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World Oceans Day at Gage Roads, Victoria Quay, Fremantle | Photo credit: The Jock Clough Marine Foundation

Celebrating World Oceans Day

Leading experts in marine science came together at Fremantle Port on 8 June to celebrate World Oceans Day.

This well attended event hosted at Gage Roads on Victoria Quay was developed and supported by The Jock Clough Marine Foundation. Involving wide ranging marine conservation expertise and areas of interest, it was designed to highlight inspiring success stories, raise awareness of ocean challenges and spark conversations on opportunities for positive change.

Jock Clough is Chairman of the Advisory Board of the University of Western Australia's Oceans Institute, on the Australia Advisory Board of The Nature Conservancy, the Advisory Committee of Western Australia Maritime Museum and is a WA Parks Foundation Ambassador.

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Safeguarding our precious wildlife



Mulgaras are distributed through the arid regions of Western Australia where they live in short burrows | Photo credit: Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions

A rare marsupial has been released on Dirk Hartog Island following a marathon 844-kilometre journey from Western Australia's outback.

One-hundred brush-tailed mulgaras, 60 females and 40 males, were captured in Matuwa Kurrara Kurrara National Park in the remote Goldfields and travelled by plane and helicopter to their new home.

This is the eighth species to be relocated to the island since the Return to 1616 project began in 2012. The aim is to restore the island to its ecological condition from the time the Dutch sailor explored the area four centuries ago.

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New Board Director welcomed



Leigh-Anne Meyerowitz CA Hon Treasurer, WA Parks Foundation Board

Chartered Accountant Leigh-Anne Meyerowitz CA has accepted an invitation to join the WA Parks Foundation Board.

Leigh-Anne brings extensive experience in the financial sector to her new role as Honorary Treasurer. She is a Group Director of one of Western Australia's leading financial firms, Shakespeare Total Financial Solutions, and specialises in business consulting, tax planning, financial planning strategies and succession planning.

Leigh-Anne grew up in South Africa and since relocating to Western Australia has enjoyed visiting many of the state's national parks.

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Upgrades for WA's most visited national park



Hiking the Cape to Cape | Photo credit: Cape to Cape Explorer Tours

Major improvements are planned for the Leeuwin-Naturaliste National Park in the State's south west.

With a funding allocation of \$2.7 million, the very popular Cape to Cape track will be upgraded and visitor signage will be improved.

Leeuwin-Naturaliste National Park, with its beautiful coastline and beaches, limestone caves and forest walks attracted more than 4.6 million visits last financial year.

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Using fly DNA to track native species



Australian blow fly | Photo credit: Wikipedia

Curtin University researchers have collected iDNA (invertebrate-derived DNA) from carrion flies to track the movements of native species across WA's wheatbelt, with hope to improve future conservation efforts in the region.

