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Exploring Windjana Gorge National Park, off the Gibb River Road, with a local Aboriginal Tour Guide. Photo credit: Tourism Western Australia

## Help support our national parks this tax-time

Western Australia's national parks, marine parks, forests, and reserves are precious. These areas of great beauty, extraordinarily diverse flora and fauna,

dramatic geological features and cultural significance need your support to ensure they are understood, celebrated and conserved.

Working with the support of our donors and partners, the WA Parks Foundation plays an important part with programs and projects that support conservation, encourage visitation and make it easier to explore the features and biodiversity of WA's wonderful natural assets.

Some notable successes include the Smartreka downloadable mapping series, our comprehensive online Park Guide and our annual Spring into Parks program which educates, engages and encourages everyone to visit a park for the benefit of their mental and physical health.

Nature connection programs are helping primary aged students, including disadvantaged children, to learn about and connect with nature.

Citizen science projects we promote are helping local communities to know more about our wildlife and save natural habitats.

As 30 June approaches, please consider a tax-deductible gift to the WA Parks Foundation.

A one-off donation, or an ongoing [donation](#) will make a difference to the delivery of our conservation, educational and promotional projects. Please consider, also, a bequest.

Supporting the awareness and conservation of our natural treasures is a gift to our children and future generations. Your donation will help conserve and celebrate Western Australia's incredible network of national parks.

Be part of our story by showing your support [here](#).

Thank you.  
Yours sincerely

Hon. Kerry Sanderson AC CVO  
Chair, WA Parks Foundation

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# Massive expert and volunteer support for cygnet rescue



Rescued cygnets. Photo credit Kanyana Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre

The rescue, rehabilitation, and relocation of stranded cygnets at Armadale's Forrestdale Lake has become almost an annual event. As the waters of this seasonal, shallow wetland recede in the summer months, flightless cygnets abandoned by their parents face starvation and stand little chance of surviving predation from foxes and cats.

This year's mercy mission was an enormous challenge, the area's largest yet, with more than 170 cygnets swans rescued ahead of last January's heatwave conditions. It was once again coordinated by the Parks and Wildlife Service with stellar support from wildlife organisations such as [WA Seabird Rescue](#), [WA Wildlife](#), [Darling Range Wildlife Shelter WA](#), [Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group](#) and [Kanyana Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre](#).

In all, the rescue involved some 200 volunteers, including Armadale community groups and many others, forming a human chain around the cygnets and shepherding them into pens for relocation.

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## Innovative augmented reality experience created for Kings Park



3D Wasp pollinator, a 3D augmented reality image downloaded from the Markr app, in Kings Park Botanic Garden

A new, locally developed, augmented reality experience has been introduced at [Kings Park](#) to enhance the experience of visitors. Seven augmented reality images developed for the Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority by Perth entrepreneurs Markr Systems have been installed in the Conservation Garden. The stories and images will help educate visitors on conservation and ecosystem restoration. The app has an in-built multilingual translation service.

Using Markr, visitors can learn about the behind-the-scenes work being done at Kings Park and around the State to conserve rare plants and restore them into their natural habitats. Four plant species have been profiled across the Conservation Garden. Virtual signage relating to the plants will also appear on visitor's mobile devices.

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## Smartreka expanded to include Mount Augustus National Park



Mount Augustus. Photo credit: Tourism Western Australia

Mount Augustus National Park in the Gascoyne region is the latest addition to the WA Parks Foundation's Smartreka mapping series. [Smartreka maps](#) make it easier to navigate. They use the built-in GPS on your smartphone or tablet to plot your 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.

The park's main feature, Mount Augustus, is a monocline - a type of folded rock formation that leans, or 'dips' in a single direction. Sitting on a bedrock of

granite, this natural colossus is eight kilometres long and stands 858 metres above the surrounding plain and 1,105 metres above sea level. This largest “rock” in the world, known to local Wadjari Aboriginal people as Burringurah, is twice the size of Uluru and considerably older.

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## Community input invited for proposed new marine park



Salmon Beach, Esperance. Photo credit: Richard Smyth - Wild Earth Images

A South Coast Marine Park is proposed to ensure the ecological and cultural heritage values of this marvellous region of WA are protected, while allowing commercial, recreational and charter fishing in appropriate zones.

The marine park will be jointly managed by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) and the area’s Traditional Owners. DBCA also works closely with other State Government agencies, such as the

Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, which manages fishing in WA marine reserves.

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## New boardwalk for beautiful Goegrup Lake



New boardwalk at Goegrup Lake. Photo credit: Councillor Daniel Wilkins City of Mandurah

A new and improved boardwalk at Goegrup Lake near Mandurah has been completed and is now open for the public. The new 292-metre-long boardwalk includes three viewing nodes with benches and interpretive panels describing the area's environmental and Aboriginal cultural values.

Goegrup Lake, part of the Peel Yalgorup wetland system, has significant environmental and Aboriginal cultural value. It supports more than 20,000 migratory and resident shorebirds each year and is an important habitat for WA

samphire, a protected native succulent that is a key indicator species for the Coastal Saltmarsh Threatened Ecological Community.

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## Bushwalking on the Bibbulmun



Hiking on the Bibbulmun Track. Photo credit: Off The Beaten Track WA

Social Sunday walks led by volunteer guides are among the many and varied opportunities provided by the [Bibbulmun Track Foundation](#) for people who like to get out into nature.

The Bibbulmun Track is one of the world's great long-distance walk trails, stretching 1,000km from Kalamunda in the Perth Hills to Albany on the south coast, winding through the heart of the scenic South West of Western Australia.

The Foundation's annual program offers events to suit all ages and most fitness levels. The calendar, published twice a year, can be accessed [here](#).

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# Supporting volunteering in the Great Southern



Regeneration planting project

An 18-month project to support environmental volunteering and community education in the Great Southern region is underway. Project coordinator roles will be created in Albany and Esperance to work with participating community groups in helping to deliver events, workshops and community education programs.

[South Coast Natural Resource Management Inc](#) will partner with [Volunteering WA](#) and [Bush Heritage Australia](#) to support community groups with training, governance, resources and mentoring opportunities.

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# Winners announced for prize draw



Winners of First and Second Prizes - Caravan and Camping Prize Draw 2022

Thank you to all participants in our Caravan and Camping Prize Draw Competition in March and congratulations to our winners.

S & L Robinson won a \$350 stunning framed landscape picture of the iconic Lucky Bay at Cape Le Grand National Park by Richard Smyth – Wild Earth Images. H. Jones won the \$200 Luxury Balmoral Picnic Hamper filled with WA produce and S. Shum won a free WA Parks Foundation Membership (worth over \$1000 in discount benefits).

Thank you to everyone for entering this Prize Draw, becoming a Member of the WA Parks Foundation and/or subscribing to our monthly newsletter. Your interest and support is greatly appreciated.

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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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