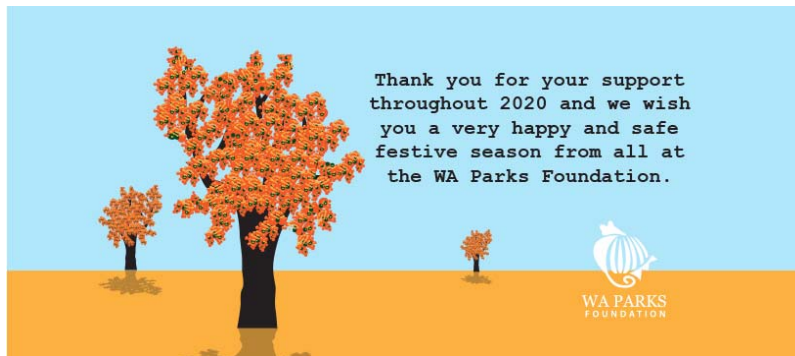




December 2020



## Reflecting on 2020

A reception given by the Honourable Kim Beazley AC, Governor of Western Australia for the WA Parks Foundation in November was an opportunity to thank our Board Directors, Government and corporate partners and others for the support given this year. It was also an occasion to reflect on the environmental, social and cultural importance of our parks and reserves and the Foundation's activities over the past 12 months.

Governor Beazley, who is Patron of the WA Parks Foundation hosted this event at Government House with his wife Susie. He spoke about the vastness, and the spectacular biodiversity of Western Australia's more than 31-million-hectare conservation estate.

He said the work of the Foundation, enabled by its private, public sector and community supporters, was helping to generate greater appreciation of our parks and reserves and the importance of protecting and conserving our precious and rare plants and animals.

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## New Matilda Bay Interpretation node



*Whadjuk Elder Theresa Walley and WA Parks Foundation Chair, the Hon Kerry Sanderson AC, CVO at the official opening of the Matilda Bay Interpretation Node | DBCA*

The newly completed interpretation node installed on the Matilda Bay Reserve is a collaborative project between DBCA's Parks and Wildlife Service and the WA Parks Foundation, made possible by support from Woodside. It promotes the historical values and connection Traditional Owners have with the Matilda Bay area and the Swan River. It is the eighth node to be developed as part of this project which aims to develop a network of interpretation nodes along the foreshore paths located at key sites of environmental, historical, and cultural significance.

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## New Ningaloo coastal

# reserves created



*Ningaloo Coast | DBCA*

Almost 50,000 hectares of new conservation and recreation reserve has been created along the Ningaloo Coast. This area, one of Western Australia's premier tourism destinations, has a diversity of marine and terrestrial wildlife and many cultural sites.

The newly established conservation land is part of the State Government's Plan for Our Parks initiative, which aims to increase WA's conservation estate by five million hectares over five years.

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## Photo competition update



*Karijini National Park | Tourism Western Australia*

The WA Parks Foundation's 2020 Hidden Corners community photo competition has attracted great interest, with a stunning array of images submitted by talented amateur snappers.

We were delighted to receive a total of 662 entries by the closing date of 13 December. Judging is underway and the winner will be announced by Friday, December 18. Thank you to all who have taken up this opportunity to enter.

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## **Lake Kepwari transformation**



Collie's Lake Kepwari, formerly an open-cut coalmine, has been transformed into a water-based tourism hub, featuring areas for boating, water-skiing, swimming, camping and picnicking.

Construction on the facilities has seen the development of a dual lane boat ramp, designated parking for boat trailers and sealed accessible pathways throughout the site.

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## FACET turns 30



*FACET Chair Ryan Mossny with FACET Founder, Mrs Pat Barblett AM*

For 30 years FACET (Forum Advocating Cultural and Eco Tourism) has inspired and promoted the responsible community use of Western Australia's cultural and natural heritage through tourism. It has provided advice to government, coordinated industry capacity building and provided a forum for discussion of the key issues affecting the industry.

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# Wind back the clock and rock



*6iX Twilight Concert at Yanchep National Park*

Nostalgic for the Happy Days sounds of the 50s and 60s? You can re-live the iconic music that defined a generation and shaped Rock 'n' Roll at Yanchep National Park on 2 January. The 6iX Twilight Concert, starting at 6 p.m., will feature music from artists of the era such as Fats Domino, Ritchie Valens, Bill Haley and The Comets, Shakin Stevens, Roy Orbison, Buddy Holly, Dusty Springfield, Leslie Gore, Chuck Berry, The Beatles, Dion, Lulu, Connie Francis, Elvis, Wanda Jackson, Brenda Lee and many more.

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