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Infrastructure upgrade for John Forrest National Park

Western Australia's oldest national park, John Forrest National Park, has welcomed new infrastructure thanks to a revitalisation effort jointly supported by Chevron Australia, WA Parks Foundation and the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.

WA Parks Foundation Chair, the Hon Kerry Sanderson AC said the new infrastructure, including additional interpretative signs, a universal access barbecue and children's nature play area, had increased the park's accessibility as a recreational space.

"WA Parks Foundation is proud to see John Forrest National Park fitted with a universal access barbeque; one of only two such barbeques located in Perth Hills' national parks," she said.

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An evening under the stars at the Pinnacles



Picture: Timelapse footage by photographer Michael Goh

After seven weeks of varied and enjoyable events for all ages, Spring into Parks came to an end on Saturday 19th October with an amazing stargazing night at the Pinnacles Desert in Nambung National Park. Around 150 people enjoyed this rare treat, which started with a spectacular sunset over the Indian Ocean viewed from the Desert Discovery Centre.

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First look at Kalbarri Skywalk



Picture: Kalbarri Skywalk project | Credit: DBCA

The \$24 million Kalbarri Skywalk project is well underway and due for completion in early 2020. Two cantilevered walkways will provide superb views over the Murchison River Gorge.

Tourism WA says the \$24 million project, which includes \$10.1 million of road and car park improvements, has created more than 150 local jobs during the construction phase, including 10 jobs for local Aboriginal people.

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Working hard to save the dibbler





Picture: Dibblers are very agile animals and often climb bushes to lick nectar from flowers | Credit: Perth Zoo

The Dirk Hartog Island National Park about 850 kms north of Perth has welcomed some adorable new residents. Twenty-four endangered dibblers bred at Perth Zoo were released to the island in October by staff from the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.

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Reflecting on our unique forest heritage



Picture: Golden Valley Tree Park

The Golden Valley Tree Park at Balingup was a beautiful setting for a recent public presentation by distinguished neuroscientist and educator Professor Lyn Beazley AO FAA FTSE.

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Celebrating the wonders of the Houtman Abrolhos



Picture: Pelsaert Island sits atop a fringing pavement limestone base | Credit: Halfmoon Biosciences

Internationally respected and influential marine ecologist Dr Chris Surman has devoted a huge chunk of his life to studying the Houtman Abrolhos island chain on Western Australia's coral coast.

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