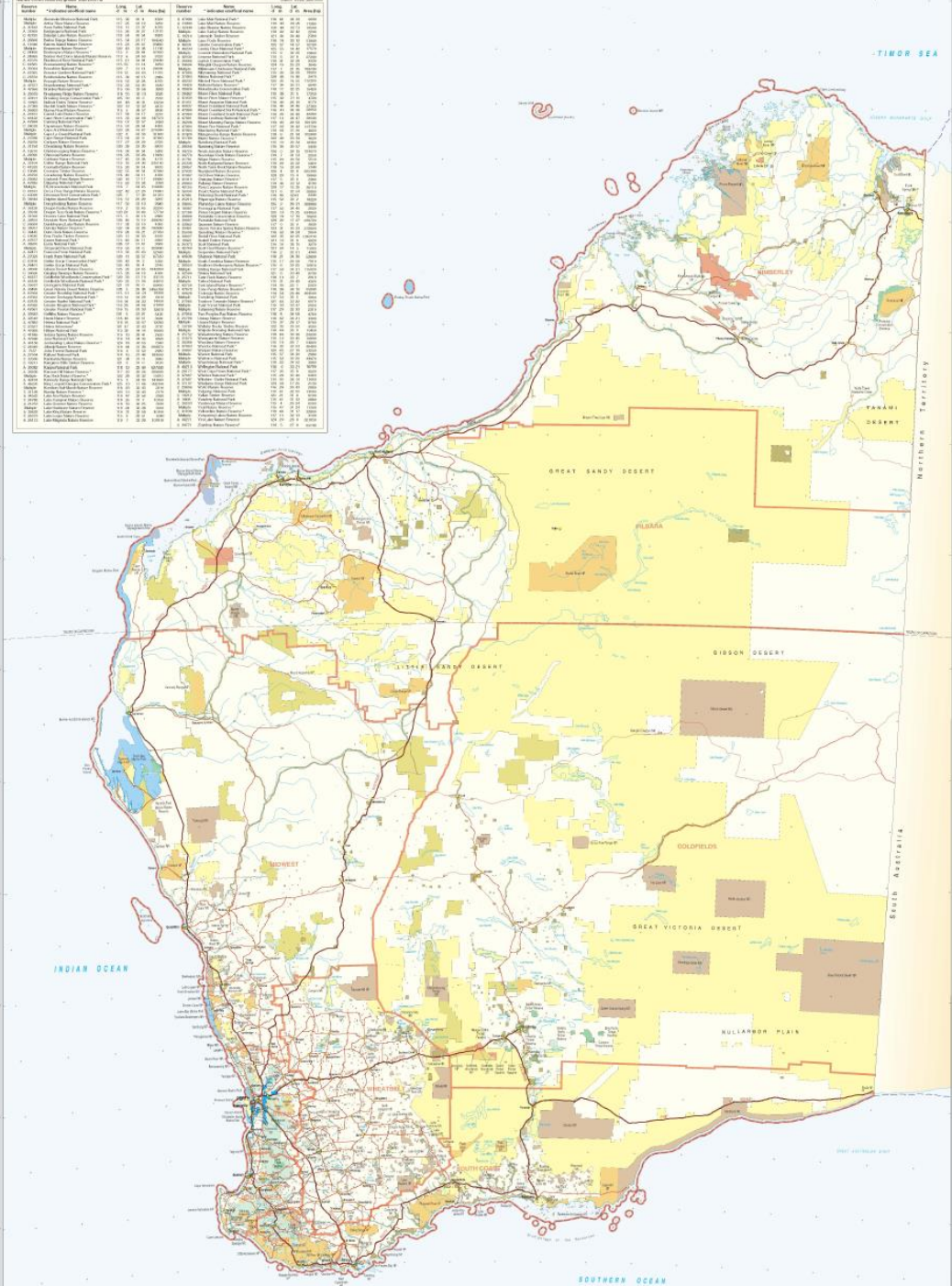
Capital Works and Roads

- Significant expansion in professional services and central coordination
- Year three of a five year \$60M program
- Overall achieved successful delivery
- Significant challenges remain
- World Class Park system



