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## Purnululu National Park World Heritage listed

PURNULULU National Park has become Western Australia's second World Heritage listed area.

The listing was announced early in July and recognises the park's outstanding natural value and beauty.

The park encompasses the Bungle Bungle Range, which rises 250 metres above the surrounding plain. The Bungle Bungles are inter-

nationally recognised as being among the most spectacular land forms on Earth.

Kimberley Regional Manager Chris Done welcomed the listing of the world-renowned 239,723-hectare national park.

"This listing will ensure the continued protection of the park's natural assets and cultural values," he said.

"It also highlights the important relationship

between CALM and the park's traditional owners. This will help create further employment opportunities for Aboriginal people and result in their increased involvement in the park's economic activities."

Chris said he expected the listing would result in an increased number of visitors to the area.

"On the day the listing was announced, we

started receiving emails from people in Europe asking how they could get here," he said.

"As requested by the World Heritage list inscribing body, CALM will continue to work with the park's traditional owners and Commonwealth agencies to revise its management plan and secure its additional listing as a place of outstanding universal cultural value. This is expected to be finalised by 2005."



Chair of the Yellagonga Regional Advisory Committee Peter McKenzie, Environment Minister Dr Judy Edwards and CALM's Senior Planning Officer, Brendan Dooley, at Yellagonga Regional Park. Photo by Norm Bailey.

## Yellagonga Management Plan

**THE management plan for one of Perth's premier urban bushland areas, Yellagonga Regional Park, has been released.**

The Department's Regional Parks Senior Planning Officer Brendan Dooley said it provided a framework for the protection of biodiversity values, improving recreation opportunities and also protecting and enhancing the landscape of the park.

"The management plan was prepared in conjunction with two local government authorities – the City of Joondalup and the City of Wanneroo – ensuring their support for its implementation," he said.

Yellagonga Regional Park comprises 1400 hectares of diverse ecosystems including a wetland system that includes Lake Joondalup, Beenyup and Walluburnup Swamps and Lake Goollelal.

These wetlands are some of the more important in the Perth metropolitan area as they support a large vari-

ety of bird life and other wildlife species. This is important given the expanding urban development around the park.

The park contains significant cultural heritage value and has significance to the local Nyoongar Aboriginal community. It also includes historical remnants of early European settlement.

Brendan said the rich cultural heritage and biodiversity values provide a wealth of information for interpretation.

He acknowledged the work already undertaken by the large number of local volunteers involved in weed control and rehabilitation programs in the park as well as the input of the Yellagonga Regional Park Community Advisory Committee in the preparation of the management plan.

## Urban Nature announced

**URBAN bushland and wetland conservation groups will receive further support and assistance through the Urban Nature initiative.**

Formally announced by Environment Minister Dr Judy Edwards recently, Urban Nature will build on the Department's EcoPlan program – a community involvement initiative first established by the Department of Environmental Protection and transferred to CALM in 2002.

The program is under the wing of the Department's Swan Region and has seen three new staff join the group. EcoPlan Co-ordinator Margo O'Byrne has also transferred from the Nature Conservation Division to the Swan Region.

"Urban Nature will provide an integrated service for advice, training, best practice guidance, community capacity building as well as access to expert knowledge and assistance on urban bushland conservation management," Swan Region's Leader for Nature Conservation, David Mitchell said.

"The approach of the Urban Nature program will be to identify and promote best practice in bushland management, including management planning with a focus on the transfer of science into practice."

- Urban Nature aims to:
- set standards and targets for nature conservation;
  - provide a forum for discussing bushland management;
  - improve the bushland management advice provided by staff in government agencies;
  - provide training and education pro-

grams;

- produce brochures, publications and other informational material; and
- raise public awareness about urban bushland and its biodiversity and management issues.

The Government has allocated \$230,000 for Urban Nature in the 2003-04 budget, including \$100,000 for new initiatives, \$70,000 for existing EcoPlan projects and \$60,000 for projects running under Bush Forever.

Margo said the program was a major boost for conservation of urban bushland and wetland areas.

"The Urban Nature program will focus on regionally significant bushland in the metropolitan area, including Bush Forever sites," she said.

