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Bookings and payment

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

To book, call Nearer to Nature on 9295 2244 (Mon to Fri, 8.30am to 4.30pm).

Payment is required at time of booking. All prices include GST. A parent or guardian must accompany all children (under 16), unless specified.

Payment options:

Payment by phone: Visa, Bankcard and MasterCard

Payment by mail: Cheques or money orders made out to the Department of Conservation and Land Management, mail address below.

Discounts:

- Nearer to Nature Discovery Club members – up to 15 per cent
 - Seniors Card Holders – 10 per cent
 - YHA Members – 10 per cent
- Only one discount can be applied.

Cancellations:

If you cancel your booking more than two working days before the activity, we will gladly refund your payment or offer a credit voucher (valid for one year). Refunds cannot be made after this time. Once confirmed, your booking is transferable – so if you can't make it, send your friends and family! Please notify us of any changes in attendance.

If we must cancel an activity, we may reschedule or offer a Nearer to Nature credit voucher or payment refund.

Tips to maximise your Nearer to Nature fun!

1. Don't forget to bring:
 - a bag for your litter;
 - drinking water and lunch or snacks if required; and
 - a sense of fun and adventure!
2. Wear clothing appropriate for your bush or beach activity:
 - weather protection gear – plan to protect yourself from the sun or rain;
 - comfortable and durable clothes; and
 - sturdy, enclosed footwear in the bush. Sandals are best for the beach.
3. Activities will begin on time – *please arrive 10 minutes early for registration.*
4. Please leave all pets at home.
5. Safety is our concern, but your responsibility. Have fun and stay safe.

Contact us:

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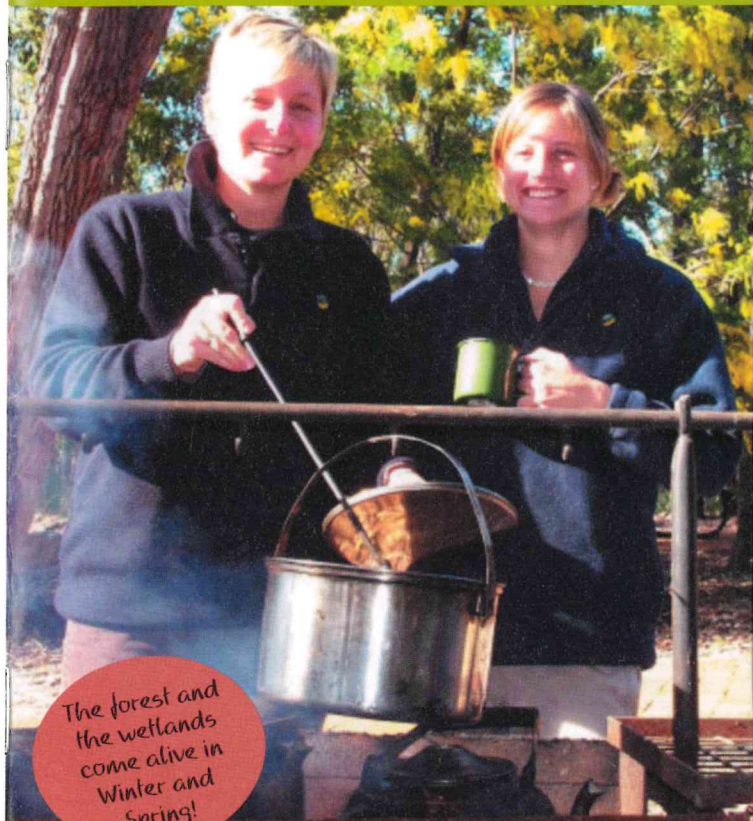


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Nearer to Nature

Winter and Spring 2006



Discover Perth's nature...
July—November 2006

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Welcome

Explore Perth's natural areas from wetlands to woodlands. Nearer to Nature provides the largest range of nature experiences in Perth.

It will be a wonderful winter and sensational spring of N2N fun, with all your favourite activities and lots of exciting new events...

Bookings – 9295 2244

Moonlight Meandering

Saturday 28 October
6pm – 9pm

At the Mundaring National Park,
Mundaring

Mark this great evening in your diary now!

- * Native animals * Guided walk * Beautiful scenery
- * Spectacular sunset from the Golden View Lookout * Wildflowers
- * Fun for everyone!