Capital Works & Roads

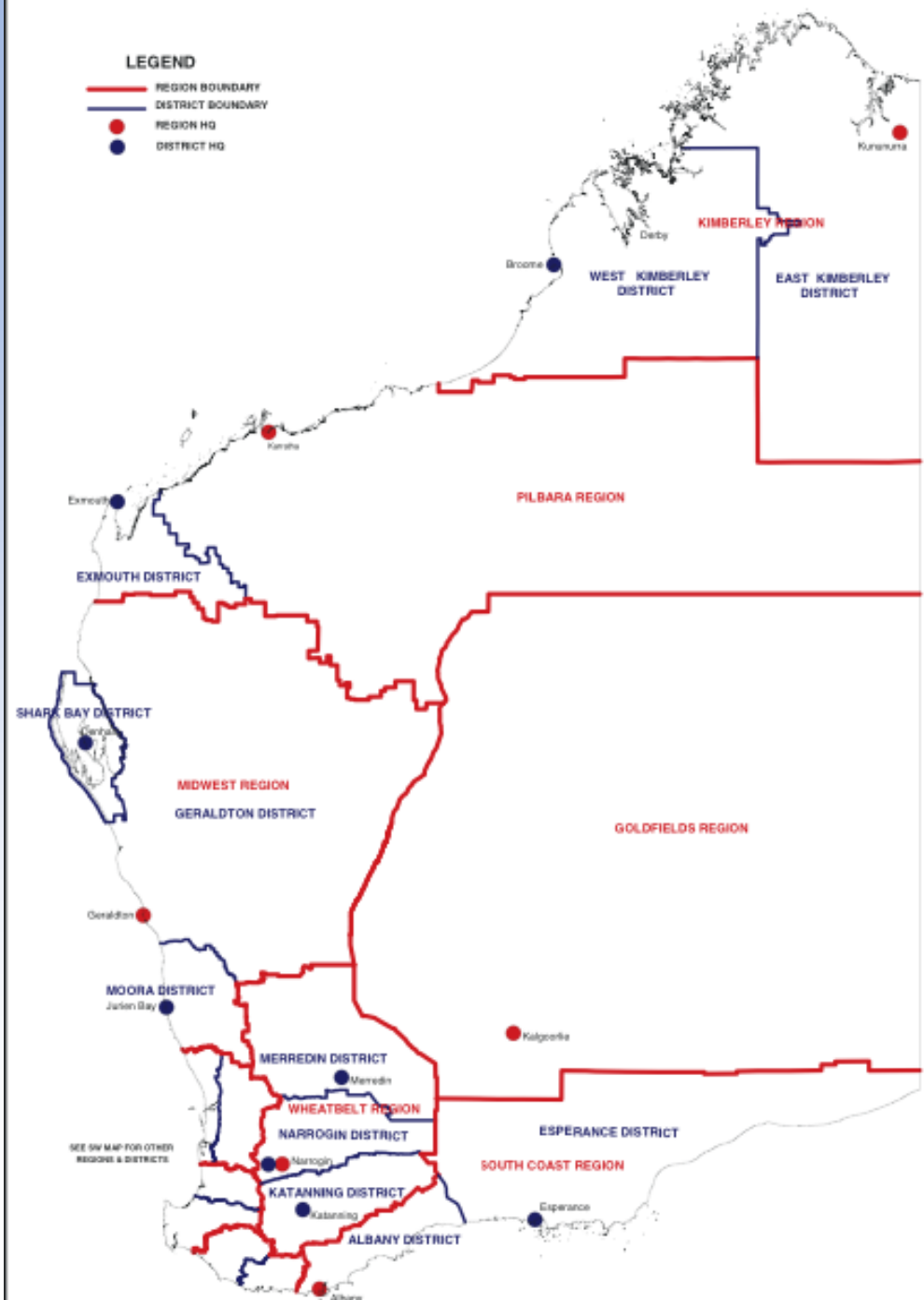
CALM Estate



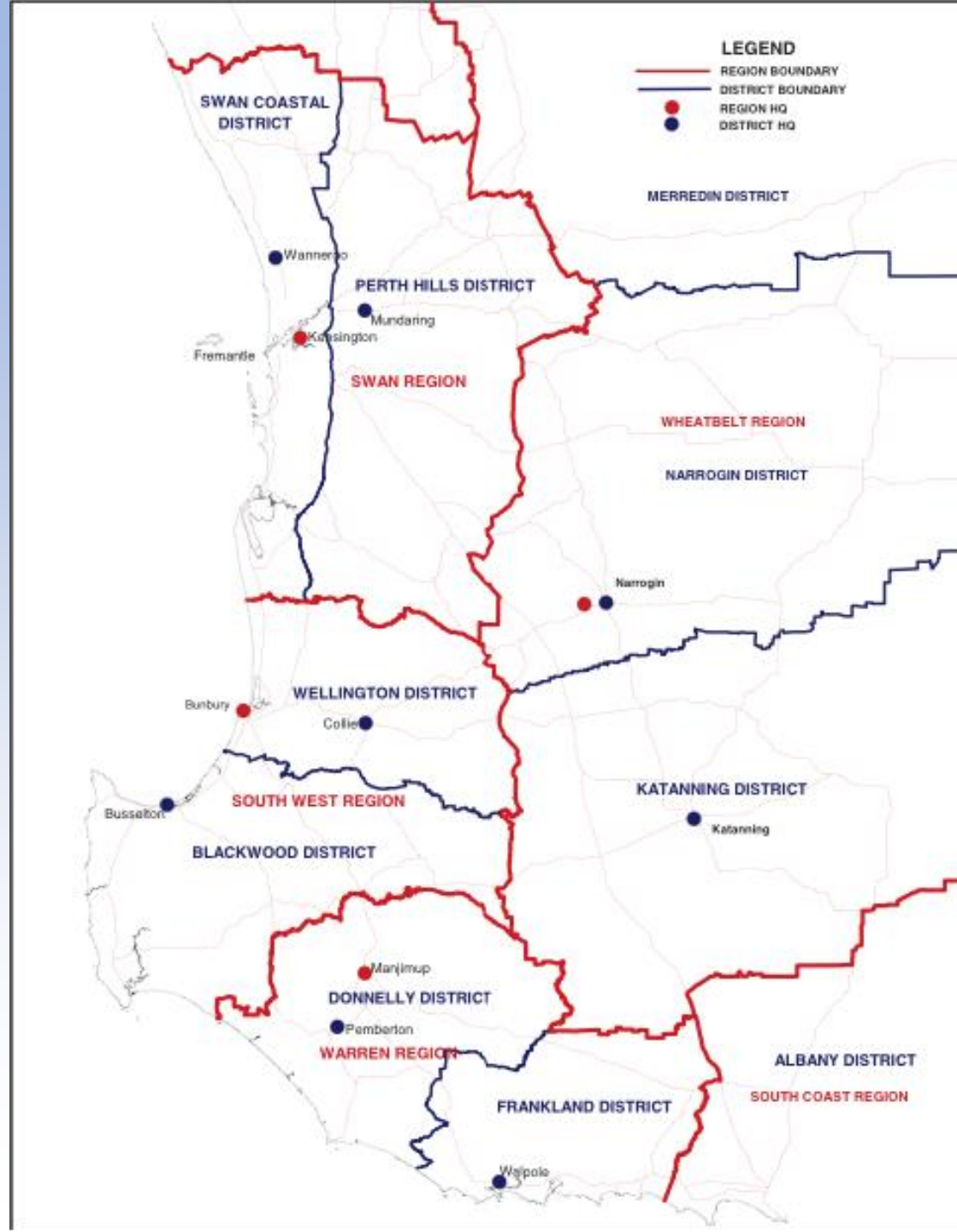
CALM Estate

- National Parks
- Conservation Parks
- Marine Parks
- Marine Management Areas
- State Forest & Timber Reserves
- Nature Reserves (Marine & Terrestrial)
- 5(1)(G) & 5(1)(H) Reserves
- Management Areas (Sect.16 & 16A)
- Other Reserves, Leasehold, Freehold land