"It will also provide opportunities to raise general awareness about urban bushland and wetlands and their biodiversity values through training and education programs."

David said the Urban Nature group was growing quickly with Renee Miles on short-term contract and later Lisa Bland – from Perth Hills District office – joining the Urban Nature group.

Renee and Lisa are from the Department's Graduate Recruitment program.

"There are plans to expand the group further by filling a clerical position and appointing a Bushland Management Advisor," David said.

Staff wanting more information about Urban Nature can contact Margo or David at Swan Region headquarters on (08)9386 4399.

## Reports of bilbies in Shark Bay

**THE Department's Shark Bay District has recently received several phone calls from people who say they have spotted bilbies in the area.**

Their calls follow publicity asking locals and tourists to be aware of the animals in the local area.

The Department's Shark Bay District Fauna Reintroduction Officer Kathy Himbeck said most of the bilby sightings had been on the roadside in the vicinity of the Denham townsite and on the road to Monkey Mia.

She said another had been seen at Big Lagoon, north of Denham, some 15 kilometres from their release site.

Since the Department began captive breeding bilbies in 1997, 55 have been released into the wild during the last two years and numbers of the species have increased significantly, with many people now sighting the small animals.

In June, 28 bilbies were translocated from the Peron Captive Breeding Centre to three different release sites within Francois Peron National Park.

Early monitoring data showed that all four males dispersed immediately to more than five kilometres away from the release site and the females are within two kilometres of their respective release sites. A recent capture of a bilby released in June shows they have already started breeding in their new environment.

# Working Together

In early July the World Heritage Committee, meeting in Paris, decided to include Purnululu National Park on the World Heritage list. Purnululu joined Shark Bay, listed in 1991, as WA's only two World Heritage properties.

Listing occurs under the 1972 *Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage*, an international treaty to which Australia, through the Commonwealth Government, is a signatory. The Convention provides for the protection and management of cultural and natural heritage of 'outstanding universal value'.

In the case of Shark Bay and Purnululu, we now share with the Commonwealth Government an obligation internationally to ensure special protection of the natural values for which these areas have been listed.

World Heritage has been a significant factor in deciding some major conservation issues in Australia over the last 20 years or so (e.g. Gordon below Franklin dam in Tasmania; Queensland rainforests). In particular High Court rulings have established the power of the Commonwealth to make certain decisions that would otherwise be the province of the States, by virtue of its Constitutional power over external affairs. This has been at the heart of what has been a sometimes controversial and divisive history of World Heritage listings in this country, particularly in the earlier years.

Achieving World Heritage status really should be seen as something to be proud of, and an opportunity for greater recognition of an area's special values. It has therefore been pleasing to see the positive response to the Purnululu listing.

Several other areas in WA have been suggested as meeting the criteria for World Heritage listing. The Premier has recently announced that the Government is committed to nominating Ningaloo Marine Park and North West Cape for listing. Developing this nomination in consultation with the local community, indigenous people and stakeholders, and with the Commonwealth Government, is now a key priority for the Department.

**Keiran McNamara,**  
Acting Executive Director



## Increase in management role

**THE Department has recently accepted responsibility for the on-ground management of 89 million hectares of unallocated Crown land and unmanaged reserves. Limited management was previously undertaken by the Department of Land Administration.**

The transfer, effective from July 1, 2003, means the Department will provide key services including fire prevention, the control of weeds and feral animals.

"The Department's new management role in unallocated Crown land and unmanaged reserves, along with existing responsibilities in reserves, parks and forests, is a major step forward in conserving and protecting the State's biodiversity," said Acting Executive Director Keiran McNamara.

"In particular, management will provide for better co-ordination and integration of Government and community-based programs over almost half of Western Australia's terrestrial area."

The management transfer follows a recommendation by the State Government's Functional Review Taskforce that was recently adopted by Cabinet.

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(Left to right) Senior Pilot John Woodward, Chief Pilot Iain Farmer, Fire Management Services Manager Rick Sneeuwjagt and Senior Pilot Greg Simpson.

