



March 2021



Mini detectives head out into the bush to search for evidence left behind by some critters at Nearer to Nature's Animal Trails program

School hols – nature to the rescue

Ensuring that kids are active and engaged during the school holidays can be challenging at times, but help is at hand in the wide range of holiday programs put together by State, Local Government and community organisations.

The holiday programs built around enabling young people to experience and learn about the natural environment can be especially inspiring. The following are some examples and a search through the internet will locate others.

The Autumn program put together by [Nearer to Nature](#) (Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions) has some captivating ideas. Creepy Crawlies, for

example, delving into worlds of insects and spiders, bushland bug hunts, learning to identify animal trails and understand camouflage.

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Parks Ambassador role for whale shark expert



Dr Brad Norman AM

The WA Parks Foundation's newest Parks Ambassador, Dr Brad Norman AM has dedicated more than 25 years to research, education and conservation programs focused on the world's biggest fish – the whale shark.

He is currently leading a program on whale sharks in his role as a Research Fellow with The Harry Butler Institute, Murdoch University.

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Muminbulah Wilak – ATCO's six seasons garden



ATCO's Six Seasons Garden – sharing knowledge of Noongar culture

The six seasons calendar is a very important knowledge system for Western Australia's Noongar people. To tell the story of the role the six seasons, local flora and fauna play in Noongar history and culture, [ATCO Australia](#) has created the [Six Seasons Garden](#) at its Jandakot depot.

The garden was designed by Denice Kickett, a Whadjuk Noongar woman in consultation with Noongar Elders. This accessible and tranquil space carries the Noongar name Denice was given by her grandparents – Muminbulah Wilak – Spirit of the Land.

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Connecting with

Aboriginal Culture



Dale Tilbrook's workshops offer cultural learnings and experiences

A series of 24 cultural workshops presented by Dale Tilbrook, Director of the Maalinup Aboriginal Gallery in the Swan Valley offers fascinating insights into the history of Aboriginal people pre-European settlement.

Workshop series offers cultural learnings and experiences Other elements include discovering the health benefits of Australian bushfoods and experiencing new tastes and textures through sampling of fruits, nuts, herbs and spices.

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Bibb Track's “something for everyone” autumn program



Blackwood Campsite in WA's South West

The Bibbulmun Track Foundation has come up with some cute names for the bushwalking opportunities in its April program.

For first timers or those just wanting a leisurely walk with a group, the L-Plates Pub Plod sounds just the thing.

If you want to acquire some map reading and compass skills, you could Get Lost with Steve.

And Marching Maidens offers a three-day hike in one of the Bibbulmun Track's most scenic sections, starting at Mundaring.

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Festival time in our apple capital

Donnybrook's Apple Festival (3-4 April) has a harvest and arts theme. It's an excellent opportunity to experience all that the region has to offer, from sampling local produce and learning about regenerative farming practices to discovering Donnybrook's creative talent via the inaugural open studios artisan trail.

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Opera under the starry sky

Opera in the Pinnacles presented by the West Australian Opera company on 1 May 2021 promises to be one of the most memorable highlights of the 2021 season. In the dramatic setting of the Nambung National Park, this will be an immersive experience featuring some of WA's finest operatic artists.

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Pearls and Plates



Harvest | credit: Liddon Pearls

Preparations are well underway for the first food and music festival on the Houtman Abrolhos off Western Australia's Coral Coast.

Pearls and Plates will be held on the weekend of the 17th and 18th April 2021, on Post Office island in the archipelago's southern group.

Two long table lunches will be served overlooking the lagoon on the southern point of Post Office Island. Guests can look forward to experiencing the culinary flair of celebrity chef Anna Gare and award-winning chef Guy Jeffreys with a menu featuring local seafood delicacies paired with world class Margaret River wines.

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Native plant sale coming up



Exquisite Qualup Bells (Pimelea physodes)

Proceeds of the always popular plant sales organised by the Friends of Kings Park support research and projects in Kings Park and Botanic Garden. The next sale will be held on Sunday 30 May 2020 from 9.00am to 12.30pm (or earlier if the plants are sold out).

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