CALM Region and District Boundaries



South - West Region and District Boundaries



GROWTH IN RESERVES

25.4 million hectares of the State's lands and waters





Lane Poole Reserve, Dwellingup

GROWTH IN VISITORS

Nearly 11 million visits in 2004/05



Karijini National Park, Pilbara Region

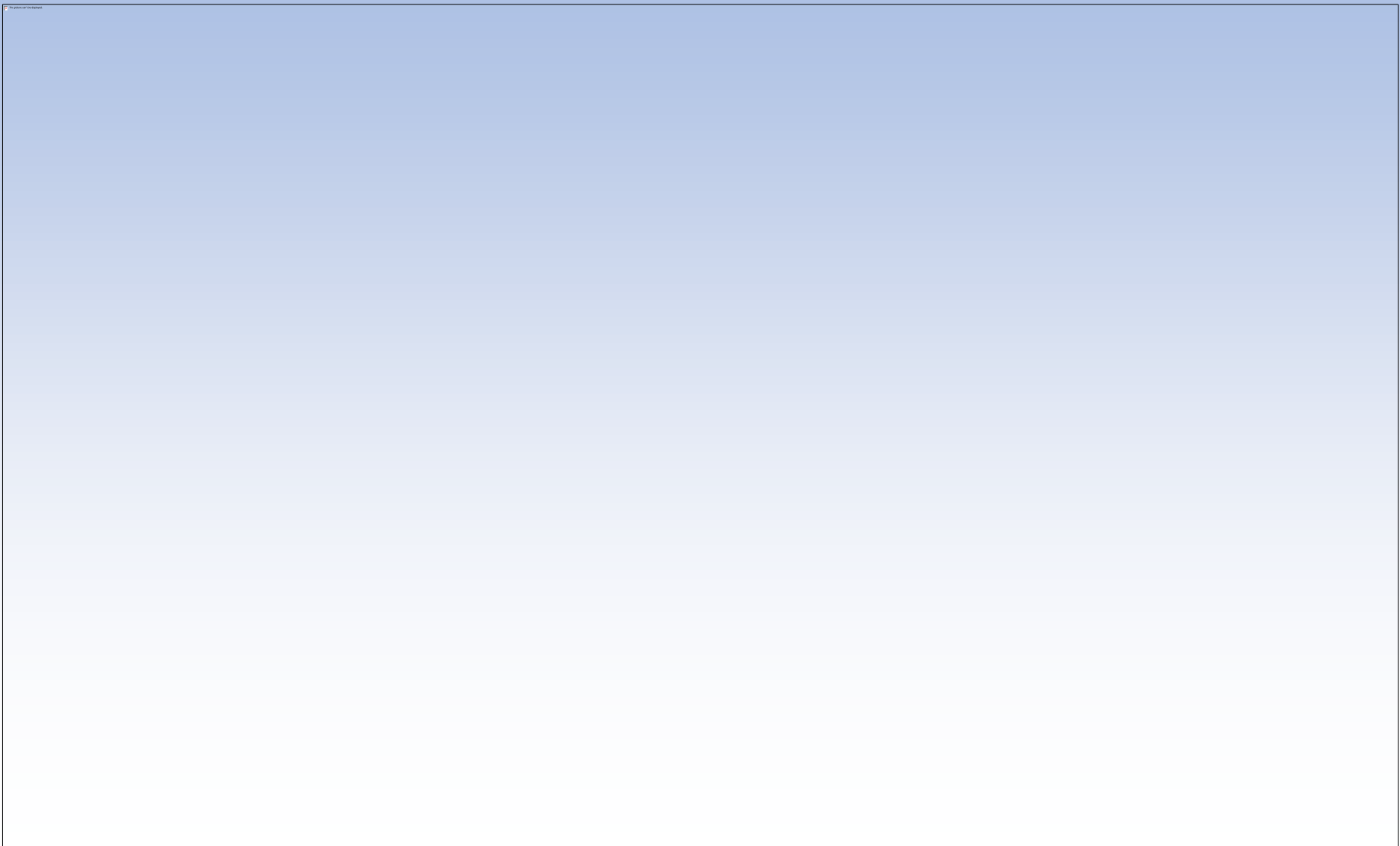
GROWTH IN REVENUE





VOLUNTEERS

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



ISSUES

- Budget, capital and recurrent.
- Management responsibilities increasing.
- Role in resolving planning issues.
- Joint management outcomes / reliant on external processes.