## Long-serving pilots receive awards

by Tracy Peacock

**A SIGNIFICANT part of the Department's aviation history has been recognised with the presentation of chrome-plated rear seat joysticks from the Department's Piper Super Cub spotter planes to three long-serving senior pilots.**

Chief pilot Iain Farmer and senior pilots John Woodward and Greg Simpson were recently presented with the joysticks in recognition of their long and dedicated service and contribution to the training of spotter pilots in the Department's Piper Super Cub aircraft.

The last Super Cub was decommissioned in June last year and was one of nine used to patrol the south-west forests over 24 years.

The planes have been replaced by eight American Champion Scouts in which the senior pilots continue to train new pilots as required.

Iain calculated that over 24 years, more than 100 pilots had been trained to detect wildfires and prescribed burns in the Piper Super Cubs.

Together, Bunbury-based Iain, Dwellingup-based John and Manjimup-based Greg have clocked up 78 years of service with the Department.

They were the first to fly the Super Cubs when they were introduced and now patrol the south-west skies in the new fleet.

Iain described his years of training from the back seat of the Piper Super Cub as "part of the

job that varied from interesting to enjoyable".

He said the 2002-2003 fire season had been one of their busiest.

"We flew about 3600 hours this summer, which is about 1000 hours more in the air than the same time last year," he said.

These extra hours were clocked up because of the increase in the number of fires and the length of the season.

In addition to their normal aerial surveillance duties the pilots were required to fly the Air Attack Supervisors for the water bomber operations out of Bunbury and Manjimup this summer.

The Department's Fire Management Services Manager Rick Sneeuwjagt said the senior pilots and the seasonal spotter pilots were the unsung heroes of the Department's fire management organisation who each year spent long and often uncomfortable hours, days and weeks keeping vigilance over our forests and farmlands, and providing essential information to the controllers and firefighters on the ground.

"It's a great credit to their professionalism that the pilots front up each year and continue to offer a reliable, high-quality service to the Department and the community," he said.

## Threatened cockatoo features at symposium

**THE future of Carnaby's black cockatoos - one of the State's three threatened cockatoo species - was the focus of a recent Perth symposium.**

More than 100 people attended the symposium, including representatives from CALM, Birds Australia, CSIRO, various universities, the Water Corporation, WWF and the Threatened Species Network.

A striking feature of the symposium was the number of people from rural communities, including at least 15 landholders on whose properties Carnaby's black cockatoos occur, and 25 community-based organisations and individuals.

The symposium was organised by the Carnaby's Black Cockatoo Recovery Team and Birds Australia. Cheryl Gole and Leonie McMahon - Carnaby's Cockatoo project officer - played leading roles in its arrangement.

Sponsors of the symposium included CALM, Birds Australia, CSIRO, Binoculars Telescope and Optical World, the Million Trees Program, Rio Tinto WA Future Fund and the Threatened Species Network.

CALM's Threatened Species and Communities Unit Acting Manager John Blyth said the symposium's aims were to provide a forum for information exchange, an opportunity for networking and to review the direction of overall recovery efforts.

He said the significance of, and interest in, the symposium was reflected in the distances some people had

by Tracy Peacock

travelled to attend, including from Albany, Coorow and other parts of the Wheatbelt. Dr Denis Saunders came from Canberra to deliver the keynote address.

John said Carnaby's black cockatoos had lost over 50 per cent of their traditional breeding and feeding areas in the Wheatbelt during the last 40 to 50 years.

"On the other hand, very recent surveys are indicating an expansion of the species and a significant amount of breeding on the Swan Coastal Plain," John said.

"For instance, Carnaby's cockatoos are known to be breeding in Yanchep National Park."

A recovery team, made up of representatives from CALM, CSIRO, WA Museum, Birds Australia, the Threatened Species Network and private landowners, has been working on a recovery plan for the species for four years. Recently, representatives from the Water Corporation and Curtin University have joined the recovery team.

The recovery plan focuses on actions necessary to halt the decline of Carnaby's black cockatoos.

John said the symposium was very positive in increasing and enhancing the partnerships critical to the recovery of Carnaby's black cockatoo, and would lead to significant improvement in the recovery program for this flagship species.



