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WA's Threatened Species – the Carnaby's Black Cockatoo is making a comeback thanks to artificial nesting

Welcome to the 18th issue of *WA Parks Foundation News*, where you can find updates from the WA Parks Foundation as we celebrate Our WA Parks and work to increase community appreciation and involvement in the conservation of our incredible national parks and conservation reserves.

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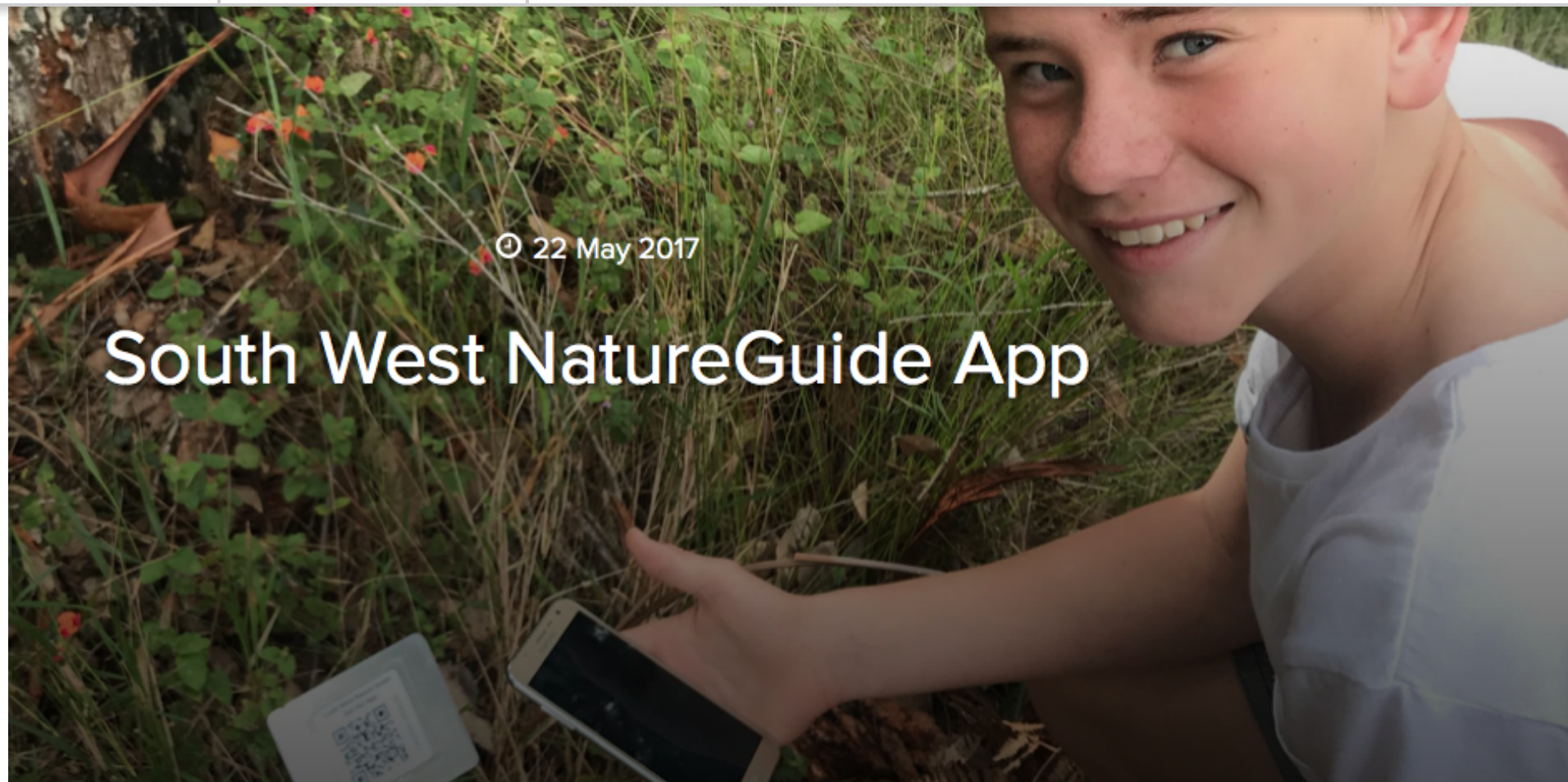
Friday 17 November was Deloitte Impact Day. Thirty-three employees volunteered for weed removal in Serpentine National Park and seven volunteers helped in the main picnic area in John Forrest National Park.

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The South West NatureGuide App uses technology to help people build a deeper connection to the natural world. This awesome App enables visitors to learn about the plants, animals, geology and history as they explore a tagged trail. [Read More ...](#)

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MEET FALKLAND ISLANDS AMBASSADOR TIM WINTON



Tim Winton is Australia's most celebrated writer. His work has been translated into 28 languages. Long active in the environmental movement, he is the patron of the

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parks the nation now enjoys.

Why do I love WA Parks?

The natural world is vital to our physical and mental wellbeing. National Parks, therefore, are not a luxury. Native landscapes and ecosystems need respite and relief and so do we. Our natural heritage is something to celebrate and honour, study and protect, and National Parks provide crucial opportunities in all these endeavours, on land and in our seas.

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the goal of connecting people to parks.

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Walpole-Nornalup National Park was the setting for a very special event. As part of

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setting of Valley of the Giants on Saturday 25 November. Guests of this free concert enjoyed a picnic with friends and relaxed under the stars as they were serenaded with the magical sounds of opera.

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Feature National Park: Stokes National Park

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Featuring one of the picturesque estuaries along WA's southern coast, Stokes

backed by sand dunes. Dense bush and shady paperbark trees fringe the water's edge. Stokes Inlet is the largest of a number of estuaries around Esperance, and the only one with reasonably deep water.

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Feature urban park: Canning River Regional Park



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Experience the tranquillity of the Canning River Regional Park, an oasis of calm in the middle of urban Perth. Tucked away in Perth's southern suburbs, this regional park, with a river running through it, provides an important habitat for a range of waterbirds and offers people an escape from the stresses of city life. It is especially peaceful and quiet when explored from a kayak on the river.

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Video: Saving WA's Threatened Species – the Carnaby's Black Cockatoos



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Approaching 50 years, Dr. Denis Saunders has dedicated his life's work to Australian Threatened Species - the Carnaby's Black Cockatoo. WA Parks Foundation volunteers had the pleasure of spending a day with Dr. Saunders, as well as Rick Dawson PSM, and Karen Smith from the Parks & Wildlife Service, and the research team from Murdoch University Carnaby's Cockatoo Project (Dr. Jill Shepard, Kris Warren, Jo Burston and PHD student Karen Riley) observing their work of repairing and creating artificial nesting hollows, tagging chicks and installing trackers on fledglings to gather vital data on their movement behaviour.

In a world first, researchers at Murdoch University have teamed up with industry to track endangered Carnaby's cockatoos in the southwest of Western Australia, using

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Watch the video [here](#).

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