

Woodside joins the Swan-Canning River Journeys Project, Parks on show, New Patron, Aussie Backyard Bird Count, Outdoors October, Caravanning in Parks, Glamping and more...

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Get Outdoors this October and explore WA's incredible landscapes. The gorge at Karara Rangeland Park, near Paynes Find. (Photo: L-A Shibish)

Welcome to the WA Parks Foundation News, sharing news and events that celebrate Our WA Parks and working to increase community appreciation and involvement in the stewardship of our incredible national parks and conservation estate.

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Woodside joins the Swan-Canning River Journeys Project



Swan River (Photo: Mike Abicare, Winningimages)

Woodside's support for the Swan Canning River Journeys Project will enable the WA Parks Foundation to work with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) and others to develop additional interpretation nodes with seating, interpretive signage and improved foreshore access to complement a planned riverside trail along the Swan Canning Riverpark.

The River Journeys Project aims to better connect visitors with the rivers and parks. The plan for the Riverpark trail includes 25 key visitor nodes. Four of these visitor nodes have been completed by DBCA, with two more scheduled to be completed over the next 12 months. Woodside's sponsorship will support the creation of up to an additional three nodes over the next three years.

rivers flow through the heart of metropolitan Perth and are integral to our city's sense of place, its cultural and environmental identity.

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Parks on show this September



Professor Lyn Beazley AO, Gillian O'Shaughnessy and Griffin Longley on ABC Radio Perth

We have been celebrating the start of spring by showcasing our national parks, highlighting WA's biodiversity and encouraging people to connect with Parks during September.

WA Parks Foundation Ambassadors and guests have been discussing a Park of the Week every Friday on ABC Radio Perth with Gillian O'Shaughnessy.

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WA Tourism Conference



Aboriginal dance at Conference opening (Photo: Craig Wells)

The WA Tourism Conference has been bringing together tourism industry representatives from across Western Australia in its current format since 2015. Griffin Longley, Board Director and WA Parks Foundation Ambassador, was invited to present at the 2018 WA Tourism Conference and discussed the role of the Foundation and Entrepreneurial, Philanthropic and Community Trends in Nature-Based Tourism.

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New Patron of the WA Parks Foundation

The WA Parks Foundation is proud to announce as its Patron the Governor of Western Australia, the Honourable Kim Beazley AC.

Regarding the role, the Governor said, "I am proud to be Patron of the WA Parks Foundation, an initiative launched by my predecessor the Honourable Kerry Sanderson AC. This is an important body which advocates for and supports parks to ensure their conservation through refreshed community connection".

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Meet Park Ambassador Jock Clough

Jock Clough has a business background in the engineering, finance and primary production sectors. He was a former chairman of Hartley's Ltd, Clough Ltd, Yumbah Ltd and the Santanol Group. Jock is a past board member of the Fremantle Football Club and the Asia Society of AustralAsia. He is chairman of the University of Western Australia's Oceans Community, on the Advisory board of The Nature Conservancy and the Advisory Committee of the Western Australian Maritime Museum.



Why do I love WA Parks?

Growing up in WA I was lucky to have the bush and parks to explore, to learn from and to have wonderful childhood adventures. Most West Aussie kids also shared those experiences. The Foundation is a great initiative to help maintain this tradition for future generations. It is probably more important now than ever in helping younger people to stay grounded. I feel privileged to be an Ambassador for the WA Parks Foundation.

Aussie Backyard Bird Count



Australian Ringneck Parrot (Twenty-eight) and Galah Cockatoo (Pink and Grey). Common backyard birds in WA. (Photo: Lea Scaddan)

Do you enjoy watching the birds? Join other like-minded people and participate in the annual Aussie Backyard Bird Count. It is a great way to connect with the birds in

town.

Between October 22nd to 28th, the public is encouraged to help audit our feathered-friends. You can count as many times as you like over the week, so long as each count is completed over a 20-minute period. The data collected assists BirdLife Australia in understanding more about the birds that live where people live.

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Outdoors October



Outdoors October is all about getting more West Australians active and outdoors. We all know the amazing benefits to our health and well being that getting into nature brings.

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Feature National Park - Lesueur National Park



Lesueur National Park (Photo: Australias Coral Coast)

conservation in Western Australia. It is a must-see for all wildflower lovers and botanists with over 900 species of flora identified within the park – (10 per cent of WA's known flora – including acacias, hibbertias, leschenaultias, melaleucas, gastrolobiums).

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Feature Urban Park - Perry Lakes Reserve



Perry Lakes Reserve (Photo: Pocket Oz)

Perry Lakes Reserve, which is located 7km west of Perth's CBD in the suburb of Floreat, consists of a 57-hectare regional recreation reserve around the Perry Lakes. Used as the venue for Perth's Annual Garden Show, the reserve encompasses a 13-hectare conservation wetland, which is a drought refuge for a range of fauna.

The lakes themselves are considered to be significant to the Aboriginal people due to historical use as hunting grounds for waterbirds, tortoises, snakes and fish.

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Caravanning at Big Brook Dam (Photo: L-A Shibish)

With more than 500,000 registered in Australia, caravans are obviously very popular. They allow you to bring comfortable, often self-contained accommodation to countless destinations, and once you arrive and unhitch your home away from home, you have the freedom to explore the area with your towing vehicle.

Our WA parks offer numerous great caravanning sites, which you can use as a base for your next adventure. In fact, the WA Parks and Wildlife Service has been working on creating over 450 new camp and caravan sites over the last couple of years, as well as new and improved visitor facilities in at least nine parks, state forest recreation areas and former pastoral lease areas. Many caravan sites can now be booked in advance on [Parkstay](#).

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Why Camp When You Can Glamp - The Best Spots For Glamping In WA

A new phenomenon called 'glamping' (glamorous camping) is the ultimate compromise for campers and non-campers. You get all the luxuries and conveniences of home, inside one very fancy tent. It's the best of both worlds for those that want a soft or luxury camping experience.

So if you are keen to give it a try, here are some of the best glamping spots in our

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Glamping at Sal Salis on Ningaloo Reef, Cape Range National Park (Photo: Lauren Bath)

Want to try Glamping? It's explained in this [video](#).

Tell us what you think!

We'd love to hear from you about what you think of *WA Parks Foundation News*, what you would like to see and if you have any questions about the WA Parks Foundation.

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