

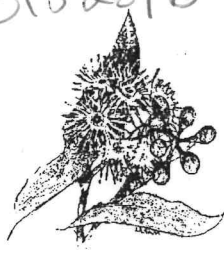
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# Spring 1997 Activity Guide

## Wild About Wildflowers

### What a Difference!

Yanchep's wildflower gardens are at their best during spring. Numerous species of banksia, featherflower, kangaroo paw and hakea can be seen among other plants.

The wildflower gardens were created by sustenance workers in the 1930's. In the early 1970's, the gardens were further developed to enable Yanchep's visitors to experience the range and beauty of the wildflowers of the State's national parks. Rangers were sent out to many national parks to collect representative soils and plants. In 1988 the northern suburbs branch of the Wildflower Society of WA became involved with the park and the wildflower gardens.

Get off the beaten track, explore the Swan Coastal Plain and discover some of Western Australia's stunning wildflowers. Look out for the Candle, Bull and Firewood Banksia, kangaroo paws and catspaws Donkey and Cowslip orchids and the Yanchep Rose, to name a few.

One of the best places in Yanchep National Park to see the Yanchep Rose (*Diplolaena angustifolia*) is on the northern side of the car park near Crystal Cave, and the best time, September.

**Get Wild about Wildflowers at Yanchep National Park.**



**YANCHEP ROSE**  
(*Diplolaena angustifolia*)

### Historical Yanchep Inn Back In Business

Yanchep Inn has reopened to the public after major upgrade.

CALM undertook a \$300,000 improvement program under a conservation plan for the historic inn endorsed by the Heritage Council of WA. The work included improvements to the bar areas, extensive electrical upgrading, water proofing the building and a completely renovated kitchen area. The exterior of the building also was repainted.

Environment Minister Cheryl Edwardes attended an afternoon tea to celebrate the opening of this historical inn.

Mrs Edwardes said the inn, a particularly popular spot in the park would provide a full food and bar service.

Motel units also had been upgraded to provide accommodation.

The upgrading of the inn is part of an overall program to improve the recreation facilities for the enjoyment of all visitors.

The Yanchep Inn is open 7 days a week. For further information about facilities at the Yanchep Inn, contact the manager on 9561 1004.

One of the major projects completed this year was the design and construction of BBQs at the Lakeview picnic site. Located on the fringes of the picnic areas, they do not intrude on visitors using the lawns for other activities.

The Wild Flower Gardens have been extended and planted with over 1000 wildflowers by enthusiastic volunteers and members of 'Ecojobs', 'Greenskills and 'Men of the Trees'. The gardens now look botanicesque, with sweeping green, lush lawns and a huge variety of plants, healthy and growing well! Hard to believe that this area was a car-park not long ago!

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In accordance with the development plan, the first stage of the Lake Walk (a wide pathway from Lakeview car-park, along McNess Promenade to the Yanchep Inn), has been constructed.

*A few big and not-so-big steps toward the vision that is Yanchep National Park.*

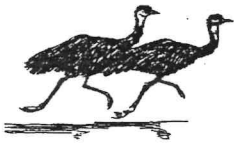
# Coastal Plains Walk Trail

Walkers of the Perth metropolitan area and beyond will soon be able to experience the magic, colour and tranquillity of the Swan Coastal Plain.

Stage One is now under construction with the development of the first 45km from Yanchep National Park, passing through some of our picturesque State Forest to Melaleuca Conservation Park in the south.

This trail is another welcome boost to the nature based tourism facilities in the north metropolitan region of Perth.

*Prepare to follow the  
Emu's footsteps!*



The trail will provide a new low impact recreational opportunity showcasing our unique coastal flora and fauna. Walkers will be set to experience and see some of the Swan Coastal Plains peaceful wetlands, tuart and banksia woodlands, coastal views, spectacular sprays of wildflowers, forest fauna and glimpses of Darling escarpment.

The trail has been designed to cater for all members of the community. There are opportunities for day walks for beginners and three day treks for the more experienced bush walkers.

