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The latest news from your friendly *Nearer to Nature* team.

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Hi Nicole Wreford

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**Wanju (welcome)**

Sept 2025

Welcome

to our Spring school holiday edition of Nearer to Nature Perth News

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**[2026 Secondary Schools Bookings Now Open](#)**

We're pleased to announce that bookings for 2026 are now open.

Follow the link to book your 2026 N2N experience. [👉 Parks and Wildlife Service WA Reservations](#)

You might see that we have changed a few things. This is due to feedback from teachers and students.

We also have some exciting new Ed Support programs to choose from. If you have any questions, please contact our bookings officer at [n2n@dbca.wa.gov.au](mailto:n2n@dbca.wa.gov.au)

Thank you for your continued support—we're here to ensure the best possible experience for your students.



# Spring School Holidays

The spring school holidays are just around the corner. Join Nearer to Nature and friends for an action-packed program. From canoeing and discovering wildlife by water to exploring the beautiful Perth Hills, there's something for everyone. Explore a world of pollinators, use your senses, meet scientists, become a wildlife ranger, and engage in lots of STEM activities. Come and discover the wonders of nature these school holidays.

To keep updated on our community programs you can find more info and book here: <https://exploreparcs.dbca.wa.gov.au/get-inspired/nearer-nature-activities-community>



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## PERTH

### SPRING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2025

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**Wildlife By Water - Canoe on the Canning**

Ages: 12-17yrs

When: 9-11am

Wednesday 1 October

Where: Canning River eco Education Centre Wilson





**Walking Wild**

Ages: 12-17yrs

When: 9-12pm

Thursday 2 October

Where: Perth Hills

Discovery Centre Mundaring





**Egg-cellent Adventure**

Ages: 4-7yrs

When: 2-3.30pm

Thursday 2 October

Where: Perth Hills

Discovery Centre Mundaring




**Native Bees and Pollinators Meet the Scientist**

Ages: 6-12yrs

When: 12-2pm

Monday 6 October

Where: City of Melville Eco Hub Piney Lakes





**Mandoon Bilya BioBlitz River Festival**

Ages: All ages

When: 10am-3pm

Saturday 18 October

Where: Mundaring Sculpture Park Mundaring




**AExplore STEM - Enviro Engineers for girls**

Ages: 11-14yrs

When: 9am-3pm

Monday 6, Tuesday 7, Wednesday 8 October

Where: Canning River Eco Education Centre





**Forest Friends**

Ages: 3-5yrs

When: 9.30-11am

Wednesday 8 October

Where: Perth Hills

Discovery Centre Mundaring




**Sense-ational Trail**

Ages: 6-12yrs

When: 2-3.30pm

Wednesday 8 October

Where: Perth Hills

Discovery Centre Mundaring




**Junior Wildlife Ranger**

Ages: 4-8yrs

When: 2-3.30pm

Wednesday 8 October

Where: Perth Hills

Discovery Centre Mundaring




## TOP ACTIVITY PICKS



# WALKING WILD HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

Get out and get wild this spring! Join Nearer to Nature, the Shire of Mundaring and the Bibbulmun Track Foundation in the Beelu National Park as we trek the Bibbulmun track during this FREE workshop.

*Learn from experts on what to pack for a hike, how to adventure smart and have a go at pitching your own tent!*



Ages 12-17 years



Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October  
9am - 12pm



Perth Hills Discovery Centre  
380 Allan Road, Mundaring

Find out more and register here!



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'Walking Wild' activity link: <https://bit.ly/42pNYG6>



## Native Bees and Pollinator Exploration

**Book:** <https://bit.ly/41IQ3Nk>

**Where:** City of Melville Eco Hub, Piney Lakes

**When:** Monday 6 October

**Time:** 12-2pm

**Ages:** 6-12yrs

**Cost:** FREE Supported by the City of Melville Eco Hub

**Please note bookings for this activity open a week before the activity is scheduled.**

This spring join Nearer to Nature and native bee expert Kit Prendergast at the City of Melville Eco Hub at Piney Lakes to uncover the secret lives of our pollinators! Learn about our native bees including a special ground nesting bee and create habitat to attract them to your garden. Then we will head out to the bush to spot different pollinators in action, among the wildflowers. Dress up as your favourite pollinator for a chance to win a prize. Let's make spring buzz with science, fun and discovery.



