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*Picture: Jennene Riggs. Taken at Perth Zoo for the filming of the documentary "Secrets at Sunrise"*

## Intensified rescue efforts for rare parrot

Efforts to protect Western Australia's rarest bird have increased after a recent bush fire ripped through an estimated 49,000 hectares of park land, destroying about 6,000 hectares of known Western Ground Parrot habitat.

The population of the Western Ground Parrot has steadily declined due to land clearing and introduced European predators. Over the past four years, 80 per cent of the bird's last remaining habitat in Cape Arid National Park and Nuytsland Nature Reserve in the State's south east has been destroyed by successive bushfires.

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## Golden oldies on the road again



*Picture: Much loved characters Michael and Denise (aka Steve and Judy Farquhar) return to the Kimberley | Image credit: Australia's North West*

An engaging and highly successful tourism campaign featuring the adventures of a retired couple travelling the Kimberley is back again.

Magic Kimberley — The Sequel has been launched with a five-minute online video featuring endearing characters Denise and Michael returning for a new adventure on the Gibb River Road.

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## Indigenous tourism summit draws

# international participation



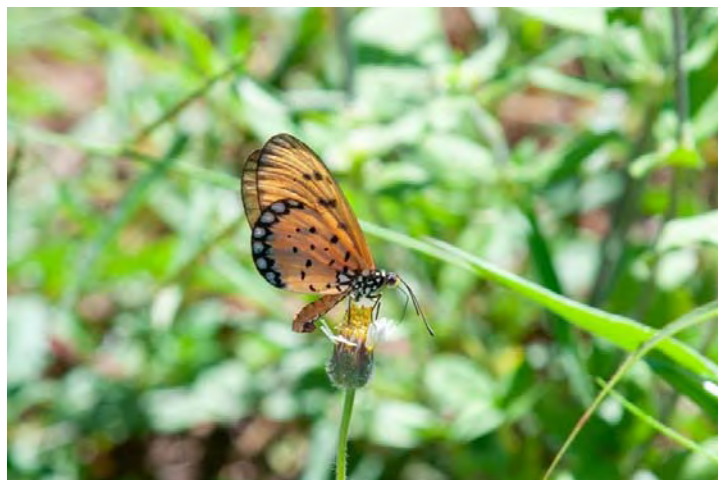
*Picture: The World indigenous Tourism Summit theme is: Tourism and Indigenous Earth Wisdom Weaving the Future that Benefits All | Image credit: WITS 2020*

Perth is preparing to host the World Indigenous Tourism Summit from 6 to 9 April. The event will bring together participants from throughout Australia and overseas to discuss economic, environmental, social and political advances and challenges in Indigenous tourism.

The hosting follows a successful bid by the WA Indigenous Tourism Operators Council (WAITOC), with support from the Perth Convention Bureau (PCB) and the Western Australian Government through Tourism Western Australia.

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# Citizen science on the wing



*Picture: Tawny Coster butterfly | Image credit: Chris Sanderson*

Butterfly-watchers don't need a net to be part of a new citizen science project led by researchers at The Australian National University (ANU).

The Butterflies Australia project, which has developed an innovative app, aims to create a national database of butterfly sightings. Information gathered will enable the building of data-driven range maps for butterfly species to assist with conservation

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## Explore





## Exploring our South West

Australia's South West is the peak regional tourism organisation for the South West of Western Australia, which is made up of more than 1000km of breathtaking coastline, 24 national parks, towering forest, agriculturally rich land and beautiful natural formations.

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## Wellington National Park

The Wellington National Park comprises 17 000 hectares of jarrah, marri and yarri (blackbutt) forests. The central feature is the beautiful Collie River Valley with its ancient valley gorge. Sightseeing, picnics, swimming, rafting, canoeing and fishing can be enjoyed from Rapids, Big Rock, Little Rock and Long Pool.

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# Mega mural for Wellington Dam



Picture credit: Wellington Dam wall | Image credit: Parks and Wildlife Service

A massive mural artwork planned for Collie's Wellington Dam could set some new world records.

Wellington Dam's huge wall face, with a surface of more than 12,000 square metres, will provide the canvas for the mural. The project is expected to require abseiling to carry out dam wall cleaning and a 250-tonne crane to provide access for the selected artist.

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## Valuing the voice of youth





*Picture: Changing Your World Youth Conference | Image credit: Millennium Kids*

During the very successful Spring into Parks program in 2019, the WA Parks Foundation partnered with Millennium Kids on two events at Burra Rock Conservation Park near Kalgoorlie. The Kids on Country team shared their stories, explained local plants, cooked damper and guided visitors around this site within the Great Western Woodlands

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## Golden anniversary for Nuytsia



*Picture: Nuytsia floribunda (also known as Moodjar) is a type of native mistletoe. It flowers between October and January. | Image credit: Tourism WA*

Many new botanical species discovered each year in Western Australia are described in papers published in the Western Australian Herbarium's botanical journal of systematic botany, *Nuytsia*.

In 2020, the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) is celebrating 50 years of *Nuytsia* by naming and describing 50 new species as part of a 'golden anniversary' edition of the journal.

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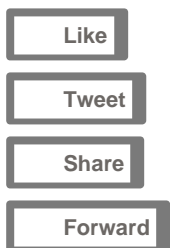


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