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*Picture: The Rosemary Island program monitors nesting turtles across five beaches | Credit: Parks and Wildlife Service, DBCA, Karratha*

## Tagging turtles

A long-running tagging program at Rosemary Island in the Dampier Archipelago is making an important contribution to the understanding and conservation of the hawksbill and other vulnerable marine turtle species.

The program is run during the peak breeding season (October to March) each year and involves staff from the Parks and Wildlife Service and volunteers working through the night to tag and record details of the female turtles that come ashore to lay their eggs. In the most recent tagging, 626 marine turtle observations were made over a 14-day survey period.

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## Ecotourism for Palm Pool



*Picture: Palm Pool, Millstream Chichester National Park | Credit: Susan Standen, ABC Pilbara*

Palm Pool, a tropical oasis within Millstream Chichester National Park, is set to feature new ecotourism accommodation with approval for a lease granted to the Yindjibarndi Aboriginal Corporation.

The project envisages glamping-style safari tents, caravan and camping sites, as well as a restaurant.

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## New grevilleas from Kings Park team



*Picture: One of the new grevillea cultivars, Tangerine Dream | Credit: Digby Grows, Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority*

Four stunning new grevilleas developed by the Kings Park plant development team are now commercially available.

The new varieties, Kimberley Moon, Tangerine Dream, Pink Profusion and Raspberry Dream, have long flowering periods and brilliant colours from orange and red to deep pink. With their highly respected Kings Park provenance, they're proving very popular.

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## Funding round opens for Riverbank foreshore program



*Picture: Swan River foreshore | Credit: DBCA*

The Riverbank Grants Funding round for 2020-21 is now open. The program protects and enhances the Swan and Canning river foreshores.

The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions' (DBCA) Parks and Wildlife Service is inviting expressions of interest for foreshore stabilisation, restoration and improvement projects.

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## Explore



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While you're self-isolating at home to protect yourself and others from the Covid-19 virus spread, there is a lot to be said for armchair travelling. That way, you can still have access to some of the world's most famous national parks and reserves.

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## **Nature goes online**

Educated by Nature is now offering their engaging and educational KIN Village program online. The program aims to keep families connected to nature through mentoring to support children to create nature connection routines at home or in nearby natural spaces, like local bushland.

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## **Outstanding volunteers**



*Picture: Dedication recognised at DBCA's Outstanding Service Awards*

The WA Parks Foundation congratulates Bibbulmun Track volunteers who have been presented with Outstanding Service Awards by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.

Well deserving of this recognition are Jim Freeman, Charlie Soord, Graham Murdoch, Charmaine Harris and Chris Lee.

And there has been special acknowledgement also for Mike Wood who received the Volunteer of the Year Award. Among other roles and contributions, Mike was Chair of the Foundation for 21 years.

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## **Covid-19 and WA National Parks and Reserves**



*Picture: Walpole-Nornalup National Park, credit: DBCA*

The Covid-19 situation in relation to access to Western Australia's national parks and reserves is being continuously monitored.

For more information, please click on the link below.

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