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## Go wild this Spring

National parks from across the State will be showcased with the WA Parks Foundation's [Spring into Parks](#) campaign.

This program, made possible through the support of Chevron Australia, celebrates our spectacular wilderness and access to nature.

Put together by the WA Parks Foundation in partnership with community groups, it ranges from [discovering birds of the night](#), [to stargazing in woodlands](#), [yoga in an ancient cave](#) and [learning how to camp and cook on a campfire](#).

The campaign focuses on the [benefits of spending time in nature](#) for improved mental health and wellbeing, at the same time highlighting the cultural significance of the landscape and promoting the importance of conserving parks for future generations.

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## What's on?



03.10.20

### **Tunnels and Dams Adventure at John Forrest National Park**

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18.10.20

### **Spring into Yanchep National Park with free hut building and flag making**

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25.10.20

## **Cabaret Cave Yoga and Mindfulness at Yanchep National Park**

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21.11.20

## **Parks and Bush Tucker in the Swan Valley at Walyunga National Park**

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# Up Deep River



*Deep River flows through forested areas of the Walpole-Nornalup National Park to the Nornalup Inlet.*

Heraclitus says you can't step into the same river twice. Lee Child warns Jack Reacher to never go back. But here goes anyway.

2019 April. The weather is mild for the south coast. A small group on holiday in Walpole joins a larger group on a boat tour of the two inlets, led by the bare-foot, bare-legged and bald, Gary Muir. He is hilarious, educational, a non-stop talker, and his cake at half time is delicious. At the end of the day the paying punters are ecstatic.

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## **Murujuga viewing access improved**





*New boardwalk for Murujuga rock art site*

Access for viewing culturally significant rock art at Murujuga National Park in the Pilbara has been greatly improved through the opening of a new walking trail.

The 700 metre, universal access Ngajarli Trail is the first infrastructure of its type to be built in the National Park. It will enable visitors to view a rich array of rock art, with some of the petroglyphs estimated to be more than 47,000 years old.

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## Murchison GeoRegion launched



*Professor Ross Dowling AM and FACET Founder, Mrs Pat Barblett AM*

Geotourism is an emerging global economic development opportunity which fosters tourism based on the geology and landscapes that shape the character of a region.

The ancient geology of WA's Murchison is considered an ideal platform for this model of tourism and the Shire of Mount Magnet recently hosted the launch of the Murchison GeoRegion project.

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## Explore



### May Gibbs' bush babies

The bush fantasy world of May Gibbs (1877 – 1969) illustrator, artist and children’s author has created a unique Australian folklore that holds a special place in the heart of our nation.

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### Off the beaten track

For keen, experienced and fit hikers, the Bald Head Trail in the Torndirrup National Park is one of many great reasons to visit the Albany region. This spectacular 12.5km hike offers inspiring views.

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## New campsites on the Turquoise Coast



*Wanagarren Campground is situated alongside the pristine waters of Jurien Bay Marine Park | Credit: DBCA*

New campgrounds in the heart of wildflower country along WA's stunningly beautiful Turquoise Coast are now available for booking.

Managed by the Parks and Wildlife Service at the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, the new facilities will help meet the growing demand for nature-based tourism in the region.

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## Unlocking genetic blueprints of two WA icons



*Red and green Mangles kangaroo paw (Anigozanthos manglesii), with yellow variant | Credit: Digby Grows*

A world-first genome mapping of Western Australia's quokkas by scientists from The University of Western Australia has been completed.

Researchers have mapped a chromosome-length genome which will help scientists learn more



about the species and how to protect quokkas for future generations.

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## Draft management plans released for comment



*Bar-tailed godwits (Doole Island). These vulnerable birds migrate to Siberia to breed | Credit: DBCA*

The Pilbara inshore islands nature reserves and proposed additions draft management plan has been made available by the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions for public comment.

The draft plan covers 174 islands, islets and rocks between Exmouth Gulf and Cape Preston that provide habitat for a variety of threatened species including turtles and birds.

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## Applications invited

# for Rivercare program



*Swan River foreshore, Applecross | Credit: City of Melville*

Grants for community-led projects under the State Government's Community Rivercare Program are having a positive impact on the health of the Swan and Canning rivers.

Since its inception in 2018-19, the program has funded 34 projects through 26 volunteer-based community groups.

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## Make a difference

Uniting the community through a shared love for our WA Parks to protect and conserve them for our physical and mental health, and so they can be enjoyed into the future.

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