Only \$45 per person or \$40 for a Discovery Club member

Bookings – (08) 9295 2244



What is Nearer to Nature?

The Department of Conservation and Land Management's (CALM's) Nearer to Nature program provides opportunities for locals and visitors to participate in unique, engaging guided activities at a range of natural environments in and around Perth. *Above all else, it's about having fun and discovering Perth's marvellous outdoors!*

Join the Nearer to Nature Discovery Club

Join the growing membership of our Nearer to Nature Discovery Club. Membership costs \$15 per year for your entire family, or only \$10 for your first year if you join when you book an activity. Discovery Club benefits include:

- a 15 per cent discount on most activities;
- exclusive camping experiences and activities;
- a brochure mail out service; and
- a quarterly newsletter.

Group bookings

Nearer to Nature can provide a wonderful nature-based activity for your community group, family party, social club, work function or any other gathering. You might like to go exploring, develop knowledge, refresh minds, improve skills, encourage teamwork or simply enjoy yourselves. *We can do it all!* Call our programs coordinator for more information or download our group activity booklet from www.naturebase.net/nearertonature

Camping at the Perth Hills National Parks Centre

- For small or large groups (up to 35 people).
- Toilets and hot showers.
- Undercover kitchen with fridge, power points and electric BBQs.
- Outdoor picnic tables and chairs.
- All facilities have universal access.

\$8.80 per adult, \$6.60 per child (under 16), \$165 for the whole campground, per night. Bookings are essential.

Volunteering

Become part of the Nearer to Nature team! If you have a little spare time and enjoy the outdoors, there is a wide range of opportunities in assisting Nearer to Nature coordinate programs at venues all over the Perth metropolitan area. Interested? Phone our programs officer on 9295 2244 for further information.





The Perth Hills National Parks Centre

(formerly known as The Hills Forest Discovery Centre)

Activities at this venue begin at The Perth Hills National Park Centre, Allen Rd (off Mundaring Weir Rd), Mundaring.

Day	Date	No	Activity	Time
Mon	10-Jul	16	Secrets of the Underworld	10am – 12noon
Mon	10-Jul	17	Drip Drop Rain Drops	1pm – 3pm
Mon	10-Jul	13	Frog Forage	4pm – 6pm
Fri	14-Jul	18	Creature Feature	10am – 12noon
Fri	14-Jul	20	Through Nyoongar Eyes	10am – 12noon
Fri	14-Jul	13	Frog Forage	4pm – 6pm
Sun	16-Jul	5	Meet the Marsupials	11am – 12noon
Sun	16-Jul	12	Raptor Rescue	1pm – 2pm
Fri	28-Jul	7	Nightshift	7pm – 9pm
Sun	30-Jul	4	Feral Flora	10am – 11.30am
Sun	30-Jul	3	Paten Brook Trail Trek	10am – 2pm
Sun	6-Aug	2	Mundaring Weir History Walk	1pm – 3pm
Sat	12-Aug	7	Nightshift	7pm – 9pm
Sun	13-Aug	9	Nyoongar Knowhow	1pm – 4pm

Beeliar Regional Park

All activities (except activity 14) begin at the Cockburn Wetlands Education Centre, Hope Rd, Bibra Lake. Activity 14 (Polywogs in Pools) begins at the car park on Progress Drive, Bibra Lake. These activities are supported by the City of Cockburn.

Day	Date	No	Activity	Time
Thu	13-Jul	14	Polywogs in Pools	10am – 12noon
Thu	13-Jul	17	Drip Drop Rain Drops	1pm – 3pm
Wed	19-Jul	18	Creature Feature	10am – 12noon
Wed	19-Jul	19	Coolangar Dreaming	1pm – 3pm
Fri	21-Jul	18	Creature Feature	10am – 12noon
Fri	21-Jul	19	Coolangar Dreaming	1pm – 3pm

John Forrest National Park

Activities at this venue begin at the Margaret Forrest Centre in John Forrest National Park. Look for the Nearer to Nature signs near the rangers' office. To enter the park, turn into Park Rd (off Great Eastern Highway, opposite Hardey Rd), Hovea.

