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PRIORITY NATURE-BASED TOURISM

Project Profiles
for Western Australia
2019 and 2020

The Priority Nature-Based Tourism Project Profiles 2019 and 2020 document supports and profiles the key DBCA projects and other government nature-based tourism initiatives in the Two Year Action Plan for Nature-Based Tourism in Western Australia 2019 and 2020. It provides further detail on the key nature-based tourism project budgets, timelines and project stakeholders and will help create opportunities for private sector investments and partnerships. All projects will advance in accordance with relevant legislation and State Government agency management plans.

DBCA recognises in developing nature based tourism and recreation, it is important to consider potential environmental, social and economic impacts to ensure that the unique values of an area are conserved.

Further feasibility and detailed planning will be undertaken as required to progress the proposals in this plan.



PROJECT

Snorkelling tours with humpback whales

Guided snorkelling tours with humpback whales off WA's Ningaloo Coast were successfully trialled in 2016-2018. Visitors are able to snorkel within 30 metres of the giant humpbacks that can grow up to 15 metres long. The whales migrate from Antarctica to warmer waters and pass through Ningaloo Marine Park with peak numbers from July-September. This new product will inject up to \$6 million additional revenue into the Exmouth tourism industry.

Collaboration/Stakeholders

The trial is being undertaken with tourism operators licensed for in-water interactions with whale sharks in Ningaloo Marine Park and in consultation with conservation and science interests.

Financials

Licence charges contribute directly to management of the activity in Ningaloo Marine Park.

Timeframes

The trial will continue in 2019 and 2020 and transition towards a licensed industry.

PROJECT

Snorkelling with manta rays off Exmouth

Ningaloo Marine Park will continue to be managed and promoted for opportunities to sustainably interact with marine wildlife.

Visitors have the chance to swim and interact with manta rays on dedicated manta ray snorkel tours which operate out of Coral Bay throughout the year. Coral Bay manta rays are found in the Ningaloo Lagoon, inside the Ningaloo Reef, in water depths below 10 metres.

Manta rays grow up to 7 metres in width and can be very curious with their interactions with divers, much to the delight of tourists. The peak season for manta ray snorkelling tours is May to September.

Collaboration/Stakeholders

Exmouth private tourism dive operators and researchers.

Financials

Licence charges contribute directly to management of the activity in Ningaloo Marine Park.

Timeframes

Activity is now available through licensed commercial tour operators. DBCA will continue to review the activity.



Photo: Tourism Western Australia



PROJECT

Underwater helmet/ diving tours

Visitors will soon be able to “walk” around underwater in some of Rottnest’s best diving locations. People with no previous scuba diving experience will be able to explore corals and have a fish-eye view of the reef and marine creatures. Participants will be connected to the surface at all times by an air hose and the helmet diving activity is completed in small groups, for maximum participant comfort and safety. Helmet divers are accompanied by a certified scuba diver while they are under the water.

Collaboration and Partners

RIA, private commercial tourism operators.

Timeframes

December 2019

PROJECT

Animal Close Encounters at Perth Zoo with exotic and Australian native animal species

Get eye to eye with lions, rhinoceros, lemurs, orangutans, giraffes and elephants. Head behind-the-scenes with a zoo keeper to get closeup with some of Perth Zoo’s most exotic and unusual animals. Kids and adults can hand feed lizards to giraffes via special feeding platforms. Participants can tour the animals’ night-quarters to see where the critters spend their evenings and learn about each animal’s personality and behaviour.

Collaboration/Stakeholders

Perth Zoo staff, researchers, general public.



Financials

Pricing for animal close encounters varies according to the type of experience.

Timeframes

The Perth Zoo’s Animal Close Encounters have commenced but will be actively marketed in 2019.



PROJECT

Tree-top adventure and zipline activities at Pemberton and the Perth Hills

Opportunities for adventure activities and nature-based tourism are being investigated for the Gloucester National Park and Pemberton Arboretum and the Perth Hills. Activities could include tree-top courses offering flying foxes and aerial challenges.

Collaboration/Stakeholders

DBCA, private commercial tourism operators, local government and visitor centres.

Financials

The activities will be enabled under leases to the successful operators. The revenue obtained from the leases will contribute to park management.

Timeframes

December 2020

PROJECT

Rottnest Island infrastructure upgrades



The Rottnest Island Authority will upgrade Rottnest Island's priority jetty infrastructure to improve visitor access and safety.

Collaboration/Partners

RIA and State Government.

Financials

\$16.2 million in additional capital works funding over four years. Commonwealth funding of \$17.2 million.

Timeframes

2019-22

PROJECT

Zipline proposals for Rottnest Island and East Perth



Exciting zipline projects have been proposed for Rottnest Island and the Matagarup Bridge in East Perth. These ziplines would offer tourists spectacular views of iconic Western Australian tourism locations while travelling up to 80km per hour along the zipline cable.

Collaboration/Partners

RIA, South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (SWALSC), City of Perth, Department of Transport, Main Roads WA and DBCA.

Financials

Currently in commercial confidence.

Any revenue obtained from leases with successful operators will contribute to park and State asset management.

Timeframes

December 2020



PROJECT

Glass bottom sea kayak tours Rottnest Island

Visitors will be guided through the sheer beauty of Rottnest's spectacular bays as they paddle through the tranquil waters on glass bottom kayaks. Participants can watch in amazement as a myriad of tropical fish, stingrays etc. swim through the coral and shallow water beneath them.

Collaboration/Partners

RIA, private commercial tourism operators.