Environment Minister Dr Judy Edwards pictured with Senior Investigations Officer Rick Dawson at a press conference to warn the public not to harm white-tailed black cockatoos. The press conference was held following reports that these native birds were being shot and killed to prevent damage to orchards and horticultural crops. Both species of white-tailed black cockatoos - Carnaby's and Baudin's cockatoo - are threatened and listed as specially protected fauna under the Wildlife Conservation Act. Photo by Nigel Higgs.

# New era for NRM collaboration

AN historic Memorandum of Understanding has been signed to formalise the working relationship between the State Government and six Regional Natural Resource Management (NRM) Groups.

The MoU opens the way for a better integration of community and Government efforts and promotes greater cooperation, mutual support and accountability for biodiversity conservation and sustainable land use practices in Western Australia.

At the MoU signing ceremony, Environment Minister Dr Judy Edwards said it was important to have a dynamic and flexible approach that focused on the needs of individual regions.

"The MoU will provide greater certainty and acknowledgment of the Regional NRM Groups' role in strategic planning for regional natural resource management and delivering community-based initiatives to help landowners meet

sustainable objectives," Dr Edwards said.

CALM Acting Executive Director Keiran McNamara, who is a member of the NRM Council, welcomed the agreement and said it would further cement the relationship between State Government agencies and NRM regional groups.

Keiran said CALM, other Government agencies and regionally-based groups recognised the need to work together and focus on causes rather than symptoms of loss of biodiversity.

The signing of the MOU took place at a workshop co-ordinated by the Department, and involved the six Regional Groups and other NRM stakeholders. It explored ways in which regional groups could help provide incentives for landowners to conserve biodiversity.

The workshop was funded by Environment Australia.



Pictured above were the signatories of the MoU (back row, left to right) Michael Bates (Chairman, Northern Agricultural Catchment Council), David Chadwick (Chairman, South West Catchments Council), Bill Mitchell (Chairman, Rangelands NRM Coordinating Group), Barbara Morrell (Chairman, Avon Catchment Council), Sue Metcalf (Chairman, Swan Catchment Council), John Simpson (Chairman, South Coast Regional Initiative Planning Team) with (front row) Rex Edmondson (Chairman, Natural Resource Management Council) and Minister for the Environment Dr Judy Edwards. Photo by Rhianna Mooney.



Keith Claymore in the driver's seat with the computerised display panel. Photo by Rhianna Mooney.

## Hot wheels runs on electricity

NATURE Conservation Policy Advisor Keith Claymore is turning a few heads with the Department's new environmentally friendly set of wheels.

The Division of Nature Conservation's new car is the newest eco-friendly vehicle to be introduced to the Department's fleet.

The car – a Toyota Prius – runs on a hybrid power-split device and alternates between petrol and electricity. To reduce fuel emissions, it runs on electricity and switches to the petrol engine only when more 'grunt' is required.

Keith said that it took a bit to get used to driving the car when it was on electricity mode.

"The car makes almost no noise when it is stationary, it sounds like it has stalled," he said.

"A computer display panel on the dash shows you

which energy source it is using at any one time, sometimes it is running on electricity only, others on petrol and sometimes it runs on both, with a combined power equivalent of a two litre petrol engine.

"The car switches between the two sources depending on conditions and the type of driving you're doing. The spinning wheels charge the battery when the car is going down hill."

The car looks like a Corolla but with a smaller bonnet, its engine is quite different to other cars and modifications to the interior – such as display panels and a foot brake – differs it to 'normal' cars.

"It is extremely economical and averages 4.6 litres per 100 kilometres, covering about 1000 kilometre on a standard tank," Keith said.

"It's actually a really nice drive."

## Listening to 'people issues' in Pilbara

by Tammie Reid

LISTENING to 'people issues' raised by staff has been a key focus for the Department's CALM People Reference Group (CRG) since its inception in 1996.

With this in mind, the reference group recently visited Karratha for a one-day workshop with Pilbara regional staff to discuss a range of issues such as living and working in a remote areas, support for families and dealing with controversy in a remote community.

CRG Chairman John Skillen said visits such as this formed part of the overall strategy to help improve people management in the Department. Of the six workshops that the CRG has conducted to date, this was the first that had been undertaken in a remote region.