Day	Date	No	Activity	Time
Sun	23-Jul	6	Wild Wonders	1pm – 3pm
Sun	6 Aug	6	Wild Wonders	10am – 12noon
Sun	13-Aug	11	Funky Fungi	10am – 12noon

Star Swamp



Activities at this venue begin at the Henderson Environmental Centre, at the end of Groat St (off North Beach Rd), North Beach. These activities are supported by the City of Stirling.

Day	Date	No	Activity	Time
Tue	18-Jul	14	Polywogs in Pools	10am-12noon
Tue	18-Jul	16	Secrets of the Underworld	1pm – 3pm
Tue	18-Jul	13	Frog Forage	4pm – 6pm
Sun	13-Aug	12	Raptor Rescue	1pm – 2pm

Herdsmen Lake Regional Park



Activities at this venue begin at the Herdsmen Lake Wildlife Centre, cnr Selby and Flynn St, Wembley.

Day	Date	No	Activity	Time
Wed	12-Jul	14	Polywogs in Pools	10am – 12noon
Wed	12-Jul	18	Creature Feature	1pm – 3pm
Wed	12-Jul	13	Frog Forage	4pm – 6pm
Wed	19-Jul	17	Drip Drop Rain Drops	10am – 12noon
Wed	19-Jul	13	Frog Forage	4pm – 6pm



Frog Forage

Karakamia Sanctuary

Activities at this venue begin at the Karakamia Visitors Centre. Karakamia sanctuary is located 4.25 km down Lilydale Rd from Chidlow. Look for the Nearer to Nature sign.

Day	Date	No	Activity	Time
Sat	15-Jul	8	Karakamia Nights	5pm – 7pm

Yellagonga Regional Park

Activities at this venue begin at Neil Hawkins Park, Boas Ave, Joondalup. Look for the Nearer to Nature signs.

Day	Date	No	Activity	Time
Tue	11-Jul	14	Polywogs in Pools	10am – 12noon
Tue	11-Jul	19	Coolangar Dreaming	1pm – 3pm



Wildflower Wonders

The Perth Hills National Parks Centre

(formerly known as The Hills Forest Discovery Centre)

Activities at this venue begin at The Perth Hills National Parks Centre, Allen Rd (off Mundaring Weir Rd), Mundaring.

Day	Date	No	Activity	Time
Sat	30-Sept	10	Stars and Stories	7pm – 10pm
Thu	5-Oct	18	Creature Feature	10am – 12noon
Thu	5-Oct	20	Through Nyoongar Eyes	10am – 12noon
Thu	5-Oct	19	Coolangar Dreaming	1pm – 3pm
Thu	5-Oct	16	Secrets of the Underworld	1pm – 3pm
Sun	8-Oct	3	Patens Brook Trail Trek	10am – 2pm
Sun	8-Oct	5	Meet The Marsupials	2pm – 3pm
Tue	10-Oct	16	Secrets of the Underworld	10am – 12noon
Tue	10-Oct	15	Ranger for a Day	10am – 3pm
Tue	10-Oct	13	Frog Forage	4pm – 6pm
Fri	13-Oct	16	Secrets of the Underworld	1pm – 3pm
Fri	13-Oct	13	Frog Forage	4pm – 6pm
Fri	13-Oct	7	Nightshift	7pm – 9pm
Sun	15-Oct	12	Raptor Rescue	11am – 12noon
Sun	15-Oct	6	Wild Wonders	1pm – 3pm
Sun	22-Oct	4	Feral Flora	1pm – 2.30pm
Sat	28-Oct	1	Moonlight Meandering	6pm – 9pm
Sun	5-Nov	11	Funky Fungi	1pm – 3pm
Sun	5-Nov	2	Mundaring Weir History Walk	10am – 12noon



Coolangar Dreaming

John Forrest National Park

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Day	Date	No	Activity	Time
Sat	14-Oct	7	Nightshift	7pm - 9pm
Sun	29-Oct	6	Wild Wonders	10am - 12noon

* Activity charges at this venue include entry fee into John Forrest National Park. Any people accompanying Nearer to Nature activity participants, including parents, will be required to pay a \$1 national park entry fee.