Timeframes

April 2019-December 2020



PROJECT

Catamaran tours on Rottnest island

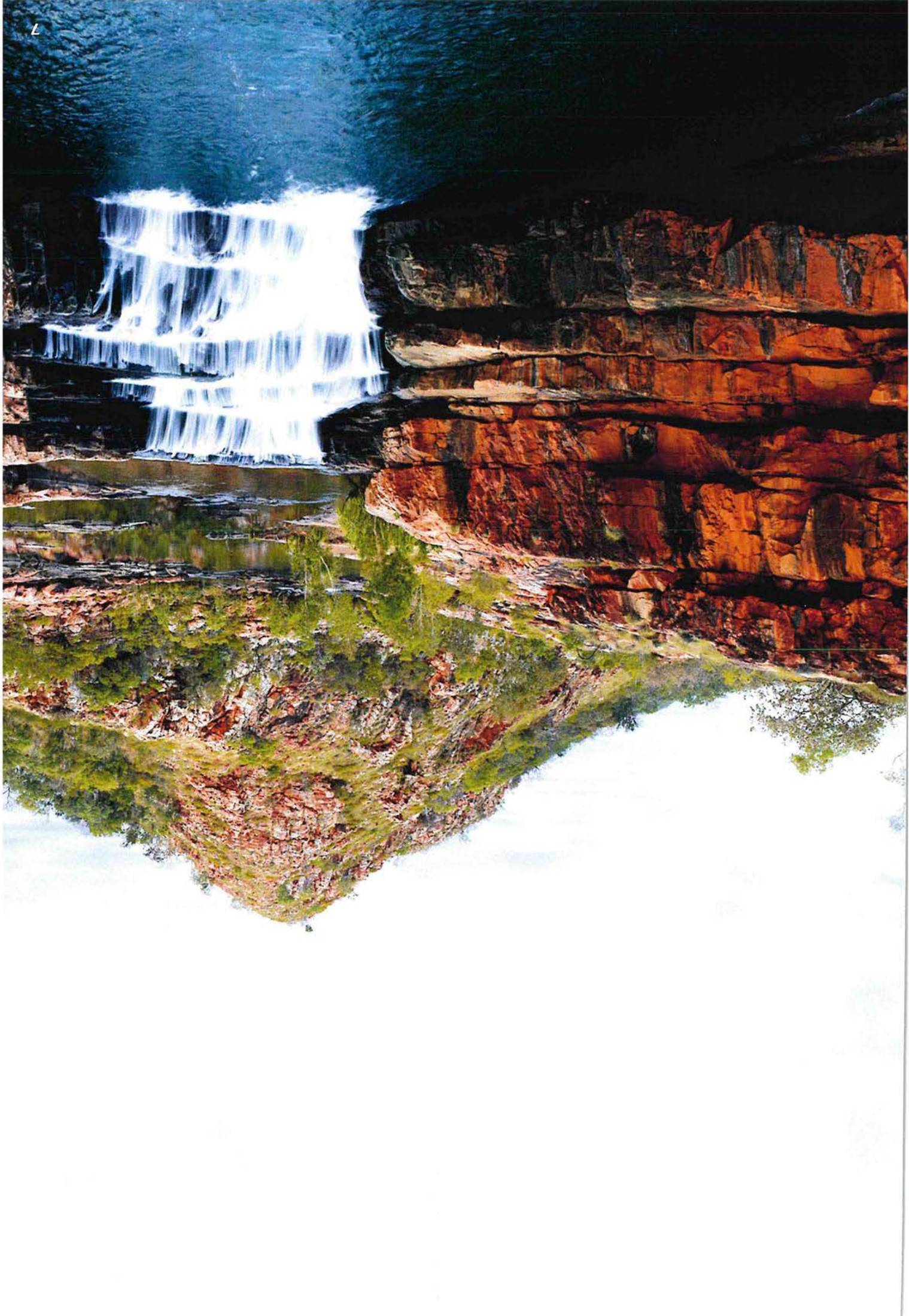
Visitors will soon be able to sail around Rottnest Island's pristine bays on luxury catamarans. Customers can indulge in snorkelling, fishing, whale watching, surfing and paddle boarding while experiencing the live aboard lifestyle on a dream yacht.

Collaboration and Partners

RIA, private commercial tourism operators.

Timeframes

April 2019-December 2020



New
**NATIONAL PARK
& ATTRACTIONS**
passes





PROJECT

Perth Attractions Pass

The Perth Attractions Pass is a new tourism product that could offer discounts on entry fees, performances, exhibitions or events across some of Perth's key tourism attractions. This is a collaborative government agency initiative that will require extensive co-operation across government and industry to create a successful product offering.

Collaboration/Stakeholders

WA Museum, WA Art Gallery, Scitech, Penguin Island, Rottnest Island, Whiteman Park, Western Australian Maritime Museum and DBCA.

Financials

Need to agree on a financial model amongst participating partners on a discount across Perth attraction organisations. This could be applied to venue entry fees, events or exhibitions.

Timeframes

December 2020 – subject to agreement from project partners.



Photo: Ronel Shephard

PROJECT

Southern Attractions Pass

DBCA is investigating a Southern Attractions Pass that would consolidate community based visitor attractions and national park experiences within the Warren and South Coast regions of Western Australia. The four week pass includes entry into the National Anzac Centre, Albany's Historic Whaling Station, the Gap and Natural Bridge in Torndirrup National Park, Granite Skywalk in Porongurup National Park and the Valley of the Giants Tree Top Walk.

Collaboration/Stakeholders

Attractions operators, Australia's South West, Albany Visitor Centre and DBCA.

