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Tim Winton is one of Australia's most celebrated authors. Photo credit:
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Key role for author Tim Winton in Ningaloo documentary series

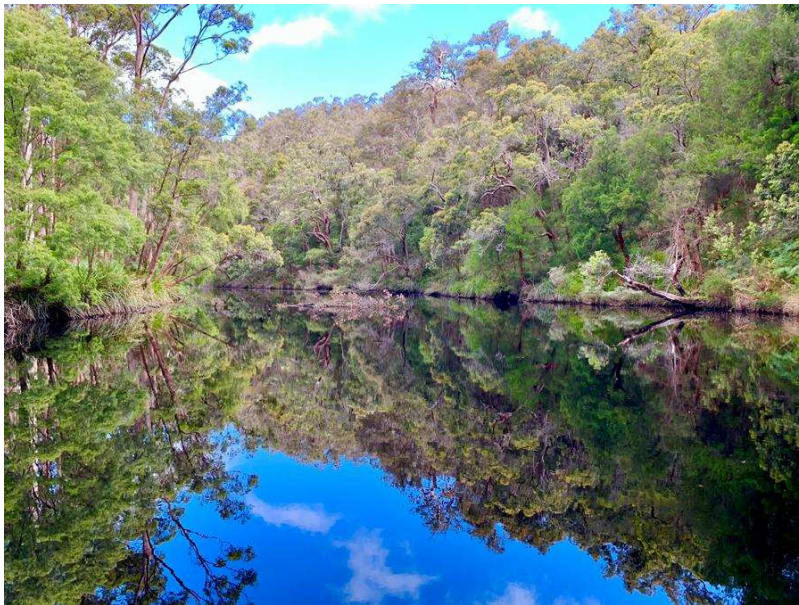
A three-part documentary series on Western Australia's Ningaloo coast has been written and narrated by renowned WA author and conservationist, Tim Winton.

Tim Winton, a WA Parks Foundation Ambassador, draws his prime inspiration from landscape and place, mostly coastal WA. In the *Ningaloo with Tim Winton* series, he will share stories of this biodiversity hotspot – the people and animals drawn to the UNESCO World Heritage site on the northwest coast of Western Australia.

“This is a deeply personal journey for me,” Tim Winton said. “Ningaloo has had an enormous impact on my life and work, and this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to pay homage through new science, ancient knowledge and a shared ethic of stewardship.”

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Registrations open for Walpole Wilderness Blitz 2022



Walpole-Nornalup National Park

Registrations open for Walpole Wilderness Blitz 2022. The secrets of the ancient Tingle Forest in WA's South West and its associated ecosystems will be the focus of the 2022 Walpole Wilderness BioBlitz.

This event, planned for the weekend of 1 and 2 October, is a citizen science project where volunteers from across the community join with local enthusiasts, amateur experts and scientists

to survey the species found in an area over a short period.

The information gathered provides a snapshot of the biodiversity of the area and can be used to help improve our understanding and long-term management.

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Kings Park secures intellectual property for new waxflower varieties



Geraldton wax (*chamelaucium uncinatum*). Photo credit: Botanical Gardens and Parks Authority

Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority staff at Kings Park have bred new varieties of waxflower (*Chamelaucium*) for the cut flower and potted plant markets.

As part of the commercial release, the plant breeding rights have been secured to protect the intellectual property of the new varieties for the European market for the next 20 years.

This means that Western Australia will get a royalty for each sale, which will result in millions of dollars in revenue for the Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority and WA. It will also help prevent illegal sales of varieties bred at Kings Park.

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Advanced 3D modelling used in lizard conservation research at Curtin University



Western Spiny-tailed Skink (*Egernia stokesii badia*). Photo credit Holly Bradley (2019), Curtin University

Conservation of the Western Spiny-tailed Skink (*Egernia stokesii badia*) is the overall aim of a research project at Curtin University. Researchers used light detecting and ranging technology (LiDAR) to recreate and analyse the woodland microhabitat of this endangered reptile species.

The Western Spiny-tailed Skink occurs mainly in open eucalypt woodlands and Acacia-dominated shrublands in WA's central to northern wheatbelt. Once widely distributed, its population has declined, due mainly to clearing of potential habitat, but also through predation by native and feral animals.

Primary shelters are fallen trees, but human-created habitats such as abandoned buildings, piles of corrugated iron, building rubble and piles of railway sleepers can be part of the mix.

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Smartreka mapping series continues to expand



D'Entrecasteaux National Park. Photo Credit: @DNAsel

D'Entrecasteaux National Park in WA's lower southwest is the most recent addition to the WA Parks Foundation's [Smartreka](#) mapping series, bringing the total so far to fifteen.

There are three maps for the park: one for the northwest and southeast sections, plus an inset map covering Point D'Entrecasteaux.

The other parks included in the Smartreka maps series are Cape le Grande, Cape Range, Fitzgerald River, Francois Peron, Kalbarri, Karijini, Millstream Chichester, Mount Augustus, Purnululu, Stirling Range and Walyunga national parks.

Leeuwin-Naturaliste, Walpole-Nornalup and Yanchep national park maps will be completed by September 2022

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Walk 4 Life



Acacias in bloom on the Bibbulmun Track which stretches nearly 1000km from Perth to Albany on the south coast of WA. Photo credit: Bibbulmun Track Foundation

Adding a walk to your daily routine, whatever the season, is one of the most powerful things you can do to improve your physical health and mental health – to maintain a healthy weight, stay strong and live longer.

Encouraging people to stay active, the Bibbulmun Foundation's Spring calendar has some excellent offerings, ranging from Social Sunday Walks led by volunteer guides, a leisurely L Plates Pub Plod for beginners and Over the Hill – a pleasant Spring walk for the over 60s.

Also on offer are planning workshops for people preparing for the epic walk of a lifetime –hiking the Bibbulmun Track end to end.

Access the Bibbulmun Foundation's Spring Calendar [here](#).

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Wildflower season beckons – start the car!



Common Hovea (*Hovea trisperma*). Photo credit: Tourism Western Australia

Wildflowers are starting to bloom in the northern regions of WA's Golden Outback and Coral Coast regions and local experts are predicting a bumper season.

With more than 12,000 species, 60 per cent of which are found nowhere else in the world, the flowers will colour the landscapes from coast to forest and city to outback.

The six-month flowering season begins in the Pilbara, Goldfields and along the Coral Coast. By September, it moves south and reaches Perth, finishing with a flourish in October and November throughout the South West.

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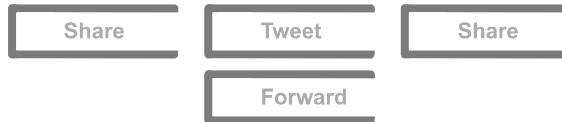
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