

Season's Greeting, Best December WA Wildlife Interactions, High Ropes Adventure, Professional Bird Photographer Tips, Wooditjup National Park, Swan Regional Riverside Park, and more...

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Dolphins surfing the waves at Rottneet Island's West End Lookout (Photo: L-A Shibish)

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

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Season's Greetings from the Chair

As the holidays approach, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support during the year and to wish you a safe and fulfilling New Year. Your contribution to the enjoyment and conservation of our precious natural environment is valued and appreciated and I hope you will have the opportunity to enjoy some of Western Australia's incredible National Parks with your family and friends at this most wonderful time of the year.

Hon Kerry Sanderson AC

Chair, WA Parks Foundation



The Western Australia Christmas tree.

Nuytsia florabunda. (Photo: Colin Ingram)

Are you a Foundation Member?

If you love getting out into nature, visiting our national parks and being inspired by their spectacular biodiversity, you will love being a member of the WA Parks Foundation.

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[Big Brook Dam](#) and Arboretum in Pemberton, a great place to swim, kayak, hike, camp and birdwatch (Photo: L-A Shibish)

Deloitte Impact Day 2018



Deloitte volunteers helping with weed removal.

Impact Day is always a special day on the Deloitte Australia calendar. Held in November, each year thousands of Deloitte employees around the country down their usual work tools to make a positive contribution to the community.

Many employees use the opportunity to roll up their sleeves to perform much needed outdoor tasks for not-for-profits and charities. This year, fifty Deloitte employees volunteered their time for the important task of weed removal in Serpentine and John Forrest National Parks.

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Best WA Marine Wildlife Interactions for December



Interact with Dolphins at Monkey Mia, Shark Bay World Heritage Area (Photo: L-A Shibish)

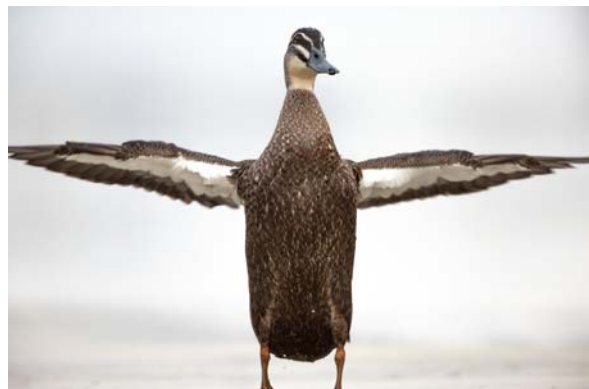
Western Australia has many spectacular nature-based activities and wildlife viewing is high on the list. Migration patterns mean that not all wildlife is easily accessible year-round. Just in time for the school holidays, we have compiled a list of the best marine wildlife interaction opportunities for December. Click the links to see the details.

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Tips from a Professional Bird Photographer



Rainbow Bee-eaters (Photo: Lea Scaddan)



Black Duck (Photo: Lea Scaddan)

Our WA parks provide habitat that supports an amazing variety of birdlife. In recent months we have been fortunate to be able to share some amazing bird photos taken

installed a birdbath.

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Meet Park Ambassadors – Peter and Vicki Long

Peter and Vicki Long have lived in the Pilbara region of Western Australia since 1985, when they started their own environmental and engineering consultancy in the coastal town of Karratha. Peter is currently the Mayor of the City of Karratha and brings to that role a sound knowledge of the environment having worked in an environmental management capacity on projects across the north-west. Vicki is a passionate botanist and ecologist with 32 years' experience working



throughout the northern half of WA. She continues to donate much of her time and knowledge to environmental agencies in an effort to better protect parks and reserves. She works with Aboriginal people from Broome to Onslow, recording traditional knowledge about the use of plants. Her book “Along the Burrup” is an effort to share the beauty of the flora of the Burrup Peninsula – Murujuga Nature Reserve, a place close to her heart.

Why do we love WA Parks?

The Pilbara is a unique, breathtakingly beautiful environment. We love our Parks because they offer all people a snapshot of this ancient, remote, rugged, but remarkably vulnerable landscape. Our Parks give people the opportunity to learn how flora and fauna in this arid environment survive extremes in temperature, erratic rainfall and cyclonic winds. Most of all, we love how the majesty of the area confronts the mere “humanness” of us all and makes us realise just how commanding Nature is, how important it is to us as humans and how much we need to respect it.

(formerly Bramley)



Wooditjup National Park (Photo: Glenn Wilmott)

Surrounding the popular South West town of Margaret River, [Wooditjup National Park](#) provides visitors with stunning forest areas as well as a plethora of ways to enjoy the natural environment. The national park is home to a number of native species including western ringtail possums (*Pseudocheirus occidentalis*), brush-tailed phascogales (*Phascogale tapoatafa*), quenda (*Isodon obesulus*) and the endemic Margaret River hairy marron. It also provides vital habitat for Baudin's, Carnaby's and Forest Red-tailed Black Cockatoos.

Park map [here](#).

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Feature Urban Park - Swan Regional Riverside Park



Swan River

Swan Regional Riverside Park (formerly Ray Marshall Park) is located on the upper reaches of the Swan River foreshore at Midland. Recreational opportunities include walking, boating, fishing and marine activities.

Recreational facilities include pedestrian paths, cycle paths, lookouts, canoe launching areas, fishing points. Interpretive signage enriches the experience and there is vehicle parking.

Swan Regional Riverside Park is a wonderful place to bring the kids and a picnic.

Park map [here](#).

What to do in Parks - High Ropes Adventure



High Ropes Course Yanchep

Exercising doesn't have to be boring. A high ropes course is a great way to exercise without even realising that is what you are doing. Western Australia now has two high ropes courses as a way to have fun and engage in a fitness activity in a national park. Located in Lane Poole Reserve and newly opened in Yanchep National Park, Trees Adventure provides outdoor excitement for the entire family.

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Video - Lane Pool Trees Adventure Park

Trees Adventure Lane Poole Park is located 100km from Perth, near Dwellingup at Lane Poole Reserve. The treetop courses are built around the beautiful pine and jarrah trees of Nanga Mill Campground, with exhilarating views as you take the flying fox through the treetops or quickly stop to catch your breath in the middle of one of the suspended bridges!. There is even an airborne skateboard! See map [here](#).

Hope you enjoy this [video](#)

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