Financials

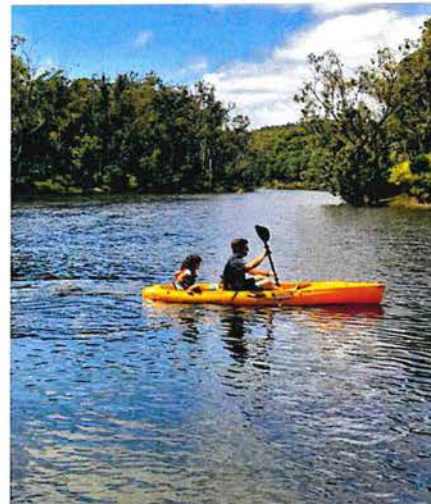
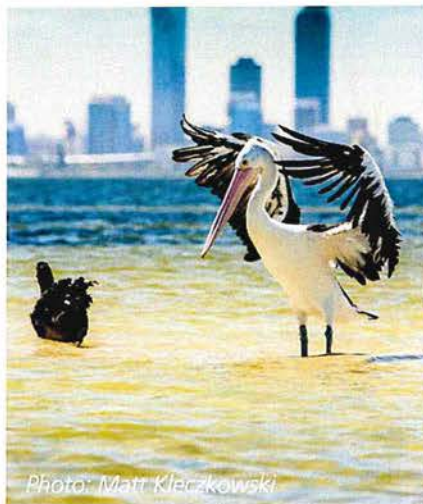
The concept would allow visitors to obtain a discount for entry and will encourage visitation between the attractions. Partners will cross-promote the pass and the attractions. The pass would also allow for distribution through tourism wholesalers which would promote visitation.

Timeframes

Estimated development by September 2020.

We will make
WESTERN AUSTRALIA
a PREMIER TRAILS
destination





PROJECT

Collie Adventure Trails

This project aims to develop Collie as a world-class trail town and destination. It is planned to create 110km of mountain bike trails and 50km of walk trails over four years throughout Wellington National Park and near Collie.

Collaboration/Stakeholders

SWALSC, local community, mountain biking community, South West Development Commission, Shire of Collie, Tourism WA and DBCA.

Financials

\$10 million Royalties for Regions funding over four years commencing 2019.

Timeframes

By December 2020, DBCA will have constructed the first 20 kilometres of the planned 65 kilometres of new mountain bike trail in Wellington National Park, 15 kilometres of the planned 35 kilometres in Westralia Conservation Park and 11 kilometres in Arklow just to the north of Collie. The scenic drive will have been improved and upgraded, and construction will have commenced on the second stage of the Wiilman Bilya trail to complete the five day walking trail loop around Wellington Dam, including a new suspension bridge over the Collie River. This project is expected to be delivered by December 2022.

PROJECT

Marli Riverpark Trail

The Marli Riverpark Trail is the longest trail network proposed around an Australian capital city river. A masterplan to link a network of trails along the Swan Canning Riverpark has been developed, to improve visitors' connection with the Swan and Canning rivers and their understanding and enjoyment of the Riverpark. The plan includes the installation of 25 interpretation nodes at iconic day destination sites including Point Walter, Matilda Bay, Elizabeth Quay and Deep Water Point. The interpretation nodes will provide information about the Swan and Canning rivers and the relevant wildlife and cultural history.

Collaboration/Stakeholders

WA Parks Foundation, local governments, Woodside, DBCA, Main Roads, Department of Transport, WA Planning Commission, WA Local Government Association.

Financials

The WA Parks Foundation in partnership with Woodside has committed \$375,000 (approx.) over the next three years to build three new Riverpark Trail interpretation nodes. DBCA will provide in kind and possibly matched funding from the Parks and Visitor Services Capital Works fund.

Timeframes

DBCA will construct up to three Riverpark Trail interpretation nodes by December 2020.

PROJECT

Dwellingup Adventure Trails

This project will develop Dwellingup as a premier trails destination.

Canoe/kayak, mountain biking and drive trails will be developed throughout Lane Poole Reserve.

Collaboration/Stakeholders

Shire of Murray and DBCA.

Financials

Commonwealth funding of \$3.5 million to Shire of Murray.

DBCA capital contribution of \$5 million with \$2.5 million allocated to roadworks.

Timeframes

By the end of 2020, DBCA will have completed 15 kilometres of new mountain bike trails around Dwellingup, and an additional 30 kilometres in Lane Poole Reserve. Five new canoe launching facilities will provide improved swimming and canoe access to the Murray River, and construction will have commenced on a new suspension bridge over the river at Dwaarlindjiraap, and the re-alignment and sealing of roads in Lane Poole Reserve for improved, all weather access.



Photo: Tourism Western Australia

PROJECT

Goldfields Esperance Arts and Culture Trail

The Goldfields Esperance Arts and Culture Trail (GEACT) aims to connect the region's art assets, and historical sites through one convenient interactive website and app. The project will build a database of the Goldfields and Esperance creative assets, significant arts and historic sites, cultural groups and events while cultivating the trail. Over 350 sites have already been identified and the project will seek assistance from the Goldfields-Esperance community to help collect information for inclusion in the Trail. Arts and cultural entities from Ravensthorpe to Eucla and Wiluna to Warburton can become connected through this digital based project. The GEACT will deliver an interactive website and phone app for international and domestic tourists and regional community members. Part of the project funding will also be allocated to professional development opportunities for the region's creative industry.

Collaboration/Stakeholders

State Government, Lotterywest, Artgold and Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries.

Financials

\$300,000 of Royalties for Regions funding will be provided by the State Government to the Arts and Culture Goldfields Association (Artgold) to deliver the GEACT.

Timeframes

January 2019-December 2020.

PROJECT

John Forrest National Park

John Forrest National Park is one of Australia's oldest conservation areas and Western Australia's first national park proclaimed in November 1900. This project aims to revitalise the park through a suite of improvements to visitor facilities, and will develop new roads and picnic areas throughout John Forrest National Park.

Collaboration/Stakeholders

DBCA, WA Parks Foundation, Shire of Mundaring.

Financials

DBCA has committed initial funds for stage 1 of the project and is seeking funds from partners in collaboration with the WA Parks Foundation.