## Forest Friends

**Book:** <https://bit.ly/46j3kh3>

**Where:** Perth Hills Discovery Centre, Mundaring

**When:** Wednesday 8 October

**Time:** 12-2pm

**Ages:** 3-5yrs

**Cost:** \$25

Bring your little ones to the Perth Hills Discovery Centre in the beautiful Beelu National Park to discover the wonders of the Jarrah Forest! learn about our local wildlife - how they live, grow and care for their young. Enjoy an up-close animal encounter and create a clay craft animal to take home.



## Wildlife By Water - Canoe on the Canning

**Book:** <https://bit.ly/4gepyVL>

**Where:** Perth Hills Discovery Centre, Mundaring

**When:** Wednesday 8 October

**Time:** 12-2pm

**Ages:** 12-17yrs

**Cost:** \$35

Make a splash these school holidays and get nearer to nature in a canoe adventure on the Canning River! Glide across the water, discover amazing wildlife, and put your strength, balance, and agility to the test - all while having loads of fun! This is a DROP OFF activity suitable for ages 12-17yrs. Supported by the Canning River Eco Education Centre, City of Canning.



## Explore STEM - Enviro Engineers

**Book:** <https://bit.ly/4naftLR>

**Where:** Canning River Eco Education Centre, Wilson

**When:** Monday 6, Tuesday 7 Wednesday 8 October

**Time:** 9am-3pm

**Ages:** 11-14yrs (Girls in years 6-8)

**Cost:** \$150

**Explore STEM - Enviro Engineers** is an exciting new holiday program for girls in Years 6-8 who want to discover the creative and innovative world of science and technology

During the three-day program, students will:

- Learn how to increase local biodiversity
- Conduct environmental sampling for processing at Curtin University labs
- Design a home or school native garden
- Connect with likeminded peers and STEM role models
- Be supported to develop skills and passion in environmental science

**Mandoon Bilya BioBlitz and River Festival, Mundaring -  
October 18th**

Bibbul Ngarma Aboriginal Association (BNAA) is hosting a free community festival on Saturday 18 October at Mundaring Sculpture Park and everyone is invited!

The festival is part of BNAA's BoorYul-Bah-Bilya program, or BBB, which is all about restoring ecosystems, reinvigorating cultural heritage, and reconnecting communities with rivers.

They'll be live performances, guest speakers, family activities, giveaways, face painting, community stalls, delicious food trucks and some special guests.

Learn about local projects to care for country and how to get involved with conservation and citizen science.

Mundaring Garden & Farmers Market will be right next door and Mundaring Hills Open Studios opens that day, so it's going to be a great day up in the hills.

You can also contribute data to the BioBlitz by:

- Visiting local parks along the lower Mandoon Bilya (Helena River) between 13-19 October.
- Taking photos of plants, animals and fungi.
- Sharing your findings on iNaturalist and social media.

Join the iNaturalist project at: <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/mandoon-bilya-bioblitz-festival-2025>

Learn more at [www.bibbul.org](http://www.bibbul.org)

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BIBBUL NGARMA ABORIGINAL ASSOCIATION INC.

www.bibbul.org

# MANDOON BILYA BIOBLITZ FESTIVAL

Brought to you by Bibbul Ngarma Aboriginal Association

**SATURDAY 18 OCTOBER 2025**  
Mundaring Sculpture Park  
10am - 3pm

**BoorYul-Bah-Bilya: restoring ecosystems, reinvigorating culture, reconnecting with rivers**

**Guest Speakers**  
**Face Painting**

**Family Activities**  
**Food Trucks**

**Live Performances**  
**Community Stalls**

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## Eco Action Expo, Piney Lakes - 2nd November

Come visit Nearer to Nature at the Eco action Expo for a fun, family-friendly day out, learning ways you can care for our planet.

