



August 2021



Go wild this September

National parks across the State will be showcased with the WA Parks Foundation's Spring into Parks campaign.

Spring into Parks, made possible by Lotterywest, opens on September 12 at the Valley of the Giants Tree Top Walk in the Walpole-Nornalup National Park to coincide with the 25th anniversary of this outstanding attraction.

There will be entertainment and fun activities for the family to enjoy with live music, food stalls, community land art, face painting plus arts and crafts for the kids.

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Smartreka maps available for

Purnululu National Park



Purnululu | credit: WA Parks and Wildlife Service (DBCA)

The Kimberley's Purnululu National Park is the most recent addition to the Smartreka mapping series. Smartreka, sponsored by BHP, is delivered by the WA Parks Foundation in partnership with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.

Smartreka maps make it easier to navigate. They use the built-in GPS on smartphone or tablet to plot real-time location. If the maps are downloaded while network access is available this can be done without a network connection and without roaming charges.

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Introducing Park Ambassador Kate Gibson



Kate Gibson, Park Ambassador

Nature-based tourism is a keen interest for Park Ambassador Kate Gibson.

Kate is the owner and founder of Perth-based hiking tour company, the Hike Collective. She is a Board member of FACET (Forum Advocating Cultural and Ecotourism) and has recently become a member of the WA Parks Foundation Ambassador Advisory Committee.

Kate is a highly skilled equestrian, particularly in dressage competition, and spent four years in Germany pursuing that interest before redirecting her career to the area of nature tourism.

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Four-wheel drive

outback adventure awaits



Kennedy Range National Park | credit: Parks and Wildlife Service

The Kennedy Range is an impressive feature on the Wool Wagon Pathway – one of the three self-drive trails with interpretive signage that make up the Gascoyne Murchison Outback Pathways.

Scenic landscapes, wilderness, wildflowers, camping, walk trails, night skies, geology, bird watching and photography are some of the attractions.

The beautiful gorges and red rock landscape of the outback Kennedy Range National Park (known as 'Mundatharrda' to the local Inggarda Aboriginal language group) are about a two-hour drive east of Carnarvon.

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WA Herbarium's upgraded data base launched



With its masses of shell-pink flowers, *Scholtzia involucrata* (Spiked Scholtzia) commonly occurs on sandy soils, from south of Perth to Eneabba and eastward to the Wheatbelt, forming part of the understorey in kwongan or Banksia woodland communities | credit: Rob Davis, WA Herbarium

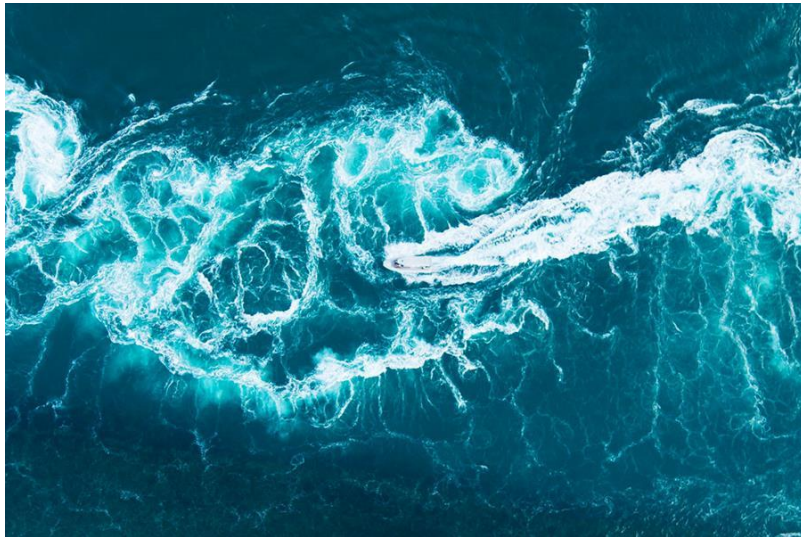
An upgraded version of the Western Australian Herbarium's popular site, Florabase was launched during National Science Week.

Florabase, established 22 years ago, is a dynamic, interactive web resource which celebrates WA's incredible botanical diversity with images and descriptions of plants. It now also provides information about the State's fungi and seaweeds.

The new features of Florabase 3 include greater access to specimen data, improved mapping, and an enhanced search capability.

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Island hopping in the Kimberley



Turbulent Pearl Passage is a narrow pass between Jooloom and Jayirri islands | credit: Oolin Sunday Island Cultural Tours

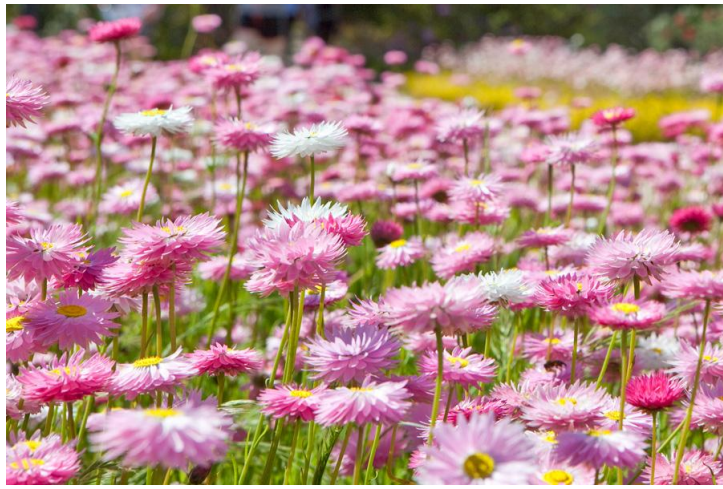
The remote Kimberley coast is a pristine wilderness

Abundant with wildlife, the sheltered Buccaneer Archipelago and King Sound are nurseries for humpback whale calves and dolphins. The Kimberley Marine Park is home to dugongs, manta rays, sea turtles, hammerhead and tiger sharks as well as migratory birds and territorial birds of prey.

The area is rich in Aboriginal culture, and a new Aboriginal tourism experience operating from the Dampier Peninsula, located 200 kilometres north of Broome is now on offer.

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Countdown to Kings Park wildflower extravaganza



Kings Park wildflowers | credit: A Russell

As wildflowers bloom in profusion across regional WA, magnificent displays representing this floral diversity will delight visitors to the 2021 Kings Park Festival.

Thousands of Western Australian wildflowers will be in full bloom throughout the park and visitors will be able to take part in dozens of free and fabulous events, displays, guided walks and talks and family activities. Entertainment will be provided by talented musicians and outdoor wellness classes are included in the program.

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High tech charting of flowering canopies



Satellite image of flowering tree canopies | credit: UWA Institute of Agriculture

Eye in the sky satellite and drone technology has been used by PhD candidate Daniel Dixon to map flowering eucalypt canopies.

The project measuring the abundance and intensity of large-scale flowering events was undertaken with The University of Western Australia and the federally funded Cooperative Research Centre for Honey Bee products.

Field sites were in the northern jarrah forest including Mundaring State Forest and John Forrest National Park.

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Community green thumbs alert



Community garden, Mandurah

Applications are now open for the State Government's 2021-22 Community Gardens Grants Program.

WA community organisations and local governments are encouraged to apply for grants of up to \$10,000 funding through the State Government's Community Gardens Grants Program.

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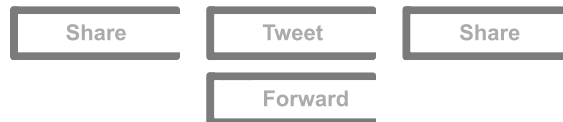
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