John said the outcomes of the Karratha workshop had been written up and recommendations would now be made on how they could be addressed.

"The value of these workshops has been that they have enabled individual staff members to raise concerns and have them discussed in a forum of

their peers and members of the CRG. The CRG is then able to facilitate the development of the workshop outcomes through its contacts in People Services Branch and senior management," he said.

The visit also included a trip to Millstream-Chichester National Park, in which is located one of the Department's most remote work stations. Located over two hours drive from Karratha on a rough unsealed road, the small settlement containing three National Park Rangers and their families, can be isolated for weeks at a time when the Fortescue River floods. National Park Ranger Russell Asplund and his wife Helen briefed CRG members on the pleasures and challenges of living in such a remote location.

CRG members are: John Skillen, Margaret Byrne, Gae Mackay, Michelle Bolitho, Roger Armstrong, Cliff Gillam, Brad Commins, Paul Jones, Amanda Smith, Brenda Smith, Tammie Reid and Keith Hockey.

## Snakes alive at lunchtime seminar

THE thought of them makes some people's skin crawl, but for others, reptiles and amphibians make for an attractive pet.

At a lunchtime seminar last month, Regional Wildlife Officer for herpetofauna, Matt Warnock, said the Department had received 150 applications for reptile and amphibian ownership since new regulations were announced last year.

"The five-level category licence system was set up by the Department in consultation with the WA Society of Amateur Herpetologists under the Wildlife Conservation Act 1950," Matt said.

"The Wildlife Conservation (Reptiles and Amphibians) Regulations were gazetted in September 2002, in response to community groups who wanted to keep reptiles and amphibians legally as pets.

"Western Australia is actually the last State to allow people to keep reptiles and amphibians as pets."

Matt said the regulated category system promoted responsible ownership.

"Forty-one reptile and amphibians species have been included in the list and are permitted in the five categories," he said.

"The categories contain species that are classed based on their rarity, required level of care, difficulty to manage and the required experience level of their owner."

Matt said there was still a steady flow of information about people illegally removing reptiles and amphibians from the wild.

Some of those animals, such as "Lucky" the bobtail lizard who had been to Germany and back three times in a post pack, made an appearance at the lunchtime seminar.

"Most of the specimens we maintain in Nature Protection Branch have been confiscated from people who have obtained and kept them illegally," Matt said.



Matt Warnock shows a diamond python hybrid (Morelia spilota spilota) to staff at the lunchtime seminar. Photo by Rhianna Mooney.

# Executive treads the Kalbarri trail

**KALBARRI National Park was the focus of a visit to the Mid-West region by Corporate Executive in early July.**

Acting Executive Director Keiran McNamara said the visit was scheduled to enable members of the executive to see at first-hand the improvements that were being made in the park and to discuss regional issues with key staff.

During the visit, Keiran officially opened the park's new visitors' centre and headquarters at a function involving present and former staff as well as the local Kalbarri community.

The new visitors' centre, built from rammed-earth and with a distinctive wavy roof line, is a far cry from the 'Atco' transportable that has served as an office for many years.

The facility was designed by Geraldton firm Eastman and Poletti Architects and built by Kalbarri builder Seascape Designs. It incorporates offices and an operations room as well as a public area with information for visitors. People intending to hike in the park can register after hours at the centre.

During the visit, Corporate Executive members were taken on a tour of some of the improvements being undertaken in the park. These included a new lookout at

Hawks Head that includes wheelchair access. This is the first opportunity people with limited mobility have had to see the Murchison River gorges. Other upgrades at the site include a picnic shelter and composting toilets.