We've all heard that the planet is in trouble - climate change, extinction events, increasing natural disasters, floating piles of plastic...it can be really overwhelming and hard to know what or if there is anything we can do.

This expo will celebrate and promote the action being taken locally and show the ways that we can make a difference in our own homes and everyday lives. There is a tendency to talk about "taking action for the future" but in reality, we need to take action now.

If you are passionate about wildlife, love gardening, are interested in house design or renovations, are looking for ways to connect to your local community, want to empower your kids, or any combination of the above, we'd love to see you

there!

<https://bit.ly/46jFYHV>



## Zippy's Bush Kindy Term



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Join Zippy the Dragonfly on an early learning adventure at the Perth Hills Discovery Centre. The program has one hour session per week over an 8-week term, this interactive program will ignite your child's curiosity and strengthen their connection to nature.

Each term provides new experiences that nurture children's confidence to explore, question and make discoveries. The program is also designed to reflect different themes, the changing seasons, and introduce new skills through nature

play activities. Watch your child bloom as they learn at their own pace and grow in confidence and knowledge, with time to play, create, share stories and care for the natural world.

Based on the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF), Zippy's Bush Kindy has a strong emphasis on play-based learning, recognised as the best method for young children's learning. This program is suitable for children aged 3 - 5years old.

Term 4 - 'I am a bushland superhero'

**Tuesdays October 21st - 9th December 2025**

Bookings for term 4 available [here](#)

Brought to you by Kings Park and Botanic Garden and DBCA Parks and Wildlife. Supported by Rio Tinto.

For more information about Zippy's Bush Kindy please visit the website [here](#).



## Perth Hills Discovery Centre Events



Last week the [Umbrella Multicultural Community Care Group](#) visited the Perth Hills Discovery Centre for morning tea and to meet some of our local wildlife as part of our new community Forest Discovery Day. Activities included forest immersion and nature activities in our Kaarak Pavilion with a cuppa and a biscuit. They also enjoyed an animal encounter with a wildlife expert.

Delighted by our facilities and the warm welcome, they are planning to return for a BBQ lunch which will be cooked up in our Kaarda camp kitchen.

If you would like to experience the beauty of the Beelu National Park, book one of our facilities or join a community or school program, please contact [n2n@dbca.wa.gov.au](mailto:n2n@dbca.wa.gov.au)

## Campground Hosting at PHDC



Nearer to Nature staff Michelle (Left) and Emma (right), with camphost Mark (center)

We said goodbye to one of our camp hosts last week. We really appreciate our camp hosts as they provide so much support for our staff and our center.

Volunteering as a Campground Host is a great way to explore the beauty and diversity of Western Australia's national and marine parks while helping others to also enjoy spending time in nature. The program is perfect for self-reliant experienced campers, who enjoy meeting people and love being outdoors. It is not suitable for pet owners as most campsites are located in national parks.

[The Perth Hills Discovery Centre](#) is located in the Jarrah forest in the Beelu National Park in Mundaring. Our small campground (12 tent campsites only) is close to the Mundaring Weir and is open for public camping

Friday to Sunday nights and during the Western Australia public school holidays.

We are looking for some new camp hosts to fill some gaps in our calendar over October, November and until mid December 2025, and during other times of next year in 2026. You must have a [Working with Children Check](#) and experience engaging with children and families to apply.

The Perth Hills Discovery Centre is also an environmental education facility where school and community groups visit regularly and camp during the week. Many families use the campground as a practice camping space to trial the experience before they head out into more wild places. We also have hot showers and a laundry.

Please express your interest by contacting [n2n@dbca.wa.gov.au](mailto:n2n@dbca.wa.gov.au)



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