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Lovely Honey Possum taken in Fitzgerald National Park by Carol Strang, Winner of the Memorable Moments in Nature photographic competition, as part of Spring into Parks 2022.

Memorable Moments in Nature Photo Competition Announced!

Congratulations to the winners of the WA Parks Foundation's Memorable Moments in Nature photo competition held as part of this year's Spring into Parks. With 1,465 entries, the response and standard were overwhelmingly

high and indicative of the passion people feel with their inner connection to nature and the love of our parks in Western Australia.

First prize went to Carol Strang for her photo ***Lovely Honey Possum - Fitzgerald National Park***. Carol wins the \$1000 Ultimate Park Pack.

Lex Porebski won second prize for ***Hopetoun Bathers - Hopetoun/ Fitzgerald biosphere***. Lex wins the \$450 Connect with Nature Pack.

Three runners-up – highly commended, in no particular order, are: ***Willie Wagtail Hunting - Mindarie*** by Paul Jarvis

"And he said" (Numbat) - ***Dryandra Woodland National Park, WA*** by Andrea Watts

Reflecting at the waterhole, Manning Gorge, Gibb River Road, Kimberley WA by Naomi Hood-Penn

They each win a WA Parks Foundation individual membership and an Annual All Parks Pass for free access to WA's national parks.

Thank you to all who entered and "Read more" to view the photos.

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Join us for a Christmas special offer



Landscape Calendar 2023. Front cover - Numbats in Dryandra Woodland National Park by David Bettini. Photo credit: Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.

Membership of the WA Parks Foundation makes a great gift for Christmas. Treat yourself or buy for family and friends.

When you take out a membership this December you will also receive a free 2023 Landscape Calendar and complimentary Landscape Magazine plus a range of discounts for adventure treks and tours.

Other benefits in this current offer include 50 per cent off the Annual Parks Pass and 10 per cent off all landscape images and canvasses from Richard Smyth - Wild Earth Images photographic gallery, based at the historic Fremantle Markets.

Sign up now to take advantage of this special offer while supporting the conservation and appreciation of Western Australia's parks, flora and fauna.

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Welcoming our new Patron and Ambassadors



The Governor of Western Australia, His Excellency the Honourable Chris Dawson APM, is seen during his swearing-in ceremony at Government House, in Perth, Friday, July 15, 2022. Photo credit: AAP/Richard Wainwright) NO ARCHIVING

The WA Parks Foundation is honoured to welcome Western Australia's Governor, His Excellency the Honourable Chris Dawson APM as our new Patron. Governor Dawson's interest and support in helping the Foundation to achieve its aims of protecting and promoting engagement with WA's natural treasures is greatly valued.

We are also delighted to welcome the Honourable Albert Jacob GAICD. JP as a Park Ambassador and Director of the WA Parks Foundation Board as well as best-known 4WD writer and adventure-travel filmmaker, Andrew St Pierre White who has also accepted the invitation to become a Park Ambassador.

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Hair dye helping sea lion conservation



The hair dye marking method causes no harm to the sea lions. The hair dye lasts for about two months allowing researchers to track the sea lion behaviour and movement between islands. Photo credit: Edith Cowan University

Human hair dye is being used on Australian sea lions at Carnac and Seal Islands off the coast of Perth to track and learn about the local population.

Edith Cowan University (ECU) is jointly leading this innovative project with Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) marine researchers, in collaboration with Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD). The Australian sea lion project forms part of the Western Australian Marine Science Institution's Westport Marine Science Program.

"The hair dye marks are temporary and safe," said ECU Associate Professor Chandra Salgado Kent said. "They enable us to identify each sea lion and monitor how often they move amongst six haul-out islands, such as Carnac Island and Seal Island."

"This project also enables monitoring of the total numbers that occur in the Perth metropolitan area when the animals are at their peak numbers around December or January," she said.

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Conserving and managing WA's wild sandalwood



Sandalwood. Photo credit: Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.

Western Australia's native sandalwood (*Santalum spicatum*), which grows wild in the Wheatbelt and rangelands, is ecologically important and highly valued for the perfumed sandalwood oil it yields.

While this aromatic, hemi parasitic shrub still broadly occurs across the rangelands and deserts, population condition varies due to cumulative impacts associated with pest and feral species, lawful and unlawful take, grazing, altered fire regimes and climate change.

In the Wheatbelt, extensive agricultural clearing has reduced wild sandalwood occurrence to fragmented populations within conservation reserves and remnant native vegetation on private property.

To protect and sustain this remarkable species for generations to come, the first *Santalum spicatum* (Sandalwood) Biodiversity Management Programme will set out how WA's wild sandalwood will be conserved, protected and managed.

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Keeping the Carnaby's flying



Carnaby's black cockatoo feeding on a bottlebrush plant. Photo credit: Rick Dawson, DBCA

The recovery of Western Australia's threatened Carnaby's cockatoo population has received some heartening support in the form of a Lottery west grant of more than \$1.5 million.

The funding will help a network of local governments, community organisations and not-for-profit groups revitalise and revegetate areas that Carnaby's cockatoos frequent for feeding, water and breeding. Conservation action plans will then be created for these locations, aided by years of data from tracking wild flocks of this endangered species.

The Keep the Carnaby's Flying program is made up of a dedicated group of staff and volunteers, working to enhance and protect the birds' habitat in the Perth and Peel regions. It is co-ordinated by the Black Cockatoo Conservation Program within the Harry Butler Institute at Murdoch University.

Carnaby's cockatoo is endemic to the south-west of WA. It is estimated that the species' range has been reduced by 50 per cent and is continuing to decline due to widespread vegetation clearing since the 1970s.

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Ningaloo coast reserves management plan finalised



Skeleton Bay (gurdardu) Nyinggulu (Ningaloo) Coastal Reserves. Photo Credit: Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions

The natural and cultural values of Ningaloo one of Western Australia's most spectacular tourism destinations will be better protected under a new joint management plan.

The Ningaloo (Nyinggulu) coastal reserves, stretching 215 kilometres alongside Ningaloo Marine Park in a World Heritage area, were created under the State Government's Plan for Our Parks initiative.

The Ningaloo reserves plan will safeguard culture, protect wildlife, support tourism, and enhance economic development opportunities for Traditional Owners.

As joint managers of the reserves, the Nganhurra Thanardi Garrbu Aboriginal Corporation and Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions will maintain affordable and self-sufficient camping and caravanning experiences, with a focus on the sense of remoteness and experiencing a unique wilderness.

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