Timeframes

New roads and picnic areas will be completed by December 2020.





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NATURE-BASED
tourism events across our
NATIONAL PARKS
and attractions



Photo: Tourism Western Australia

PROJECT

Expand the Kings Park Wildflower Festival

See thousands of extraordinary Western Australian wildflowers blooming in the spectacular Kings Park and Botanic Garden. The Festival runs 1 – 30 September and hosts a variety of events and activities for art lovers, garden gurus, keen conservationists and environmental enthusiasts. Now in its 55th year, the Kings Park Wildflower Festival is one of the longest-running festivals in Australia. It is proposed to grow this event across multiple government agency sites and venues in the Perth metropolitan area. The aim is to build connections with existing regional wildflower festivals such as *Bloom* to help expand the event state-wide throughout WA's national parks and iconic tourist towns.

Collaboration/Stakeholders

WA Museum, WA Art Gallery, Perth Zoo, DBCA, Rottnest Island, National Trust, Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development and the Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority.

Financials

Kings Park Wildflower Festival budget is \$25,000 per annum.

Timeframes

September/October 2019 and 2020.

PROJECT

Perth Zoo new café and function centre

Perth Zoo will redevelop the current café and function facilities into a café and function centre. The successful tender party will then maintain, operate and manage the new Perth Zoo café and function centre and deliver associated catering services to maximise the commercial opportunity.

Collaboration/Stakeholders

Perth Zoo Board, private enterprise, general public.

Financials

Multi million dollar development.
Public/private partnership.
Financial details currently commercial in confidence.

Timeframes

Completed by December 2020 – March 2021.



Photo: Courtesy Perth Zoo

PROJECT

Wadjemup Conservation and Research Centre

It is envisaged the Conservation and Research Centre on Rottnest Island will be an internationally recognised centre of conservation best practice, uniting scientists, researchers, community volunteers, professional practitioners and corporate partners in one hub. The centre will help conserve Rottnest's natural and built environments via an operational nursery and research laboratory while also helping to educate and tell the island's unique story. It is proposed the development will include a community training, conference, accommodation and event centre.

Collaboration/Stakeholders

RIA, private enterprise, UWA, Curtin, Murdoch and Edith Cowan University.

Financials

Funding for construction is currently being discussed with interested corporate partners.

Timeframes

The construction of the Wadjemup Conservation and Research Centre is scheduled to be completed by December 2020.



Photo: Courtesy Rottnest Island Authority

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REGIONAL
WESTERN AUSTRALIA





Photo: Rick Dawson

PROJECT

Shark Bay World Heritage Area

This project will commence upgrading visitor infrastructure and experiences under the *Destination Shark Bay* plan. DBCA will work with private enterprise to negotiate new ecotourism accommodation at Francois Peron National Park and will partner with tourism operators to redevelop Monkey Mia.

Collaboration/Partners

DBCA, RAC, Australia's Coral Coast and Gascoyne Development Commission.

Financials

DBCA has committed funds for visitor facility upgrades. Further funds to be sought.

Timeframes

The funded aspects of the Monkey Mia redevelopment are due for completion in June 2020.

PROJECT

Kalbarri Skywalk

The Kalbarri Skywalk will overlook the stunning Murchison River gorges, 40 minutes east of Kalbarri. The new Skywalk will see two cantilevered viewing platform structures extending 25 metres and 18 metres over the gorge face and is expected to be a major tourism drawcard for the Kalbarri National Park. It is anticipated this project will increase tourist numbers by 25% over three years.

Collaboration/Stakeholders

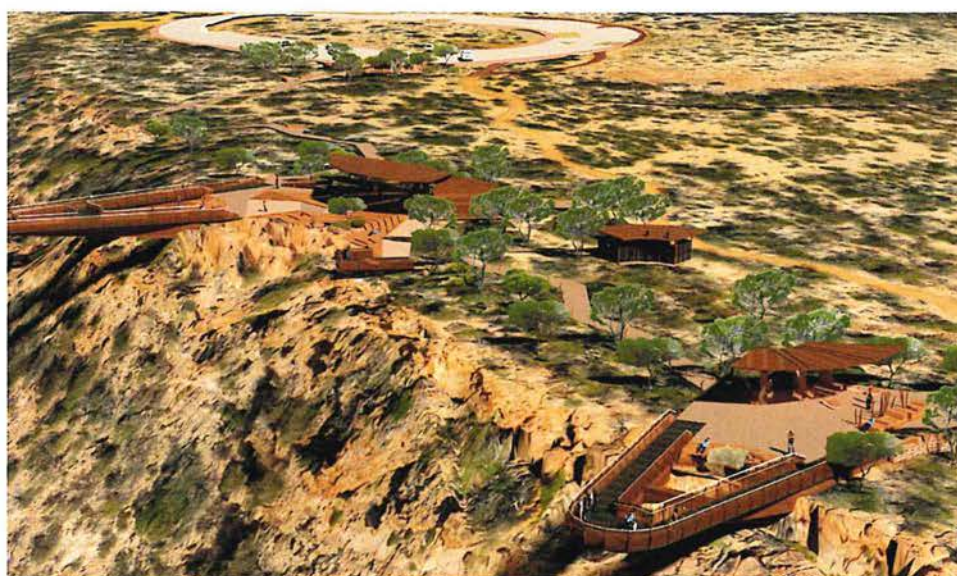
Australia's Coral Coast, Mid West Development Commission, Kalbarri Tourism, DBCA, Kalbarri's existing commercial tourism operators.

Financials

\$5.2 million has been committed in 2019-20 by the State Government. The funds will complete the Skywalk facilities and the redevelopment of the Z Bend and Meanarra Hill tourist sites. A total of \$22 million funded from Royalties for Regions and \$2 million of DBCA internal funds have been allocated to this project.

