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Join the 30 Day reBoot on June 1

Spring into Parks 30 Day reBoot

As the global effort to combat COVID-19 and its impacts continues, there has never been a more important time to focus on our mental health and wellbeing.

Partnering with government, industry and community, the WA Parks Foundation is highlighting the importance of spending time in nature with [Spring into Parks 30-Day Reboot](#).

This initiative, made possible through the support of [Chevron Australia](#), begins on June 1. It will continue throughout the month with an engaging and wide-ranging program combining on-line information resources with community-based

nature-related activities. The initiative is targeting youth, families and professionals.

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**Our industrious
bilbies - ecosystem
engineers**



Bilbies typically make several burrows within their home range | Credit: Dr Stuart Dawson

Research led by WA zoologist Dr Stuart Dawson reveals that vulnerable bilbies are important for whole ecosystems of smaller creatures in the West Kimberley region.

During his Murdoch University PhD field work, Dr Stuart Dawson mounted camera traps next to bilby

burrows to monitor the comings and goings of these rabbit-sized marsupials. The resulting images show a wide range of unexpected visitors to bilby burrows, in addition to the burrow owners themselves.

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**Help make a
difference this tax-
time**



Coastline near Albany, Western Australia.

Western Australia's spectacular network of terrestrial and marine parks and reserves encompasses more than 31 million hectares, including three World Heritage areas, and the greater south-western area of Western Australia is one of only 36 internationally recognised biodiversity hotspots.

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**The joys of spending
time in nature: WA
Parks Foundation
Chair shares her
thoughts**



WA Parks Foundation Chair, Kerry Sanderson | Credit: Will Yeoman, The West Australian

The delightful parkland at Kings Park's Zamia Café was a perfect setting for WA Parks Foundation Chair, the Hon Kerry Sanderson's recent chat with travel journalist Will Yeoman.

Bird calls and children's laughter added to the ambience for the interview on the theme of why

our parks are so important, perhaps now more than ever.

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Dating Murujuga's rock art: new scientific approaches



Murujuga National Park rock art | Credit: Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation

A project that aims to learn more about WA's ancient past through rock art and climate change in the Dampier Archipelago, has received \$1.3 million in research funding from the Federal Government's Australian Research Council.

The funding, announced by the Education Minister the Hon Dan Tehan MP, is part of the Australian Research Council's linkage project scheme for research projects that are based on strategic research alliances with various industry and community groups.

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Explore



Bluff Knoll walk trail re-opened

Taking hikers to the Great Southern's highest peak, Bluff Knoll's walk trail was reopened on May 22, following four months of repair work due to summer bushfires.

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Kanyana bilby breeding program

Bilbies are currently being bred in several captive breeding facilities around Australia. One of these is located at the Kanyana Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre at Lesmurdie.

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Supporting native bee populations



Australian Blue Banded Bee | Credit: Louise Docker

Native bees are a vital part of the Australian bush and are important pollinators of Australia's unique flora.

Nationally, there are over 1500 native bee species. Planting bee forage for honeybee and native bee nutrition offers major benefits to agricultural industries through increased rates of incidental pollination.

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Kids take action for love of nature



Image credit: Millennium Kids

Millennium Kids is one of the WA Parks Foundation's valued community partners. As part of the organisation's current Green Lab initiative, young volunteers will be planting hundreds of sedges at Sir James Mitchell Park, in the City of South Perth on 21 June. The aim is to help create habitat for local birds at Lake Douglas. The

session will have two planting times and a tour of the lakes to check out the new swan nesting site.

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Gumnut bombardment



Park Ambassador, David de Vos

Parks Ambassador David de Vos writes...

Just finished a walk in Kings Park where I was bombed with gumnuts and leaves. Vandals

destroying the peace, you'd think.

And you'd be right. Sort of. My walk was through the Botanic Gardens where every visit reveals something new.

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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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