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Zooming down the Matagarup Zipline over the Swan River. Photo credit: Perth ZipLine

# WA Parks Foundation Prize Draw

The WA Parks Foundation is running two prize draws online throughout March to encourage membership to help support the Foundation's work and to increase subscriptions to their free monthly e-newsletter. If you become a **MEMBER** of the WA Parks Foundation in March, you automatically go into the draw for a chance to win.

First prize is a stunning landscape photographic picture of your choice (on canvas) by landscape photographer [Richard Smyth – Wild Earth](#)

[Images](#) (maximum value of \$600). Richard's donation of a large canvas from his extensive collection is much appreciated. Second prize is a deluxe picnic hamper filled with Western Australian produce (valued at \$200).

New [SUBSCRIBERS](#) to the Foundation's free monthly e-newsletter have a chance to win a double pass (day voucher) for the Matagarup Zip+Climb (valued at \$300). Thanks go to Park Ambassador Ryan Mossny from Two Feet & a Heartbeat walking tours for donating this prize.

Representatives of the WA Parks Foundation will be at the Caravan and Camping Show, Claremont Showgrounds from Wed 22 – Sunday 26 March (Stand 336). Park Ambassadors will give a short talk about the Foundation at 1.30pm daily in the Piazza.



The winner can choose a large canvas from a range of photographic pictures by Richard Smyth- Wild Earth Images

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## Dark Sky Festival celebrates total solar eclipse



Night sky viewing at Ningaloo. Photo credit: Tourism Western Australia

The Dark Sky Festival from 19 to 21 April will take place in the Shires of Ashburton, Carnarvon and Exmouth to enhance the Total Solar Eclipse experience for visitors with existing bookings to these regions.

Thousands of international and domestic visitors are expected to travel to Western Australia to witness the Total Solar Eclipse on 20 April 2023.

The festival includes a series of individual events across the Shires that will offer live music performances, family-friendly activities, exceptional dining experiences, stargazing tours and photography lessons for budding astronomers.

The Dark Sky Festival also includes the inaugural Jamba Nyinayi Festival, a Baiyungu Aboriginal Corporation event hosted by Traditional Owner Hazel Walgar at Cardabia Station near Coral Bay on 19 April, the night before the eclipse.

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# Towards World Heritage recognition for Murujuga



The Murujuga petroglyphs were created with stone tools. Photo credit: Murajuga Aboriginal Corporation

The Murujuga Cultural Landscape has been nominated by the Australian Government for inclusion on the World Heritage List.

The formal nomination was submitted to the UNESCO world Heritage Centre in late January 2023. It was prepared by the Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation in partnership with the Western Australian Government, with support and advice from the Australian Government and technical experts.

If accepted, Murujuga will be the second site in Australia listed for World Heritage Status for First Nations cultural heritage.

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## Signing up to protect endangered black cockatoos



Drivers are being urged to watch out for black cockatoos in an effort to reduce the number of birds being hit by traffic. Photo credit: Murdoch University.

Murdoch University is working closely with Main Roads Western Australia on projects to minimise the impact of motorists and road infrastructure on black cockatoos.

This includes providing advice on types of vegetation to plant on road verges to discourage black cockatoos from foraging and signage to raise motorists' awareness of these beautiful, endangered birds.

All three species of threatened black cockatoo, Carnaby's, Baudin's and forest red-tailed, inhabit urban and peri-urban areas in the Perth-Peel region on a seasonal basis.

One project demonstrated a high concentration of black cockatoo movements in and around the Murdoch campus, triggering the need for additional signage. In response, ten road signs featuring the iconic silhouette have been installed on the surrounding streets.

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# Bibbulmun Track campsite upgrade completed



The view looking out from inside Alyi-wa Miya - Photo credit - Paul Chauvel DBCA

A million-dollar upgrade project to seven campsites on the Bibbulmun Track has been completed by the Parks and Wildlife Service of the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.

Additionally, a new group campsite has been built near the traditional Monadnocks campsite. This will work with the existing group campsite at Mt Cook to create a 3-day 2-night walk close to Perth for school, scout or community groups.

For more details on this area, on the campsite upgrades and the new group campsite, click [Read More](#).

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