Timeframes

The Skywalk's roadworks were completed in 2018. The two new viewing platform structures will be completed by February 2020.



PROJECT

Karijini National Park

Set in the heart of Western Australia's Pilbara region, Karijini National Park is Western Australia's most iconic national park.

This project will deliver improved visitor facilities, upgraded campground and interpretive signs near lookouts.

Stakeholders

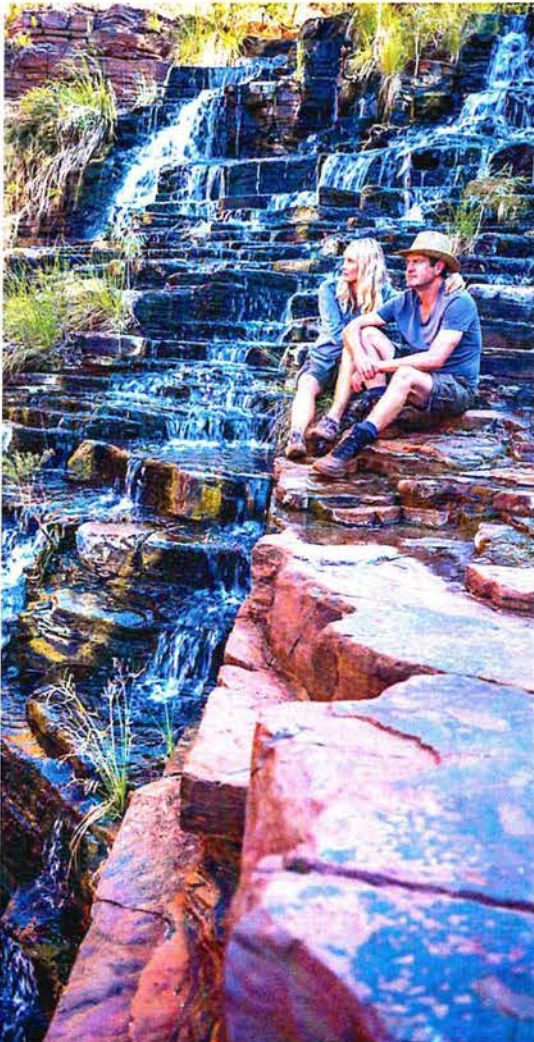
Pilbara Development Commission, DBCA, private enterprise, Aboriginal traditional owners.

Timeframe

December 2020

Financials

DBCA has committed funding to replace the Fern Pool decking and to upgrade Dale's campground and the Fortescue Falls lookout and walkway. Funding for further upgrades is being sought.



PROJECT

Fitzroy River National Park

By creating the Fitzroy River National Park, DBCA will extend the Geikie Gorge National Park along the Fitzroy River to the north and the Margaret River to the east. The Fitzroy River National Park will help protect the environment and culture of the Fitzroy River area and surrounding lands. The park will be jointly managed by the Aboriginal traditional owners and DBCA, enabling local Aboriginal people to create sustainable economic enterprises in their own right and in partnership with private and Government entities.

Collaboration/Stakeholders

Native title holders, pastoral lessees, non-government organisations, State Government agencies.

Financials

DBCA estimates that the funding required for the planning and establishment of the Fitzroy River National Park is \$1.3 million per annum for 2019-20 and 2020-21.

Timeframes

DBCA is aiming to create the jointly managed Fitzroy River National Park by December 2020.



PROJECT

Millstream Chichester National Park

This project will facilitate an eco tourism development opportunity at Palm Pool in the Millstream Chichester National Park.

This will help expand the range of visitor accommodation available in the park.

Stakeholders

Pilbara Development Commission, DBCA, private enterprise, Aboriginal traditional owners.

Financials

This project will be privately funded and negotiations are underway with a corporate partner.

Timeframe

Lease negotiations will commence in 2019.



Photo: Tourism Western Australia

PROJECT

Ningaloo Coast

Australia's largest fringing coral reef, Ningaloo is 260 kilometres long and offers some of the world's most spectacular snorkelling, scuba diving and gamefishing.

The State Government is creating conservation and recreation reserves along the spectacular Ningaloo Coast to ensure this area is protected and remains accessible to the public now and for future generations.

The new reserves will be jointly managed with the Gnulli traditional owners.

Collaboration/Partners

Gnulli traditional owners, DBCA and regional tourism organisations.

Financials

DBCA has secured \$6.7 million Royalties for Regions funding over four years for the ongoing management of the Ningaloo Coast.

Timeframes

Timeframe for management of the coast will be ongoing. DBCA aims to establish conservation and recreation reserves along the Ningaloo Coast by December 2020.



PROJECT

The Preston River to Ocean and Leschenault regional parks

The creation of the Preston River to Ocean and Leschenault regional parks will ensure the protection of the area's biodiversity while maintaining and improving recreational, social and cultural values for Bunbury residents and visiting tourists. The region features the scenic Preston River, the Shearwater Tuart Forest and the Maidens bushland and walk trails on the coast. The regional park initiative will create a continuous reserve of almost 900ha from south Bunbury, west of the Preston River, to the coast.

The State Government will also create the 2297ha Leschenault Regional Park, which will extend along the Collie and Brunswick rivers westwards across the Swan Coastal Plain. The project will develop walk trails, cycle paths, lookouts, interpretive shelters and picnic shelters for both regional parks.

Collaboration/Partners

Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage, City of Bunbury, DBCA, Shire of Capel, Shire of Harvey, Shire of Dardanup, Department of Communities, South West Catchments Council, Aboriginal traditional owners and local community.

Financials

\$10.5 million of Royalties for Regions funding has been allocated to the project over four years. The funds will also employ three additional Aboriginal rangers.