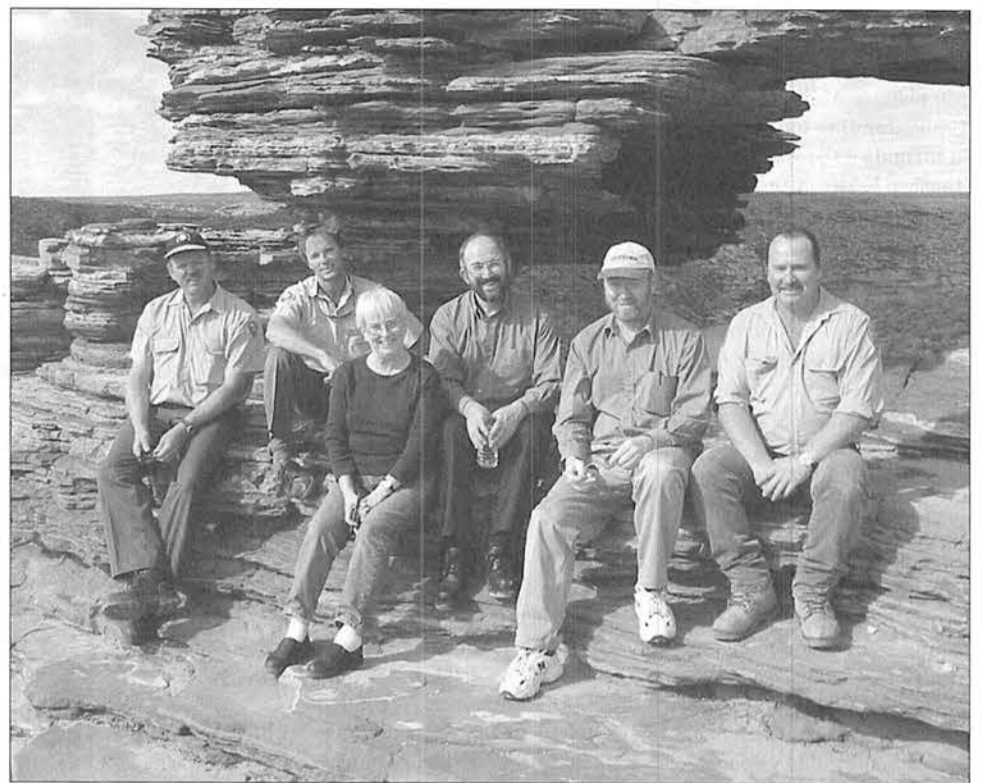
The Department is funding the sealing of the road into Hawks Head and the Ross Graham lookout that will enable all-weather access to the sites.

Access from the carpark to the popular Nature's Window also has been improved. New lookouts along the coastal gorges also are proving popular with visitors.

Keiran congratulated Kalbarri Ranger in Charge Mike Paxman and his team, Lindsay Baker, Greg Tapley and Megan O'Connor on the improvements.

Mid-West Regional Manager Kelly Gillen and Regional Parks and Visitor Services Leader Sue Hancock briefed Corporate Executive on a range of regional issues. Later, the team met up with Regional Conservation Leader Anthony Desmond and inspected a 700-hectare area that the Department has acquired for the proposed Moresby Range Conservation Park.

The area contains several species of Declared Rare Flora as well as priority species and provides exceptional views over the coastal plain and the city of Geraldton.



Kalbarri National Park Ranger Lindsay Baker (left) Ranger-in-Charge Mike Paxman and trainee ranger Greg Tapley (right) with Helen Ferguson, Dr John Byrne and Keiran McNamara at Nature's Window during Corporate Executive's visit to the Park. Picture by Sue Hancock.

## Wallabies released into Walyunga and Avon Valley national parks

By Christine Freegard

**UNDER the watchful eyes of Ranger Stephen Strachan and the District Nature Conservation Coordinator John Carter, 47 tamar wallabies were recently released into Walyunga National Park.**

The wallabies were transported to the release site by Wildlife Branch staff, Peter

Orell and Christine Freegard. A further 30 wallabies were released into Avon Valley National Park the following evening.

The tamar wallabies were trapped at Tutanning Nature

Reserve, east of Pingelly. Narrogin District staff helped trap the wallabies and prepare them for the translocation.

Each animal was weighed and fitted with a reflective ear tag and an identification tag.

The low rainfall conditions experienced in many wheatbelt

areas were evident in the bony condition of the animals.

However, all females trapped had joeys, proving their ability to survive and reproduce even in tough times.

It's hoped the wallabies will soon populate their new home and become visible to park visitors.



