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A New Holland Honeyeater feeding on a Grevillea. Help our native birds by planting native flowers in your garden (Photo: Reflex)

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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Annual General Meeting and Annual Report



WA Parks Foundation members at the Jane Brook Bridge in John Forrest National Park (Photo: L-A Shibish)

John Forrest National Park was the beautiful sunset setting for the WA Parks Foundation second Annual General Meeting. The Honourable Kerry Sanderson AC, Chair of the WA Parks Foundation welcomed directors, ambassadors, supporters and members and provided an update on the Foundation's accomplishments in its first full year of operations.

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Inspired by a Transformative Experience – The Pilgrim Trail Story



Dr Duncan and Maggie Jefferson walking the Pilgrim Trail through Julimar Forrest (Photo: L-A Shibish)

The Pilgrim Trail was inspired by a transformative experience. The 200-kilometre trail from Subiaco to New Norcia was the brainchild of Dr Duncan Jefferson. In a recent interview, WA Parks Foundation discovered the health benefits and history of the Pilgrim Trail.

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Biodiversity hotspots in WA explained



A honeyeater feeds from a eucalypt endemic to south-west Western Australia. (Photo: Stephen Hopper)

Posted in Australian Geographic, Lydia Hales writes, “South West Western Australia is one of the world’s major biodiversity hotspots”.

“Research into the birds and mammals that pollinate banksias and eucalypts in south-west Western Australia is challenging existing theories on the region’s enormous biodiversity.

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What's a Friend's Group and how can I get involved?



Friends of Yellagonga Regional Park

There are currently more than 75 community conservation (Friends) groups concerned about urban bushland. Friends Groups vary from informal groups of a few people, to more formal incorporated bodies. Most have one thing in common and

needs of the natural area, as well as the intentions and expertise of the overall group.

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Meet Park Ambassador Dr Richard Walley OAM



WA Parks Foundation Park Ambassador Dr Richard Walley OAM

Richard is a Nyoongar man, one of Australia's leading Aboriginal performers, musicians and writers and has performed around the world. He has been a campaigner for social justice for Indigenous Australians from a young age. At 23 Dr Richard Walley OAM chaired the Aboriginal Advisory Board. He is Director of Aboriginal Productions and Promotions.

Why do I love WA Parks?

“Parks connect people, places, plants and animals. Parks are medicine, our bush food. Our family lived in the bush when I was younger. And I think that experience was fantastic and set me up for the rest of my life in terms of how you present yourself to the world.”

Naturaliste National Park



Leeuwin-Naturalist National Park (Photo: Parks & Wildlife)

Leeuwin–Naturaliste National Park protects almost the entire length of coast between Cape Naturaliste and Cape Leeuwin. More than 360 limestone caves and tunnels lie beneath the flowering heath-covered headlands. Many distinctive rock formations jut from the ocean waters between the capes, including Sugarloaf Rock — a popular vantage for observing seabirds and thought to be the only place in the South West where the Red-tailed Tropicbird comes to rest.

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Feature Urban Park - Woodman Point Regional Park



Woodman Point Regional Park (Photo: Dept. of Sport and Rec)

Woodman Point Regional Park is located approximately 9 kilometres south of Fremantle at the northernmost part of Cockburn Sound. Features include a unique coastline and the most extensive stands of Rottneest cypress found anywhere on the mainland.

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What to do in Parks – Rogaining



Rogainers navigate the bush using only a map and a compass (Photo: L-A Shibish)

Rogaining is the sport of long distance cross-country navigation in which teams of two to five members visit as many checkpoints as possible in a set time (twenty-four, twelve or six hours).

The activity consists of teams travelling entirely on foot, navigating only by map and compass between checkpoints, in terrain that varies from open farmland to hilly forest.

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Video: Strategic Science: Planning the future

Science underpins all of the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions' work to conserve Western Australia's unique plants, animals, communities and ecosystems, and manage the State's lands and waters across a range of disciplines.

Enjoy 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

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