Timeframes

December 2020

PROJECT

Lake Kepwari

This project will deliver one of Western Australia's largest recreational freshwater lakes for boating, waterskiing, wake boarding and swimming at Lake Kepwari in Collie.

This project will help provide a jetty, boat ramp and picnic areas at the lake.

Collaboration/Stakeholders

Local government, South West Development Commission, SWALSC, Collie/Preston residents, Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation (DJTSI), Department of Water and Environmental Regulation and Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety.

Financials

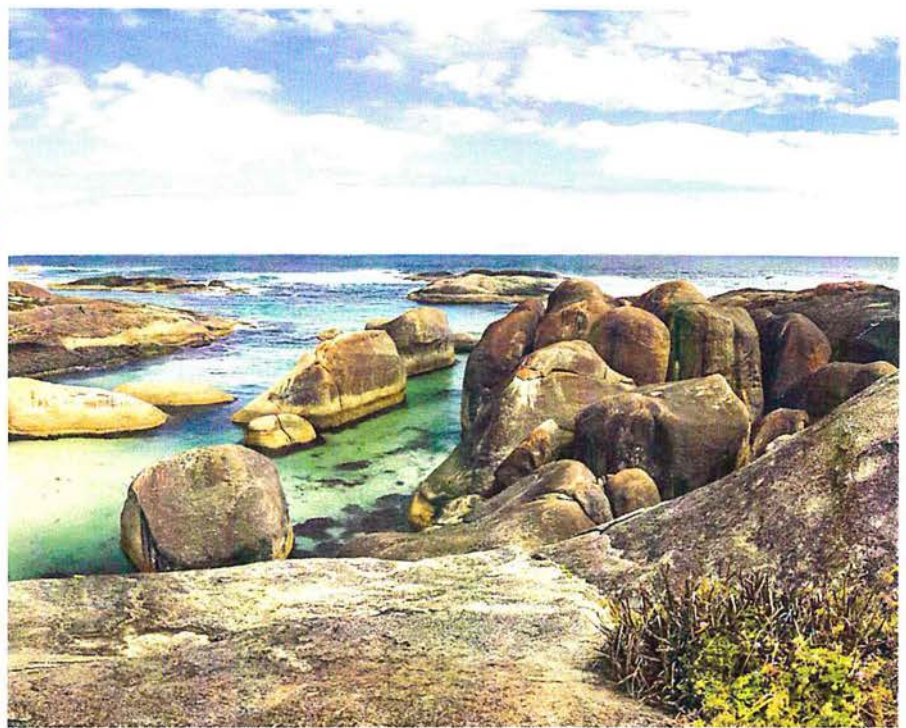
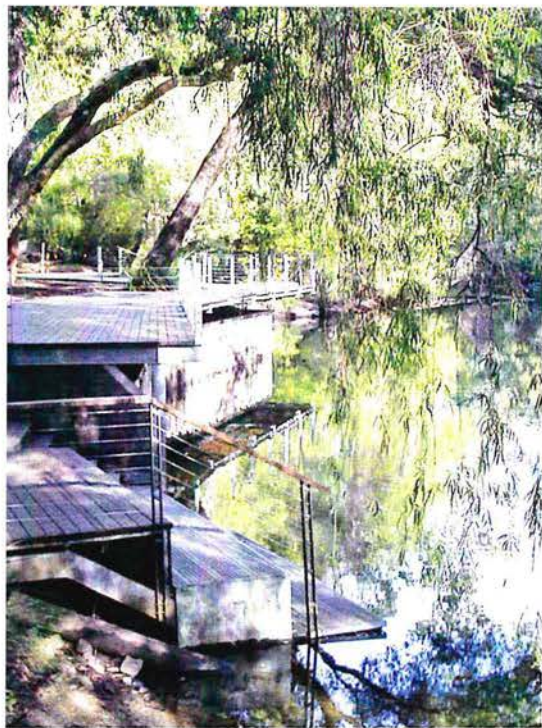
\$3 million has been committed from Royalties for Regions funding.

Timeframes

Project is expected to be completed by early 2020.



Photo: Luke Baker



PROJECT

Wellington National Park expansion

The State Government has committed to expanding the Wellington National Park. The Park contains a variety of tracks and trails suitable for bush walking and mountain biking, which will be expanded under the Collie Adventure Trails project.

Collaboration/Stakeholders

Local government, SWALSC, local community, Forest Industries Federation WA, Promote Preston community group, Conservation Council of WA and DBCA.

Financials

To be confirmed.

Timeframes

This project is expected to be delivered by August 2020.

PROJECT

Southern Forests/Denmark

This project will upgrade visitor facilities, including roads and carparks in William Bay National Park.

DBCA will also work with private enterprise to investigate ecotourism opportunities at the Gloucester Tree and Pemberton Arboretum near Pemberton.

Collaboration/Partners

DBCA, Shire of Manjimup, Denmark Visitors Centre, Shire of Denmark, Walpole-Nornalup Visitor Centre

Financials

\$4.4 million has been secured for the William Bay National Park Infrastructure Project of which \$2.5 million is Royalties for Regions funding and \$1.9 million internal DBCA funds.

Timeframes

December 2020

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tourism experiences in
WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S
OFFSHORE
ISLANDS

NEPTUNE



Photo: Tourism Western Australia

PROJECT

Houtman-Abrolhos Islands

The pristine Houtman-Abrolhos Islands are an archipelago of 122 islands located approximately 60km off Geraldton's coast. The Islands comprise three major groups – the Wallabi, Easter and Pelsaert stretching across 100km of ocean. The Houtman-Abrolhos Islands are known historically for the intriguing Batavia story and are also recognised for commercial and recreational fishing, diving, bird and marine life. The islands and their surrounding reef communities are a meeting place for tropical and temperate sea life, forming one of Western Australia's unique marine areas. DBCA plans to establish the Houtman-Abrolhos Islands National Park in July 2019 to coincide with the 400 year anniversary of the islands being founded.