Star Swamp

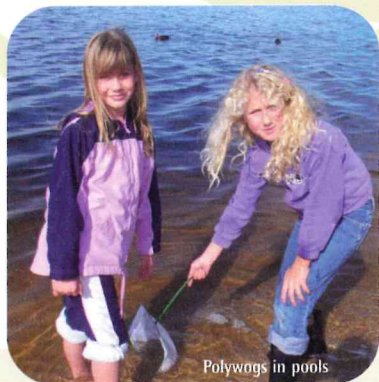
Activities at this venue begin at the Henderson Environmental Centre, at the end of Groat St (off North Beach Rd), North Beach. These activities are supported by the City of Stirling.

Day	Date	No	Activity	Time
Fri	6-Oct	20	Through Nyoongar Eyes	10am - 12noon
Fri	6-Oct	16	Secrets of the Underworld	1pm - 3pm
Sun	22-Oct	12	Raptor Rescue	1pm - 2pm

Herdman Lake Regional Park

Activities at this venue begin at the Herdman Lake Wildlife Centre, cnr Selby and Flynn St, Wembley.

Day	Date	No	Activity	Time
Tue	3-Oct	19	Coolangar Dreaming	10am - 12noon
Tue	3-Oct	13	Frog Forage	4pm - 6pm
Tue	3-Oct	14	Polywogs in Pools	1pm - 3pm



Polywogs in pools

Beeliar Regional Park

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Day	Date	No	Activity	Time
Wed	4-Oct	14	Polywogs in Pools	10am - 12noon
Wed	4-Oct	19	Coolangar Dreaming	1pm - 3pm
Wed	11-Oct	18	Creature Feature	10am - 12noon
Wed	11-Oct	20	Through Nyoongar Eyes	1pm - 3pm
Sun	15-Oct	9	Nyoongar Knowhow	1pm - 4pm

Karakamia Sanctuary

Activities at this venue begin at the Karakamia Visitors Centre. Karakamia sanctuary is located 4.25 km down Lilydale Rd from Chidlow. Look for the Nearer to Nature sign.

Day	Date	No	Activity	Time
Sat	7-Oct	8	Karakamia Night	5.45pm - 7.45pm

Yellagonga Regional Park

Activities at this venue begin at Neil Hawkins Park, Boas Ave, Joondalup. Look for the Nearer to Nature signs.

Day	Date	No	Activity	Time
Thu	12-Oct	19	Coolangar Dreaming	10am - 12noon
Thu	12-Oct	14	Polywogs in Pools	1pm - 3pm
Thu	12-Oct	13	Frog Forage	4pm - 6pm



Creature Feature

National, regional and marine parks



The Perth Hills National Parks Centre

Scheduled to open in September 2006, the Perth Hills National Parks Forest Discovery Centre (formerly the Hills Forest Discovery Centre) will be a focal point for Perth Hills. The centre will be open seven days a week and will help you to discover some of the remarkable features that Perth's eight regional parks and 10 national parks have to offer (see map).

At South Ledge, the Golden View Lookout provides an amazing panorama of Lake CY O'Connor and interpretive signage gives an insight into the history and workings of the Mundaring Weir.

Visit WA's first national park, John Forrest, and take a walk along the heritage railway line to the wonderful winter cascades of the Hovea area. Marvel at the endeavours of our early pioneers in the construction of the Swan View railway tunnel.

At Herdsman Lake Regional Park, a boardwalk and interpretive signage will help you explore the wetland ecosystem.

For more information on The Perth Hills National Parks Centre please call (08) 9295 2244.

For more information on regional parks please call (08) 9431 6500.

* Park names may change after public consultation.

Healthy Parks, Healthy People

We all know how much better we feel in body and mind after exploring one of the many parks in and around Perth. The tranquillity and beauty of natural areas reduces stress and uplifts the spirit, and the landscapes offer opportunities for participating in healthy physical activity. Healthy Parks, Healthy People is an initiative that recognises the important role natural areas play in the health of the community. For more information on Healthy Parks, Healthy People, please send an email to hphp@calm.wa.gov.au or call 9431 6500.

