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Nuytsia floribunda (also known as Moojar) is a type of native mistletoe which flowers between October and January. Photo credit: Tourism Western Australia

Season's greetings from our Chair

Whatever the season, there is beauty everywhere in Western Australia's national parks and reserves. At this time of the year, one of the sights I love is what is commonly known as the Western Australian Christmas tree (botanical

name *Nuytsia floribunda*, Noongar name - moojar), with its vivid orange flowers.

Encouraging people to experience the splendour and diversity of WA's national parks and reserves is one of the key aims of the WA Parks Foundation and we've been very active this year.

Our 2022 Spring into Parks campaign was hugely successful, with over 350 events listed in our calendar and promoted on our website. Thirty of these were featured and supported by the WA Parks Foundation with the help of a Lotterywest grant. Encouragingly, our Memorable Moments in Nature photo competition attracted 1465 entries. I congratulate all the winners and thank all those who participated.

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Swan Canning Riverpark to benefit from revegetation program



Foreshore reserve, Southern and Canning rivers confluence. Photo credit: City of Gosnells

Perth's Swan and Canning river systems will benefit from a major revegetation initiative to improve foreshore conditions.

Under the \$3million Swan Canning Riverpark Urban Forest program, State and local government agencies will work together to enhance these natural assets.

The City of Gosnells, the first to access support under this program, will revegetate 10 hectares where the Southern and Canning rivers meet.

Restoration of this area and improving habitat for wildlife will be achieved through \$250,000 from the State and \$150,000 from the local authority.

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World Indigenous Tourism Summit in 2023



Learning about Kaarta Gar-up, the local Noongar name for the Mt Eliza escarpment in Kings Park. Photo credit: Go Cultural Aboriginal Tours and Experiences

The World Indigenous Tourism Summit will be held in Perth (Noongar name: Boorloo) in March. It will explore the ways in which Aboriginal values and knowledge can play a part in building a stronger WA tourism sector.

The summit will be hosted at Crown Perth from 13 – 16 March and is supported by the WA Indigenous Tourism Operators Council and World Indigenous Tourism Alliance.

Tickets are on sale now, with registrations open until 20 January.

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Helping to protect fragile populations



Greater stick nest rat being released on Dirk Hartog Island. Photo credit: Steve Reynolds, DBCA

New native animal populations that have been returned to Dirk Hartog Island are reported to be doing well. Above average winter rainfall over the last two years has been helpful, promoting good plant regeneration, food and shelter.

The Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) says the populations are still small and fragile, needing as much protection as possible, so it was of great concern earlier this year to find dog prints close to the release site of one of the reintroduced species, the greater stick-nest rat.

Dogs are not permitted in Western Australia's national parks and DBCA says this is particularly important on Dirk Hartog Island. It takes only seconds for a dog to have a serious impact on a small, newly introduced population of precious, threatened native animals.

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Perth Zoo numbats sent east



Curious young numbat, shortlisted in the Memorable Moments photo competition. Photo credit: Tamara Wilkes-Jones

Perth Zoo, the only zoo in the world that breeds numbats, has prepared eleven of these endangered little marsupials for release into the wild in New South Wales.

Eight of the marsupials were fitted with radio collars to allow scientists to gather valuable data and monitor their progress.

Their new home is a protected habitat at Mallee Cliffs National Park in New South Wales. This is the largest predator-free haven on mainland Australia, giving the numbats the best chance of survival.

Seven males and three females were born at Perth Zoo as part of a collaborative breeding program. Another female was captured in the wild. It is the second group to be released at the Australian Wildlife Conservancy managed site.

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Thanks to DBCA's retiring Director General



Mark Webb PSM, retiring Director General. Photo Credit: Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions

In delivering its programs and initiatives, the WA Parks Foundation works closely with the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions.

We take this opportunity to thank retiring Director General, Mark Webb PSM, for his support over the past six years.

“Conservation of national parks and encouraging increased visitation are areas of joint work with DBCA,” said the Foundation’s Chair, the Hon Kerry Sanderson AC CVO.

“Revitalisation of John Forrest National Park to improve the visitor experience is an example of projects on which we have worked together. Another is the Smartreka mapping initiative to make it easier for people to navigate our national parks.

“On behalf of the WA Parks Foundation Board and members, I extend thanks and best wishes to Mark on his retirement.”

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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.

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