CURRENT GOVERNMENT PRIORITIES

Protecting old-growth forests:

New national parks (creation and development);

Walpole Wilderness;

Beneficial outcomes from expenditure planning and developing new parks.

Indigenous involvement:

Employment and social outcomes based on meaningful role in management.

Community involvement

An underpinning of direct and meaningful involvement of the community – a new “culture”.

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

Parks Policy and Services:

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



Parks and Visitor Services Division

Visitor and Regional Services:

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



Management Planning

- Acceleration in output of plans
- Draft Plans released
 - St John Brook/Jarrahwood Conservation Parks
 - Shark Bay World Heritage Strategic Plan
 - Lake McLarty Nature Reserve
 - Cape Range, Shannon and D'Entrecasteaux, Kennedy Range,
 - Wellington National Parks
 - Dryandra,
 - Walpole Wilderness,
 - Burrup
- Planning Workshop
 - Review of processes, priorities and planning tools

Policy and Legislation

- Regulations
 - Review of the CALM Regulations
 - Drafted new apiary Regulations
 - Commenced mooring Regulations
- Policy
 - Comprehensive review of Policy 18
 - Review of Entry and Camping Fees
 - Reviewed Beekeeping Policy

Tourism and Licensing

- Update of Tour Operator Handbooks
- Auditing of Safari Camps
 - Purnululu
- Lease and Licence negotiations
 - Savannah Campground, Reef Retreat, Saxon Ranger, Monkey Mia boats
- Input to Land Bank
- Adventure Tourism Taskforce
- Roadshows and Industry liaison
- Tourism Research
 - Gascoyne, Ningaloo, Kimberley Coast, Licensing

Community engagement

- Coordination of volunteers & volunteer groups
 - Training, manuals, support, acknowledgement
- Recreation groups
 - 4WD Assn, 2 Track Foundations et al
- Industry bodies
 - FACET, Outdoors WA, TCWA
- Advisory Committees
 - Internal and external
- Wide range of other community groups



Recreation planning and design

- Visitor services planning
 - Cape Range, Kennedy Ranges, Lane Poole
 - Integrated plan - Ningaloo/Cape Range
- Design work - Statewide
 - Number of sites ?
- Tracks and Trails
 - Munda Biddi stage 1 completed
- Review of Visitor Risk Management

Other

- Progress of Ningaloo World Heritage proposal
- Coordination of Ningaloo Visitor Services Plan
- Indigenous policy & programs
 - Native Title Negotiations - Ord Stage 2
 - Demonstration Park Councils
 - IHU programs + liaison
- Draft Social Research Strategy
- RATIS Redevelopment
- Training and development

Challenges

- Escalating cost of doing construction
- Impediments to land acquisition
 - Native title, DOIR/mining, LGA's in Wheatbelt
- Indigenous community pressures
 - Park councils, revenue, cultural space
 - Visitor centres v Tourist bureaus
- Public facilities/Community Consultation
- Reduced competition for tenders
- Ningaloo WHA nomination
- Access to WAN for remote staff
- Cost of road works
- Strategic Asset Management

Priorities for 2006/07

- Maintain focus on Capital Works
 - Maintain output on design and drafting services
- Management Plan releases for 2006/07
 - Draft - Dampier Archipelago, Shark Bay Terrestrial, Leeuwin Ridge Parks, Scott, Yanchep/Neerabup, Millstream-Chichester, Lane Poole Reserve, Tuart Forest
 - Finals - Cape Range, Shannon D'Entrecasteaux, Walpole Wilderness, Wellington Lake McLarty, Kennedy Range, Yanchep Neerabup, Millstream Chichester

Priorities for 2006/07

- Implementation of new Mooring Regulations
- Revenue
 - Progress fees and charges
 - Emphasis on compliance and collection
- Introduce revised CALM Regulations
- Munda Biddi Stage 2
- Updating asset values
- Substantive Equity
- Training



We thank you and wish you
many great adventures
with