Healthy Parks
Healthy People

ACT-BELONG-COMMIT

The Mentally Healthy WA project aims to improve the mental health of individuals and communities by promoting the ABC guidelines for positive mental health, Act-Belong-Commit. That is, 'be active' in as many ways as you can, 'belong' to community groups, and 'commit' to the activities you engage in. Nearer to Nature activities are a great way to start on your ABC. For more information on this project, call Act-Belong-Commit Project Officer Amberlee Laws 9690 1674 or go online to www.mentallyhealthywa.org.au



Activity Legend

Season:

W – Activity run during winter

S – Activity run during spring

Locations:

- BRP** – Beeliar Regional Park, Bibra Lake
HLRP – Herdsman Lake Regional Park, Wembley
JFNP – John Forrest National Park, Hovea
MNP – Mundaring National Park
KS – Karakamia Sanctuary, Chidlow
PHNPC – The Perth Hills National Parks Centre, Mundaring
SS – Star Swamp, North Beach
YRP – Yellagonga Regional Park, Joondalup

Symbols:

-  – Camera
 – Wheelchair accessible
 – Torch
 – Snacks
 – Water
 – Hat
 – Wellies

Outdoors for Adults

Enjoy the serenity and beauty of nature as you experience the outdoors in these special 'only adults' activities.

1 Moonlight Meandering **S**

Experience a wonderful evening in the forest. Enjoy a guided walk through Mundaring National Park before you come face-to-face with native forest animals. Afterwards, take in the sunset from Golden View Lookout while savouring a gourmet hamper supper. All you need to provide are your walking shoes and drinks.

Cost: \$45 pp or \$40DC

Time: 3 hours

Age: 18 +

Location: MNP



2 Mundaring Weir History Walk **W S** new!

Explore the trails surrounding Lake CY O'Connor while you learn about the history of the weir from a local historian. Enjoy fabulous views over the weir from seldom visited vantage points and hear many amazing stories about the construction of this Western Australian icon of engineering.

Cost: \$10 pp or \$8.50DC

Time: 2 hours

Age: 16 +

Locations: PHNPC (HFDC)



3 The Patens Brook Trail Trek **W S** new!

Explore our newest mid distance walk trail with an interpretive guide. This walk trail traverses some seldom-visited areas and explores a number of different landscapes and vegetation types. This is a 9 km walk and is appropriate for those with a moderate level of fitness.

Cost: \$15 pp or \$12.50DC

Time: 4 hours

Age: 16 +

Locations: PHNPC (HFDC)



Patens Brook Trail Trek

Something for Everyone

The following activities are fun and interesting for people of all ages. A paying adult must accompany children under 16.

4 Feral Flora

W S

The word Feral conjures up images of foxes, rabbits and cats. However introduced weeds and plants are just as big a threat to our delicate ecosystems. Join this informative talk and walk which will give you the skills to identify feral flora and let you know what is being done to protect our environment from these damaging invaders!!

Cost: Free

Time: 1.5 hours

Age: 9+

Locations: PHNPC (HFDC)



5 Meet the Marsupials

W S

Australia's marsupials are unique in the world of mammals. Meet native animals and discover the features that make them perfectly suited to life on this continent. Understanding how our fauna have evolved over millions of years will help you realise how special they are.

Cost: \$10 pp or \$8.50DC

Time: 1 hour

Age: 6+

Locations: PHNPC (HFDC)



6 Wildflower Wonders ^{new!}

W S

Discover the wonderful wildflowers of the Perth Hills. Join our guide to explore forest trails and enjoy the colourful display that nature provides. Then get creative and design your own terracotta pot, plant your native seedling, take it home and watch it grow.

Cost: \$12 pp or \$10DC

Time: 2 hours

Age: 9+

Locations: PHNPC (HFDC), JFNP



7 Nightshift

W S

Bring a torch and spotlight some of the mysteries of the forest. This activity will tune you in to the forest's nightlife and bring you face to face with our native fauna.

Cost: \$15 pp or \$13DC

Time: 2 hours

Age: 9+

Locations: PHNPC (HFDC), JFNP



8 Karakamia Nights

W S

Join us for walk in Karakamia Sanctuary, an area of bush managed by the Australian Wildlife Conservancy. As you walk, view the many native mammals that are thriving in this protected area and learn about the conservation of these species.

Cost: \$15 pp or \$13DC

Time: 2 hours

Age: 9+

Locations: KS



9 Nyoongar Knowhow

W S

Join Nyoongar Guides for an experience in the customs and language of this Indigenous group of people from the south-west of WA. Make Nyoongar tools, learn about significant sites in Perth and South-West WA, and hear stories of the past and how they link to the present.

