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Orcas in Bremer Bay Canyon, an amazing Southern Ocean deepwater ecosystem about 50 km off WA's South Coast. Image credit: City of Albany.

Engaging the community on ocean health

WA World Ocean Day was a wide-ranging and stimulating discussion between experts and the audience on the challenges faced by the ocean globally and actions we can all take to protect it.

Presented by The Jock Clough Marine Foundation at Gage Roads Brew Co in Fremantle on June 8, this free event brought together expert panels and a highly engaged audience with a strong turnout from the community, especially young people.

Whadjuk Noongar Elder Professor Len Collard (The University of Western Australia) delivered the Welcome to Country, followed by a panel discussion

‘Sustainable Seas & Future Keys: Unlocking and protecting our ocean’s potential.’

Insights were shared by sustainability professional Rebecca Prince-Ruiz OAM (Plastic Free July), Dr Jordan Goetze (Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions) and coral reef restoration scientist, Dr Taryn Foster (Coral Maker).

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Strong public interest in South Coast Marine Park plans



Hellfire Bay, Esperance. Image credit: Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.

Thousands of submissions have been received from individuals and organisations during the consultation process for the proposed South Coast Marine Park.

The four-month public comment period closed on 16 June, and it's estimated that more than 19,000 submissions were received throughout the process.

The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions has been engaging with the south coast community and industry about Western Australia's newest marine park since 2021. The public submission process included an information station operating in Esperance for nine weeks as well as stalls at local markets and at the Condingup Fair.

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Cheaper Rottnest ferry fares for seniors



The Basin, Rottnest Island. Image credit: Kayak.

Seniors will be able to travel to Rottnest Island for just \$30 throughout winter, as part of a new Government initiative to continue making the tourist hotspot more accessible for Western Australians.

The capped fare will apply to all those with a WA Seniors Card, offering a saving of at least \$50 per person. Seniors can book travel to Rottnest Island and benefit from this offer until Sunday 18 August 2024.

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Tiny cabins for Kings Park overnighting



Tiny Cabin "Grevillea". Photo credit: Heyscape.

Visitors to Kings Park this winter will, for the first time, have the opportunity to stay overnight in one of three Tiny Cabins.

This trial of accommodation is coinciding with Lightscape, the spellbinding light, art and sound experience which runs until July 28. Tiny Cabin guests will have access to a bed, kitchenette, Wi-Fi, and environmentally sustainable bathroom amenities, with Heyscape's eco-friendly cabins using solar panels, composting and potable water.

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Protecting the Pilbara's biodiversity



Pilbara Leaf-nosed bat. Photo credit: Threatened Australians.

Efforts to protect the Pilbara's biodiversity have received a boost through a new strategic partnership between the Western Australian Government and Rio Tinto.

As part of the Pilbara Conservation Project, Rio Tinto will allocate \$8 million over five years to support the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions' delivery of weed management, feral animal control and bushfire management at Karijini National Park, Millstream Chichester National Park, and other sites in the region.

The partnership will also support the creation of five new full-time jobs, plus training and fee-for-service work for Aboriginal ranger groups.

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Chasing the sun



Swimming with manta ray in Coral Bay. Image credit: Australia's Coral Coast.

Perth and surrounds have some delightful winter hiking opportunities but if you're looking for a warm and sunny getaway, Western Australia's Coral Coast fits the description and has so much to offer.

This region stretches north for 1,100km from Cervantes just two hours north of Perth to the extraordinarily beautiful and biodiverse UNESCO World Heritage-listed Ningaloo Reef and Shark Bay.

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Enhancing the attractions of Kalgoorlie's Karlkurla



As well as its natural regrowth bushland, Karlkurla has over 2,000 trees and shrubs planted by community volunteers back in 2000. Image credit: Localista.

A Nature Playground soon to be opened will be the newest attraction at the Karlkurla Bushland Park, just a five-minute drive from the centre of Kalgoorlie.

This \$1 million project, supported by the WA Government, the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, Northern Star Resources and Western Power, has been delivered by the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Group which maintains a community nursery and Eco & Cultural Education Centre at Karlkurla Bushland Park.

Very popular with local people and visitors, the park features over 200 hectares of native bushland, walking trails and a lookout with a panoramic view of the Great Western Woodlands.

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