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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)

July 2025

Welcome

to our Term 3 edition of Nearer to Nature Perth News

In this issue,

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2026 Bookings Opening Soon

2025 has been an exciting year for our visiting schools, and 2026 is shaping up to be even better—with new programs and updates on the way! Booking enquiries for secondary schools open via Rezdy in **Week 3 this term**, so be sure to secure your spot early.

👉 **Make your booking enquiries here:** [Nearer to Nature Schools | Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions](#)

Programs & Fees – What's New in 2026

We're excited to introduce streamlined offerings and new programs for 2026. Program fees have increased slightly to reflect the quality and value of our hands-on, curriculum-linked experiences in nature. We understand school budgets are tight and remain committed to providing competitive pricing.

For small groups, we're happy to help coordinate shared bookings with other schools to make programs more budget-friendly. All programs are now charged as a set fee (capped at 30 students), with cost-sharing options available.

We also offer:

- **Self-guided programs** with minimal equipment hire
- **Incursions** to reduce travel and relief teacher costs

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



Our design team has been working hard to bring back our **annual brochure**, now featuring fresh colours, updated logos, and easy-to-navigate program info. Keep an eye on your inbox and school staff room for its release!

See you at GAWA

Do you know about GAWA? The Geographical Association of Western Australia is having its annual conference in South Perth in August. Look out for the Nearer to Nature stand where you'll meet Rod, one of

our N2N school coordinators. Naomi from River Guardians will also be presenting this year. We can't wait!



Geographical Association of Western Australia [Inc.]

Winter School Holiday Wrap-up

The July school holidays, flew by way too fast! We had lots of fun adventuring our way at beaches, wetlands and forests - plus museum trips to wildlife encounters. From frogs 🐸, turtles 🐢, dolphins 🐬, echidnas to kangaroos, buzzing native bees 🐝, fungi 🍄 and plants 🌱, everyday was surrounded by nature, fun, learning, exploring and pure joy!

To keep updated on our community programs you can find more info

here: <https://exploreparks.dbca.wa.gov.au/get-inspired/nearer-nature-activities-community>



Zippy's Bush Kindy



Zippy's Bush Kindy Perth Hills

Little explorers. Big adventures!

Perth Hills Discovery Centre

BOOK NOW

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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.

If you would like to join us for Term 3 online bookings have now closed but there are a few spots left. Please contact n2n@dbca.wa.gov.au

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 [Foundation Housing](#) and [Wellness Central](#), visited the Perth Hills Discovery Centre with friends to host a wellness workshop. They spent time in nature, participated in some creativity, and reflection in acknowledgement of the recent NAIDOC week.

After enjoying a weaving workshop and a tasty BBQ they headed out into the bush along the Bibbulmun track via the Weir View walk and the dreaming rocks (pictured above).

They were delighted by both our facilities and the warm reception they received – especially considering how cold it was that day.



Planning an event with a natural touch?

Consider the Perth Hills Discovery Centre—just minutes from Mundaring and surrounded by the beauty of Beelu National Park. With a range of open-air and sheltered spaces available, your event will be both memorable and unique. We can even help organise engaging nature-based activities. Extend the experience by staying overnight in our fully equipped campground.

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