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Sal Salis, Ningaloo Reef. Photo credit: Tourism Western Australia

## Moments in Nature theme for photo competition

A photographic competition will be among the highlights of the WA Parks Foundation's Spring into Parks campaign for 2022.

We will be encouraging amateur photographers and nature-lovers to capture memorable moments in nature and celebrate the beauty of WA's magnificent national parks, marine parks, reserves and forests.

Prizes will include a \$300 voucher for RAC Parks & Resorts accommodation; a \$300 voucher for the Matagarup Zip and Climb; a \$200 voucher to spend at Camera Electronic in Perth; a Two Feet and a Heart Beat Tour for two; and a Forest Therapy (Shinrin – yoku) in Kings Park voucher for two. Runners up will receive a free National Parks pass for access to our national parks, provided by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.

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## Vote for your favourite mammal



Rock Wallaby and joey, Yardie Creek, Cape Range National Park. Photo credit: Tourism Western Australia

What's your favourite Australian mammal? Wombat? Kangaroo?  
Possum? Maybe a less well-known but no less charismatic creature such as a

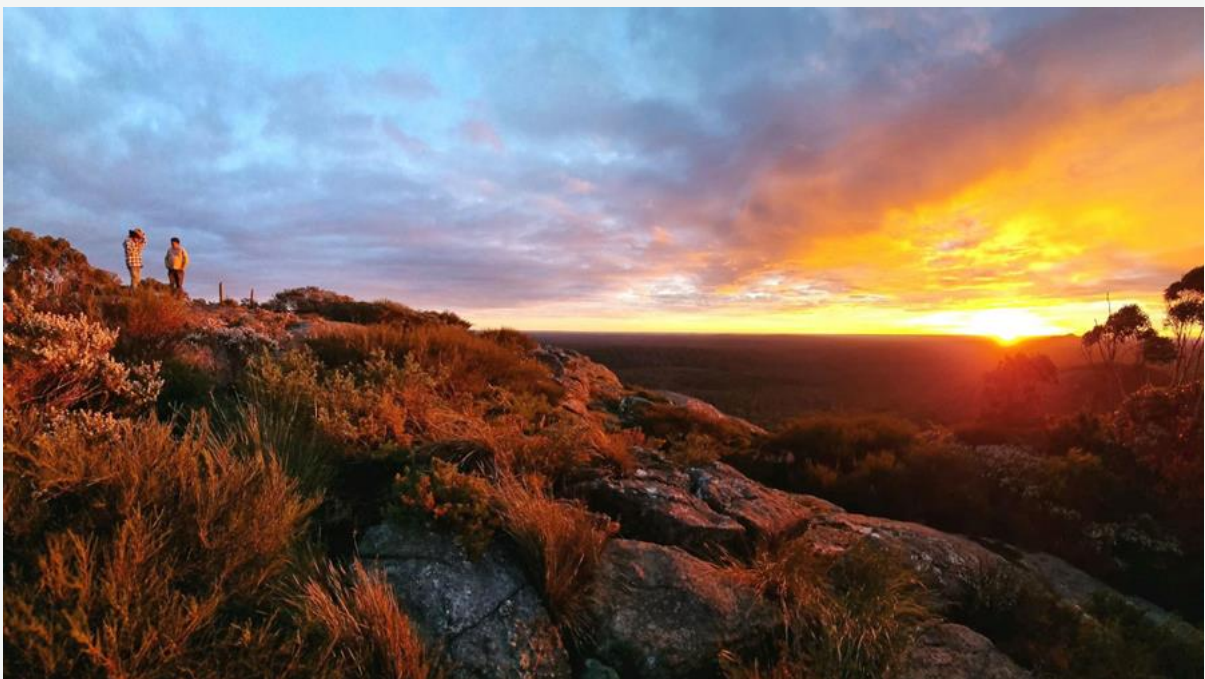
dunnart or a dibbler. And they don't have to be furry: An echidna? Australian snubfin dolphin?

To put our mammals in the spotlight, Cosmos has launched its first **Australian Mammal of the Year** poll. Over the next few months, this magazine published by the Adelaide-based Royal Institution of Australia is publishing stories from mammal enthusiasts about their favourite species, sharing amazing facts and endearing characteristics to try to win your vote.

There are over 300 officially described native mammal species in Australia, with the vast majority found nowhere else in the world. Our country is also one of the very few places to host all three main branches of the mammalian evolutionary tree: monotremes, marsupials and placental mammals.

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## Capturing a snapshot of biodiversity in the Walpole Wilderness



Walpole Wilderness. Photo credit: Edmonds, walpolewilderness.org

The inaugural Walpole Wilderness Bioblitz (WWBB) was a highly rewarding event, attracting over 150 citizen scientists and other conservationists.

It recorded valuable information on threatened, rare, common and new species which will contribute to a greater understanding of the area and help to inform the future protection, conservation and management of this unique environment. The WA Parks Foundation provided funding support, along with the Walpole-Nornalup National Park Association (WNNPA) and Lotterywest.

Coordinated by volunteers from the WNNPA in October 2021, the Bioblitz comprised a series of surveys within the heart of the Walpole Wilderness Area. These were undertaken by groups of up to ten people allocated to different vegetation and habitat types. Each group included an experienced volunteer or specialist to help best capture the presence of flora, fauna and fungi species.

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## Camping with Custodians



## Djarindjin Roadhouse and Campground

A campground at Djarindjin on the Dampier Peninsula in Western Australia's North West has opened recently as the sixth in the Camping with Custodians (CWC) network.

