

Moving ahead - Executive appointments, John Forrest field trip and more...

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The Pinnacles in Nambung National Park Photo - Lori-Ann Shibish

Welcome to the 13th issue of *WA Parks Foundation News*, where you can find updates on the progress of the WA Parks Foundation, which aims to increase community appreciation and involvement in the conservation of the State's national parks and conservation reserves.

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WA Parks Foundation Announces Executive Appointments

Increasing awareness, appreciation of and visits to Western Australia’s national parks will be the focus for two recent appointees to the WA Parks Foundation.

Melanie Wilshin has taken up the newly-created position of General Manager, bringing to the role more than 20 years’ executive management experience in the private and “for purpose” sectors. She has expertise in developing successful strategic community partnerships and implementing major projects at local, national and international levels. [Read More ...](#)



Field Trip to John Forrest National Park

Light at the end of the Tunnel

John Forrest National Park, WA’s first national park, was the site of a recent visit by Members of the WA Parks Foundation Board and its Strategic Priorities Panel, who met with Parks and Wildlife staff in early March to look at some ideas to improve the visitor experience, understanding and interpretation, being considered for support. Chair of the Foundation’s Strategic Priorities Panel Tom Hatton, said that “it is important for the Foundation to get a clear perspective on

Field trips to locations like John Forrest National Park help build that perspective”. [Read More...](#)



Meet Park Ambassador Kim Eckert

Kim Eckert is the CEO for Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group. She moved to Kalgoorlie-Boulder nine years ago and her passion is her community, the future of her community, raising awareness and education on all things to do with the environment. [Read More ...](#)



Open Day at Government House



GOVERNMENT HOUSE OPEN DAY
SUNDAY 30 APRIL 2017, 11.00AM TO 3.00PM

autumn Open Day on Sunday, 30 April 2017 between 11.00am and 3.00pm. Themed '**Having a Voice**', this Open Day is in support of the National Trust's 2017 Australian Heritage Festival. [Read More...](#)

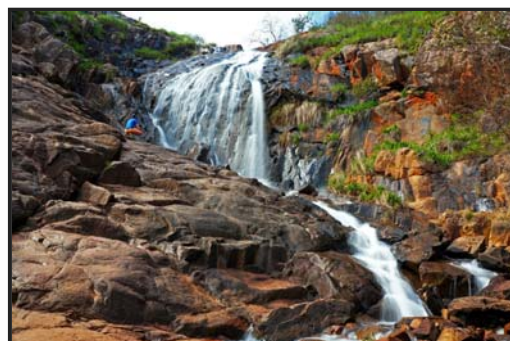
Park tales: Eagle View Walk Trail, John Forrest National Park

Perth blogger Donovan de Souza, an adventure traveller, documents adventures one can have exploring the world on foot via tracks and trails - i.e. "take the Long Way". We share his reflections on Eagle View Walk Trail (John Forrest National Park). [Read More...](#)



Lesmurdie Falls gets a makeover

Lesmurdie Falls continues to delight visitors but, in recent years, nearby areas have become severely degraded due to weed infestation. Friends of Upper Lesmurdie Falls was formed in 2012 to help rehabilitate the area above the falls with support from State natural resource management (NRM) and Perth Region NRM organisations. [Read More...](#)



Just another day in WA



Tourism WA Campaign Receives Marketing Honours.

Tourism WA was in the running for Australasia's Marketing Team of the Year prize in the inaugural Mumbrella Travel Marketing Awards, where the [Just Another Day in WA](#) campaign was shortlisted across multiple categories which resulted in receiving a Highly Commended honour for Best Use of Native or Content Marketing. [Read More...](#)

Discover more of Western Australia through the eyes of locals, travellers and experts at <http://justanotherdayinwa.com>

Feature park: Marmion Marine Park



Marmion Marine Park, the first marine park in Western Australia, celebrates its 30th anniversary this month. Situated offshore from Perth's northern suburbs between Trigg Island and Burns Beach, Marmion Marine Park features lagoons, reefs and small islands that provide habitats for seabirds, marine mammals and other remarkably diverse marine life. [Read More ...](#)



This year the Kimberley experienced one of the biggest wet seasons on record. The rainfall caused waterfalls to flow on a grand scale. Tourism operators capitalised on the natural spectacles being created and there is now a push by local tourism authorities to rebadge the wet season the "waterfall season". Enjoy the ABC feature video of the result of the heavy rains in the Kimberley by clicking: [Watch the video here](#)

Tell us what you think!

We'd love to hear from you about what you think of *WA Parks Foundation News*, what you would like to see and if you have any questions about the WA Parks Foundation.

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