Cost: \$15 pp or \$13DC

Time: 3 hours

Age: 9+

Locations: PHNPC (HFDC), BRP



10 Stars and Stories

S

Join us for a fabulous evening's entertainment with local astronomers and Nyoongar guides. You will hear various myths and legends about stars and the night sky from a western and traditional perspective. Finish the evening with billy tea and damper. Yum!

Cost: \$20 pp or \$17DC

Time: 3 hours

Age: 12+

Locations: PHNPC (HFDC)



11 Funky Fungi ^{new!}

W S

What's that orange thing growing from the side of the log? It's probably one of the many fungi that thrive in our forests. Join us for a discovery walk to search and identify different types of fungi. Use your own creative skills to make your own fungi design.

Cost: \$12 pp or \$10DC

Time: 2 hours

Age: 12+

Locations: PHNPC (HFDC), JFNP



Funky Fungus

12 Raptor Rescue



WA has a number of birds of prey ranging from small kites through to the massive wedge-tailed eagles. Encounter some of these amazing species up close and learn about the threats they face.

Cost: \$10 pp or \$8.50DC Time: 1.5 hours



Age: 9+

Locations: PHNPC (HFDC), SS



Raptor Rescue

Captivate the Kids

This series of activities is specially designed to intrigue and inspire children of varying ages. Unless stated, parents must stay on site to supervise their children's safety and contribute to their enjoyment!

13 Frog Forage



The search is on! Pop on your wellies and let's find those fantastic forest frogs. Throughout the walk our local "frogger" will guide you through common frog calls and inspire you to entice these incredible creatures into your own garden.

Cost: \$15 pp or \$13DC Time: 2 hours



Age: 6 - 12

Locations: PHNPC (HFDC), HLRP,
SS, YRP

14 Polywogs in Pools



Join us on a search for nature's funky swamp dwellers. With scoop net and trays, you'll discover amazing invertebrates and learn about their incredible features before returning them to their wetland homes.

Cost: \$10 pp or \$8.50DC Time: 2 hours



Age: 6 - 12

Locations: HLRP, SS, YRP, BRP

15 Ranger for a Day



Join a national park ranger for a big day of forest fun. Talk on the two way, go on patrol in the ranger's vehicle, learn how to spot a bushfire and much more! Bring a hearty lunch, snacks, heaps of water; wear tough cloths, sturdy shoes and a hat. Parents drop off your kids for this activity.

Cost: \$22 pp or \$20DC

Time: 3 hours



Age: 9 - 12

Locations: PHNPC (HFDC)

16 Secrets of the Underworld new!



The forest is full of insects that do an amazing amount of work to keep the forest healthy. Have a hands on experience going bush and discovering the signs of what, where and how this world exists. Then get crafty, spin your own web and much more...

Cost: \$10 pp or \$8.50DC

Time: 2 hours



Age: 6 - 12

Locations: PHNPC (HFDC), SS

17 Drip Drop Rain Drops



What happens to a rain drop after it hits the ground? Does it disappear? Where does it hide? Come and find out all about rain and rain drops, how important they are and how you can help to keep our water clean and healthy for animals, plants and us.

Cost: \$10 pp or \$8.50DC

Time: 2 hours



Age: 3 - 6

Locations: PHNPC (HFDC), HLRP,
BRP

18 Creature Feature



Learn all about our native animals in this hands on activity. Hear stories of how they survive in the harsh Australian bush. Hold an animal and then get creative with a brush as you paint pictures of your favourite animals to take home.

Cost: \$15 pp or \$13DC

Time: 2 hours



Age: 3 - 6

Locations: PHNPC (HFDC), BRP,
HLRP



Creature Feature

19 Coolangar Dreaming W S

Gather up the coolangars (children) and join us for a morning of fun exploring Nyoongar culture. Our Nyoongar guide will get all the coolangars singing and dancing like a willy wagtail, decorate their faces in traditional style and then make something special to take home.

Cost: \$15 pp or \$13DC

Time: 2 hours



Age: 3 - 6

Locations: PHNPC (HFDC), YRP,
HLRP, BRP



Coolangar Dreaming

20 Through Nyoongar Eyes W S

Join this Nyoongar experience for older children where participants explore the forest with a Nyoongar guide learning all about bushtucker, useful plants and tool making. Try your hand at fire lighting if the conditions permit.

Cost: \$15 pp or \$13DC

Time: 2 hours



Age: 9 - 12

Locations: PHNPC (HFDC), SS, BRP