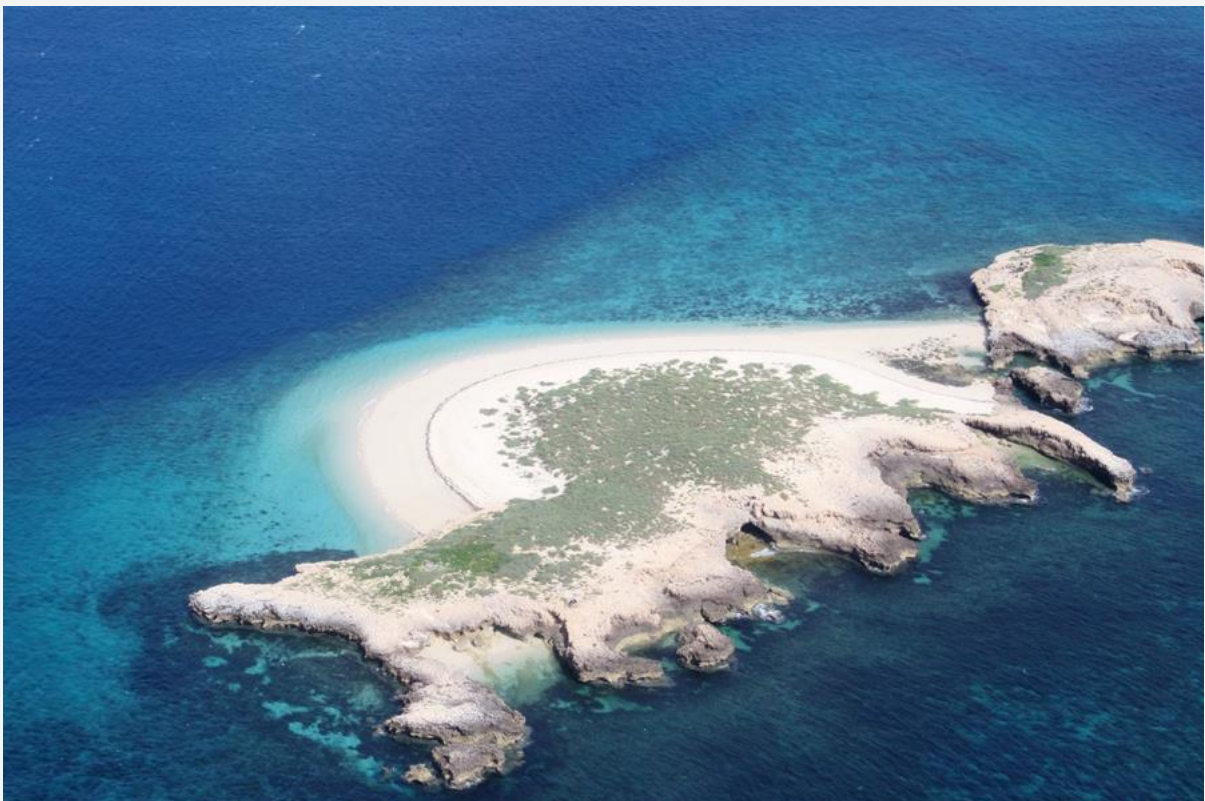
CWC's high-quality campgrounds are owned and run by Aboriginal people, creating income, employment and training opportunities for local communities.

Eight other Aboriginal tourism operators on the Dampier Peninsula, an area rich in Aboriginal history, have also been awarded funding to improve business capacity and visitor experiences.

Both initiatives are part of the Jina: WA Aboriginal Tourism Action Plan 2021-2025, which is funded by the State Government's \$20 million Aboriginal Tourism Fund, and delivered by Tourism WA.

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# Management planning for Dampier Archipelago



Aerial view of the Dampier Archipelago. Photo credit: Steve Keogh and Tourism Western Australia

Through a proposed new joint management plan, the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions is seeking to partner with Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation (MAC) to protect and conserve the lands and waters of the Dampier Archipelago. Murujuga is the traditional Aboriginal name for this chain of islands and surrounds.

The archipelago is made up of forty-one islands, islets and rocks located within a 50-kilometre radius of Dampier and Karratha in Western Australia's Pilbara Region. Twenty-eight of the islands, islets and rocks are part of WA's conservation reserve system.

The Murujuga cultural landscape has the largest, densest and most diverse collections of petroglyphs in the world. For the traditional owners and custodians, this rock art is a living landscape with an important link to stories, customs and knowledge.

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## New trails website launched



Spinebill Stroll, Bungendore Park Photo credit: Trails WA

A new Trails WA website launched recently has many new features for the trails community and tourists.

Key elements include downloadable maps that can be accessed off-line and filters for trails such as dog-friendly trails, wheelchair-friendly trails and the top trails, as selected by trail experts from around the State.

Among new features are trail running and food and wine maps, regional networks, elevation maps and user reviews and options to earn badges for the completed trail.

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## Walpole Wilderness – biodiverse and beautiful



Walpole-Nornalup National Park. Photo credit: Tourism Western Australia

The Walpole Wilderness Area comprises a group of conservation reserves totalling 377,714 hectares of some of the most ecologically rich areas on earth.

Located in the State's highest rainfall zone, it is famed for its outstanding beauty, highly specialised habitats, old growth forests, unique species and incredible biodiversity.

The area is also recognised for its Aboriginal sites and landscapes of mythological, ceremonial, cultural and spiritual significance.

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