The development of this new and exciting trail was a joint initiative between the North West Metro Tourism Association and the Department of Conservation and Land Management. Stage One was primarily funded by an Eco-Tourism grant from the Commonwealth Department of Science and Tourism, under a

Backspacer grants program. The Coastal Plain Walk Trail blooms spectacularly with its diversity of wildflowers almost all year round. Special features are the coastal smokeless and Morrison feather flower.

Keep an eye and ear out for the western grey kangaroo, brush wallaby, echidna, quenda, western pygmy possum and honey possum. The birdlife will also delight you; at early morning you may hear twenty Eight parrots, magpies, ravens, weewrens, honey eaters, and the hovering kestrels. You will have no problem sighting the flocks of Carnaby's white-tailed black cockatoos, or tracing the emu prints in the sand. Keep a special lookout for the white-striped mastiff bat, which dwells in the cave overhangs at Yanchep. It puts out a high piercing call.

Trail brochures are available from the McNess House Visitor Centre at Yanchep National Park. The trail is well worth the effort!



*Euca & Lyptus with Mum Inky*

## Euca & Lyptus Meet Katie the Koala

Our famous twins Euca and Lyptus were invited to King Edward Memorial Hospital to meet Katie the Koala, the hospital's new mascot.

Katie is a toy which staff at the hospital hope will help patients and their families equate the warm, caring hospital treatment with friendly, cuddly koalas.

Fauna Ranger John Wheeler and handler Juanita Pola were also on hand to answer questions about the koalas

and to keep Euca and Lyptus from turning the hospital upside down.

King Edward Memorial Hospital staff were ecstatic to see our famous twins in the hospital. Yanchep National Park and the hospital hope to strengthen these links in the future.

Help King Edward Memorial Hospital and buy a cuddly Katie Koala. Euca and Lyptus are very pleased to be associated with this worthy cause.

## Open Day Invitation



*Yanchep Golf Club  
invite you  
to join them  
and  
play nine holes  
on  
Sunday  
21 September 1997*

*\$4/player  
Park Entry Fee Applies*

*For further details contact  
Margaret Cockman  
9405 1256*

# WHAT'S ON IN SPRING

## Great Underworld Adventure 10am Monday 29/9

A day of caving. Explore 4 caves within the park, from tourist caves to wild caves. Bring a packed lunch and drink, wear old clothes - long sleeves, trousers and closed in shoes. Hard hats and torches supplied.

Duration: 6hrs  
Cost: \$20/person  
Age: 10 yrs+



## Junior Adventure Caving 2pm Fri 3/10, Thu 9/10

Just like Adventure Caving but for the littlies

Duration: 60 minutes  
Cost: \$3  
Age: 6-10

### Special needs for Caving activities:

Participants must wear old clothes (lightweight) - long sleeves, trousers, closed in shoes.



## Back To Dreamtime 10am Mon 6/9

2pm Tue 30/9, Thu 3/10

Link the present to the past on a ramble through a collapsed cave system. Hear some dreaming stories of our indigenous people and visit the 'House of the Wild Dogs'

Duration: 60minutes  
Cost: \$2  
Age: 8+

## Wonder Walk

10am Wed 1/10  
2pm Wed 8/10

Use your senses, to explore the wonders of Boomerang Gorge. This truly is a 'Wonder Walk'.

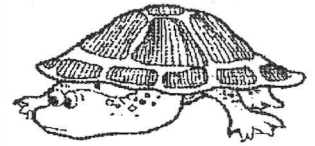
Duration: 60 minutes  
Cost: \$3  
Age: 10+



## Animal Crackers 10am Thu 9/10

Home is where the heart is and protect and respect them. Play Animal Crackers - not in your soup but at Yanchep National Park. Discover the animals that belong in our natural environment, it's fun!

Duration: 90 minutes  
Cost: \$2  
Age: 6-10



## Get Lost

9am Sun 28/9 & Sat 11/8

Navigate a course of discovery through Yanchep National Park. Experience wild caving adventures, solve a few problems and gain some map reading skills. Have fun in the bush but don't GET LOST!!

Duration: 3 hours  
Cost: \$10  
Age: 14+

Participants must wear old clothes (lightweight) - long sleeves, trousers, closed in shoes. Bring sunscreen, insect repellent, water and a snack.