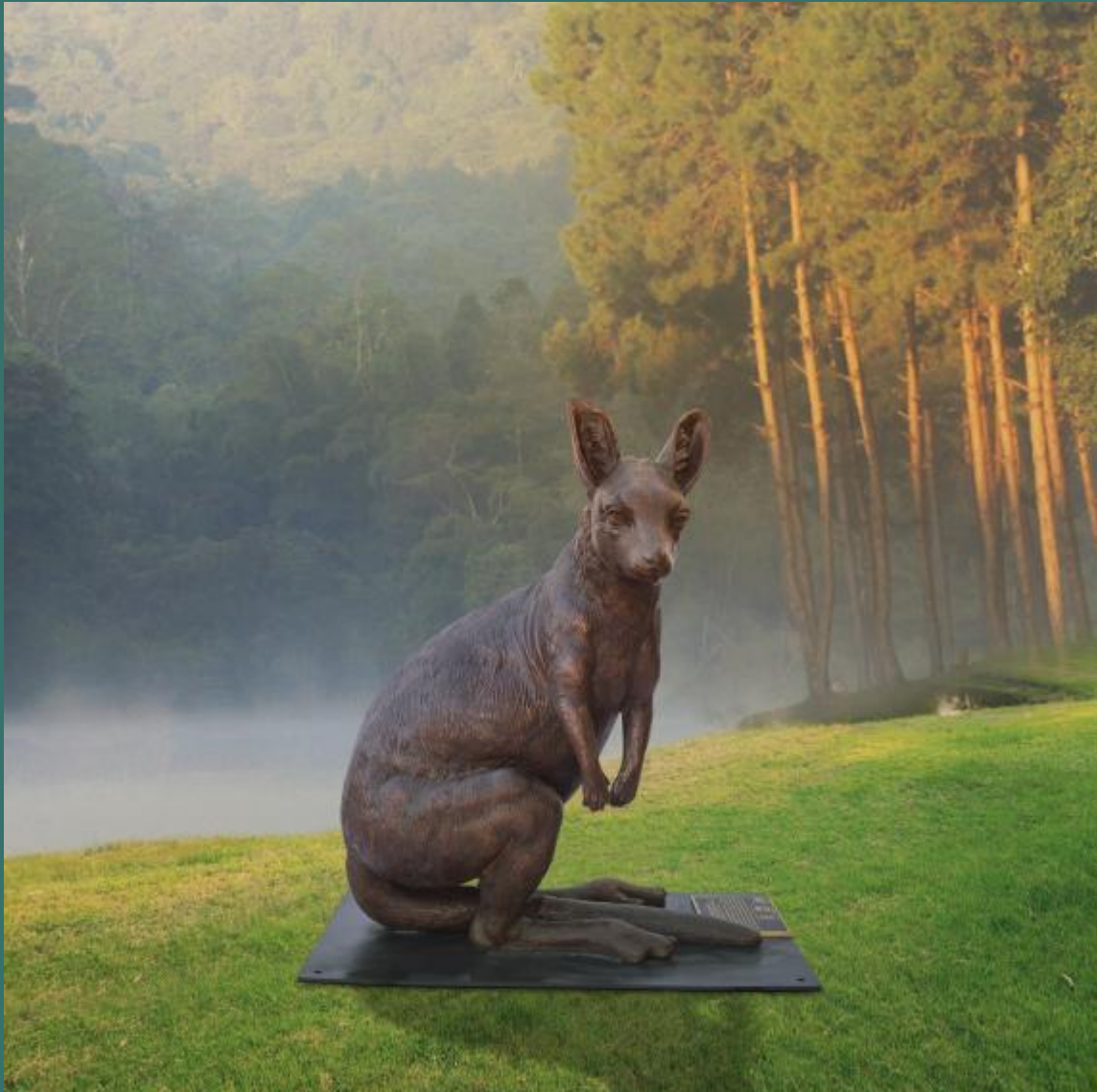
Published in the *Journal Conservation Biology*, the research found that native animals, such as the echidna, numbat, woylie and chuditch, were mainly located in conservation reserves, rather than across the wider wheatbelt landscape.

This is in contrast with predatory invasive species such as foxes and feral cats, which were found across all areas.

Senior researcher and co-author Associate Professor Bill Bateman from Curtin's School of Molecular and Life Sciences said native mammal populations were declining at alarming rates and there was an urgent need to monitor and protect their wellbeing.

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Endearing rock wallaby featured in major sculpture exhibition



Rock wallaby bronze | Photo credit: Gillie and Marc

The rock wallaby is one of the animals featured in one of the world's largest public art projects now in Western Australia.

'Wild About Babies' is designed by artists Gillie and Marc and features 21 bronze sculptures of endangered species from across the globe.

A mother gorilla and 20 life-size baby animal sculptures will be on display in the outdoor precincts of the WA Museum Boola Bardip and Perth Cultural Centre until 3 September 2023, before moving to their permanent home at Perth Zoo.

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