Terry Colvin (left), CALM trainee ranger and his father Hardy Dershow, William Bay National Park Ranger, gave Denmark Senior High Students a taste of Aboriginal culture last month. Terry and Hardy told the students about traditional bush tucker and bush medicine, showed them Aboriginal artefacts and treated them to a didgeridoo performance. Terry is pictured with year nine student Jerred Dickie (right) cooking the witchetty grubs the students later sampled.

Photo courtesy of the Albany Advertiser.

### Letters to the editor

**To all CALM's staff:**

My husband and I have just been on holidays for five weeks in your beautiful country, Western Australia.

We live in Alice Springs and have been so in need of a break. Driving up over the Great Central Road, it was such a beautiful sight to see your beaches, forests and national parks.

We both love travelling and enjoy using your national parks as our resting/relaxing stops. We would like to express our deepest thanks and wanted to let you know how we have been impressed with the love/care and cleanliness you put into these parks.

What a great idea to have volunteer hosts, who often welcome you with such a beauty and warmth.

Over the four weeks we spent 90 per cent of our time in your national parks, and after 23 years of travelling through Australia you certainly deserve the best award for caring for the parks, your clients and the environment.

The parks look clean, well maintained, and there is lots of good educational information and good quality camping facilities which are well thought through, even to the point where you create a special place for the youngest travellers by having little baby chairs cut out in the tables.

Again we have been impressed, are very grateful and loved our time around and in the parks.

Bea and Dick Molanus  
Alice Springs

### Conservation briefs

#### EcoEducation takes to Shark Bay

World Heritage listed Shark Bay will be the focus of a new conservation program for WA teachers.

The 'Be a Nature Conservation Officer for a Weekend' program will be held on September 6-7.

It aims to give teachers the chance to gain hands-on experience, as well as educational resources to help them teach their students about conservation measures.

Teachers will be given experience in monitoring small native animals through pit-trappings and a chance to meet a number of scientists and land managers who work in WA's only World Heritage listed area.

Activities will also include a visit to the Department's purpose-built captive breeding enclosures to view threatened species that are being re-introduced to the Peron Peninsula as part of the wildlife recovery program, Project Eden.

The Department's Senior EcoEducation Officer, Liz Moore, is co-ordinating the weekend, with support from Shark Bay district staff.

## Staff changes ... Staff changes ... Staff changes ... Staff changes

### Contract

Daniella Hanf, Reserves Officer, Monkey Mia, Shark Bay District; Michael Coote, Senior Environmental Officer, Nature Conservation, Nature Protection, Kensington; Melanie Harding, Technical Officer (Flora Industry), Wildlife Administration, Wildlife Branch; David Pearce, Records Officer, Wildlife Branch, Kensington.

### Permanent appointment

Nigel Higgs, Principal Media Relations Officer, Strategic Development and Corporate Affairs;

Mark Virgo, Senior Ranger Grade 4, Walpole Office, Frankland District; Sasha Pop-Markov, Cartographic Officer, GIS, Kensington; Martine Holland, Landscape Architect, Swan Region, Wanneroo; Colleen Sims, Project Officer, Shark Bay District, Mid West Region, Denham.

### Retirement

Phillip John Roberts, District Wildlife Officer, Geraldton Regional Headquarters, Mid-West Region; Frank Ainsworth, National Park Ranger, Swan Coastal District, Yanchep National Park.

### Resignation

Jolene Wallington, Officer, Hills Forest Discovery Centre, Perth Hills District; Volker Werner Mischker, Farm Forestry Development Officer, Farm Forestry Unit, Esperance.

### Transfer

Grant Hansen, Operations Officer, Narrogin; Mark Moore, Ranger, Cervantes.

### Temporary transfer

Jacqui Maguire, Project Officer, Corporate Executive, Crawley; Damien Kuret, Ranger Torndirrup National Park, Albany.

### Contract ceased

Ariana Svenson, Visitor Services Officer, Walpole Office, Frankland District; Alan Trevaskis, General Manager, Forest Heritage Centre, Perth Hills District; Marilyn Honeybun, Officer, Biological Information Group, WA Herbarium.

### Temporary deployment

Nigel Sercombe, Rangelands Conservation Management Officer, Natural Resources Branch.