## Adventure Caving 10am Tue 30/9, Wed 8/10 2pm Sat 4/10, Sun 5/10

This activity is the most popular at Yanchep. If you're looking for adventure and something different come along on this activity. Explore and experience the magic of a 'wild cave'. Hard hats and torches supplied.

Duration: 90 minutes  
Cost: \$5  
Age: 10+

## Yonderup Cave 10am Thu 2/10, Sun 5/10 & Tue 7/10

This cave was once one of the tourist caves at Yanchep, it was closed in 11984 at the request of the WA Museum. The cave has been re-opened for semi-adventure caving tours. The pathways are still there but the lights are gone. Hard hats and torches supplied.

Duration: 60 minutes  
Cost: \$3  
Age: 10+

**Bookings are essential and can be made by contacting the park on Ph: 9561 1004 or Fax: 9561 2316.**

Group bookings are welcome, if these dates do not suit your schedule and you have a group of 10 or more, talk to our friendly staff.

Normal park entry fees of \$5 per car applies. If you are a regular visitor to the park, enquire about our Annual Park Passes.

# OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 Get Lost	29 Underworld Adventure	30 Adventure Caving & Back To Dreamtime	1 Wonder Walk	2 Yonderup Cave & Back to Dreamtime	3 Junior Adventure Caving	4 Adventure Caving
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# Volunteer News

## Volunteers In Action

For three years, volunteers have taken part in 'Busy Bees' to remove Bridal Creeper from selected parts of Boomerang Gorge.

The Gorge is a sensitive wetland area, spraying this weed is not a desirable option. The Bridal Creeper Removal project focuses on physical removal of tubers, roots and underground stems. This means lots of hands-on work for people, in good company of others who want to make a difference to the future of our bushland.

Besides removal of the weed, rehabilitation of the area is being carried out with indigenous native plants.

The battle continues and your help is vital to the long-term success of this project. Come along to one of our Busy Bees.

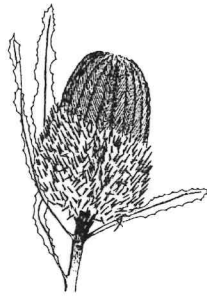
**STOP PRESS!!!**

Jill Vines, Co-ordinator of this wonderful project has been nominated for this years Greening Awards.

Congratulations Jill

## Wildflower Worshippers

In 1988, the northern suburbs branch of the Wildflower Society of Western Australia adopted the Yanchep National Park Wildflower Gardens. The Society's objectives are to increase appreciation of wildflowers and to promote their conservation and cultivation. The group is also involved in planning and developing new parts of the garden, representing the botanical provinces of Irwin, Dale and Drummond, which surround the Swan Coastal Plain. Come along to one of the Busy Bees, meet the members and learn more about our wonderful wildflowers.



### Spring Busy Bees

**Saturday September 13**  
**Saturday October 4**

For further information contact  
Dave Pike  
President,  
Northern Suburbs Wildflower Society  
Ph: 9448 9192



## Busy Bee News

### Call of the Koala

Come along and be an honorary Koala Carer for a day

**Saturday 20 September**

For further info contact

Lorraine or Juanita  
9651 5469



### Bridal Creeper Removal

Meet at the entrance to Boomerang Gorge at 9.30am or just come on down into the Gorge to where we will be working

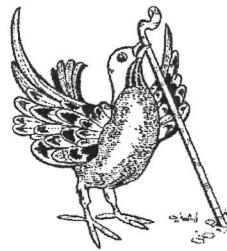
**Sunday 28 September**  
**Sunday 26 October**

For further info contact  
Jill Vines 9561 2177 or  
The Park Office 9561 1004

## Early Birds - Gather your Worms

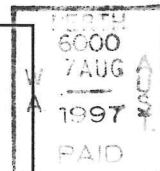
Hear about the great activities happening in the park or the wonderful volunteer projects taking place before they're advertised- contact the park and register on the mailing list!

Phone 9561 1004 or  
Fax 9561 1185  
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