Collaboration/Stakeholders

Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, Mid West Development Commission, DBCA, City of Greater Geraldton, researchers, Coral Coast Tourism, fast ferry proponents, Recfishwest.

Financials

\$10 million has been committed over two years from Royalties for Regions funding to upgrade the airstrip and to extend the existing jetty on East Wallabi Island. This will meet the needs of the commercial cruise liner market and enable new visitor access to the Houtman-Abrolhos Islands.

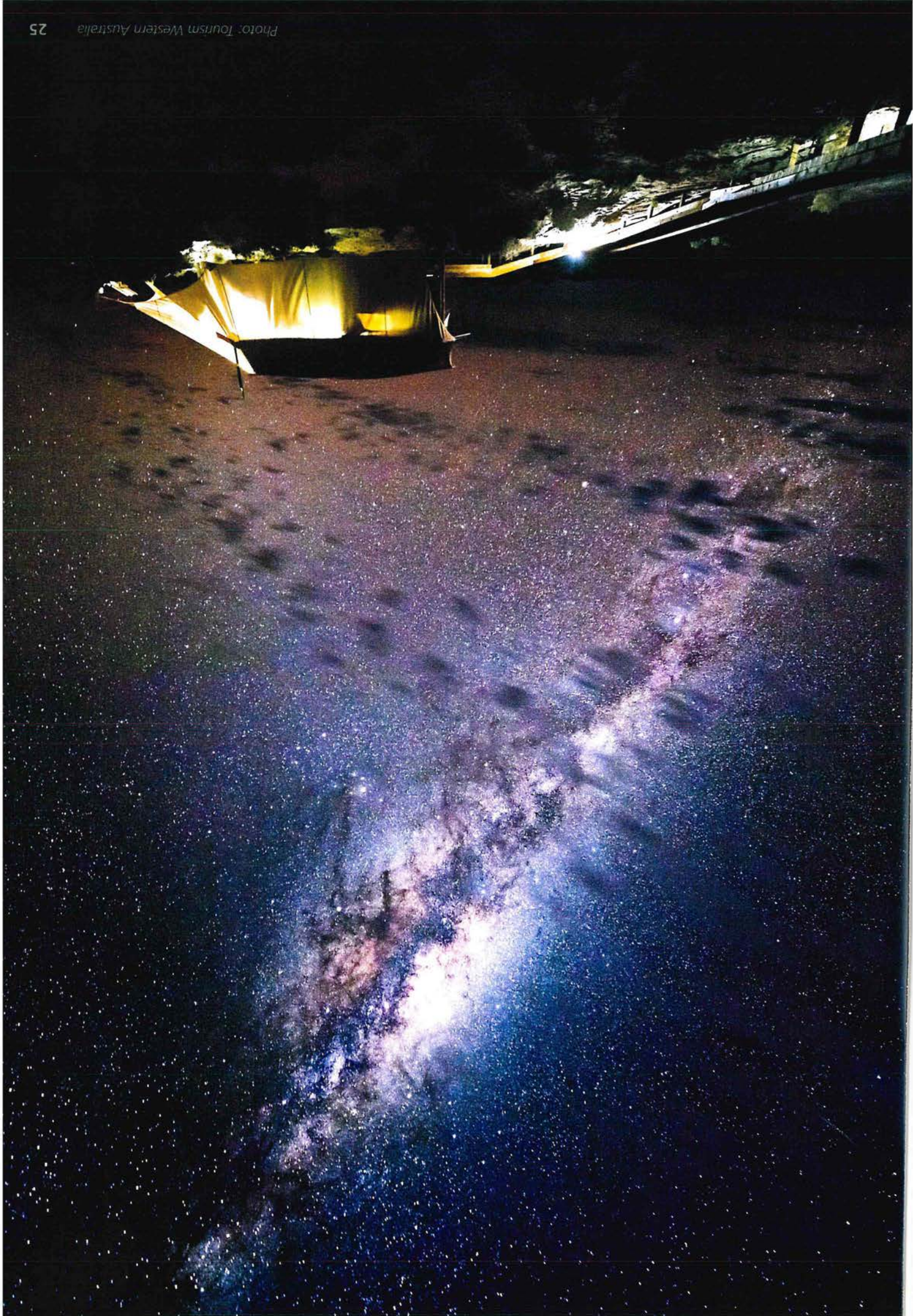
A total of \$13.8 million has been committed to the project over four years.

Timeframes

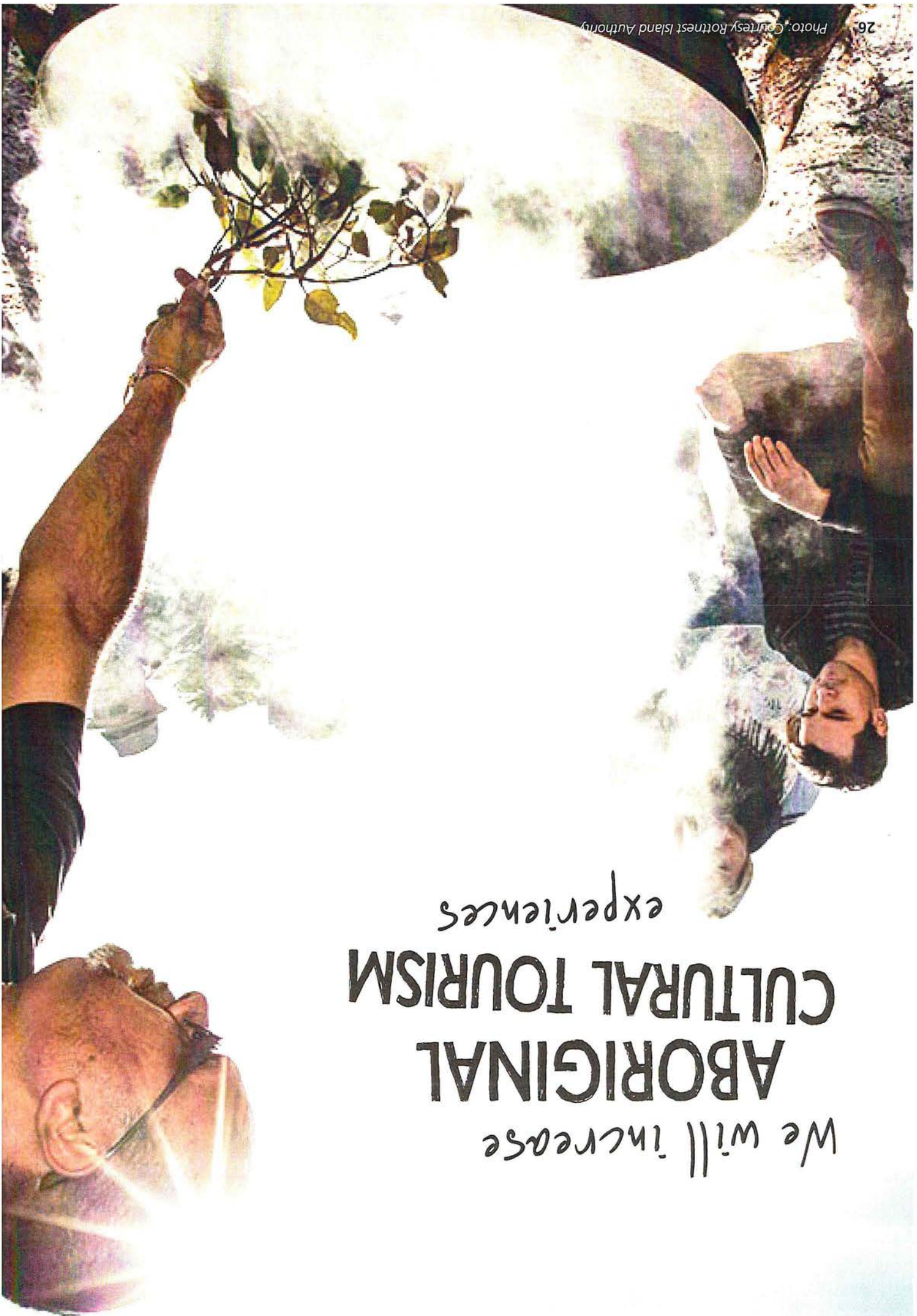
The Houtman-Abrolhos Islands National Park will be delivered by December 2019.

The funding will build visitor shelters, walk trails and interpretation on the Wallabi group and Beacon Island.

Upgrades to infrastructure will be delivered by June 2021.



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**ABORIGINAL
CULTURAL TOURISM**
experiences



PROJECT

Murujuga Joint Management

The Dampier Archipelago, including the Burrup Peninsula and Murujuga National Park, traditionally known as Murujuga, is home to one of the most diverse and dense collections of Aboriginal rock petroglyphs (rock engravings) in the world. The Ngarda-Ngarli people, a collective term for the five traditional owner groups have cultural connections to, and responsibilities for Murujuga and are represented by the Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation (MAC).

Around 4900 hectares of the northern Burrup Peninsula is within the Murujuga National Park. This land is owned by MAC and leased back to the State Government as national park, jointly managed by MAC and DBCA's Parks and Wildlife Service.

DBCA has the lead role in preparing the World Heritage nomination for Murujuga on behalf of the State Government. The nomination will be prepared in partnership with MAC and in collaboration with the Australian Government and key stakeholders including the Aboriginal traditional owners, local businesses and community, government agencies, members of Burrup Industry, non-government organisations and scientific experts.

Various State and local government agencies including DBCA, LandCorp, Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation, Department of Planning, Lands, Heritage and the Pilbara Development Commission have been working collaboratively to support MAC with the development of the Murujuga Living Knowledge Centre (MLKC) precinct.

Financials

The State Government has committed \$12 million Royalties for Regions funding from 2017-18 to 2020-21 to support Murujuga Joint Management, which includes developing tourism programs and infrastructure and the preparation of a World Heritage nomination.

The funding includes \$5.5 million to contribute to the MLKC, \$2.5 million to contribute to park infrastructure (roads and trails) and \$4 million (\$1 million per year) for land management services such as the employment of Murujuga Rangers, to conserve and protect the National and potential World Heritage values of the area.

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development is contributing an additional \$1.339 million of Royalties for Regions Funding to the MLKC precinct.

Woodside has also contributed \$4 million to the construction of the MLKC precinct.

The balance of costs required will be sought through grant funding opportunities.

Timeframes

It is hoped that Murujuga will be added to Australia's World Heritage Tentative List in February 2021, with a formal nomination dossier to then be prepared.

The development of the MLKC precinct will be funding dependent.



PROJECT

Western Australian Aboriginal Ranger Program

The Aboriginal Ranger Program will employ and train Aboriginal people to protect threatened species, conserve and protect the natural and cultural values of their land and explore opportunities to run cultural tours and their own tourism businesses. The rangers help care for their country while keeping tourists and visitors safe and well informed.

The five year Aboriginal Ranger Program applies across tenures, including CALM Act Lands, Aboriginal Lands Trust Lands, Indigenous Protected Areas and unallocated Crown land.

Collaboration/Stakeholders

Aboriginal organisations, WAITOC, DBCA and Tourism WA.

Financials

Royalties for Regions funding of \$20 million has been committed over five years from 2017-2022.

Timeframes

The Aboriginal Ranger Program's three funding rounds will be allocated by December 2020.

The current project will be completed at the end of 2021-22.

