

Happy New Year, Lotterywest Support, New walk trail at Wellington National Park, 2019: The Year of More Parks, More Adventures and more...

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*Turtle swimming in the colourful coral gardens at Ningaloo Marine Park (Photo: Chris Jansen Photography via Live Ningaloo)*

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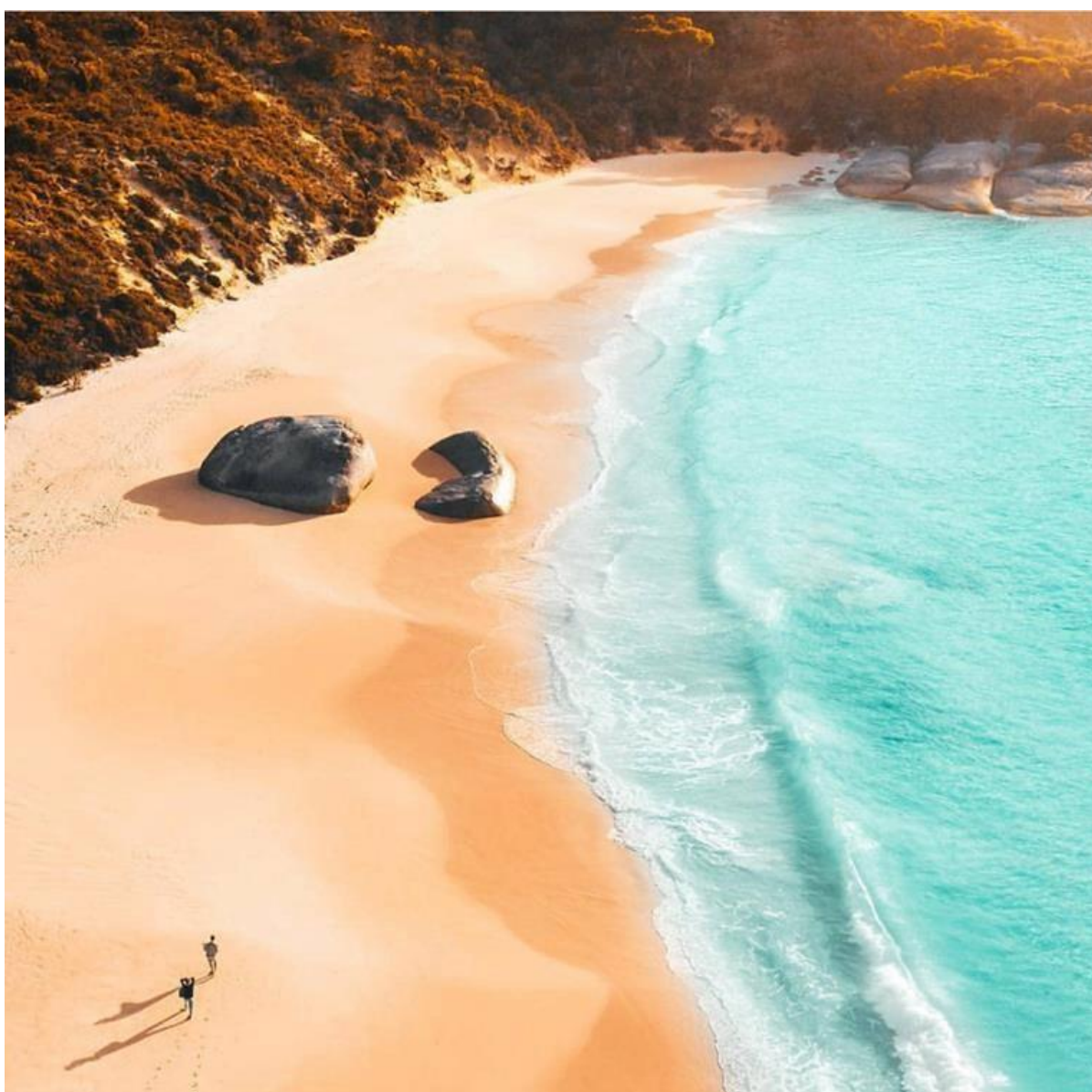
Welcome to the WA Parks Foundation News, sharing news and events that celebrate Our WA Parks and helping to increase community appreciation and involvement in the stewardship of our incredible national parks and conservation estate.

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## Happy New Year



Picture: Two Peoples Bay Nature Reserve, WA, @yantastic Instagram via @australias\_southwest

The WA Parks Foundation would like to wish all readers a wonderful 2019. The Foundation is thankful to all for the support and help which is assisting the delivery of projects to conserve and improve our parks and to increase our appreciation of

generations.

It is good to reflect on the progress of the Foundation from March 2017 when the Foundation appointed its first staff, General Manager Melanie Wilshin and Board Advisor Strategy and Governance Robin Piesse. Less than two years later we have four Founding Partners, namely Wesfarmers, Chevron Australia, Fortescue Metals Group and Woodside, a much larger number of supporters and members as well as a number of projects underway.

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## Lotterywest Support

A substantial funding commitment from Lotterywest will be used to support the ability of the Foundation to deliver projects that encourage more Western Australians to connect with and care for the State's natural heritage.

The grant of \$197,856 will be put towards IT equipment, a Customer Relationship Management System, website enhancement and Project Officer costs.

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## Fortescue's Green Team



*Picture: Environment monitoring takes place near Fortescue's Cloudbreak mine site.*

Fortescue Metals Group's (Fortescue's) Green Team initiative provides a unique volunteering opportunity for its workforce to participate in environmental monitoring activities in the Pilbara. Fortescue, a WA Parks Foundation Founding Partner, is committed to safeguarding the environment for future generations. It is focused on protecting biodiversity, managing water resources responsibly, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and managing waste.

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## New walk trail at Wellington National Park



Picture: Wellington National Park, Tourism WA via [DPAW](#)

Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions has announced that a new world-class walk trail has been opened in Wellington National Park, near Collie, as part of the State Government's commitment to improve visitor facilities in the Collie-Preston area. The new 20-kilometre Wilman Bilya Trail stretches from Wellington Dam north to the Coalfields Highway, winding through magnificent blackbutt, open jarrah forest and past granite outcrops.

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## 2019: The Year of More Parks, More Adventures



Picture: Injidup Natural Spa, @Airloft via [Australia's South West](#) on Instagram

**Is getting outdoors more often one of your new year's resolutions?**

**Do you enjoy camping?**

**Are you a lover of hiking?**

If you answered yes to any of these, then a WA Parks Foundation membership is for you. With 100 national parks in Western Australia, there are plenty of parks to add to your outdoor adventures.

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## Welcome Aboard, Matilda



Creating and implementing web and social media strategies for promotional purposes is one of the strengths the newest member of the WA Parks Foundation team brings to her role.

Matilda Cunningham, appointed as Marketing and Community Engagement Project Officer, has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Curtin University, majoring in Journalism and Screen Arts.

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## Park Visitor Numbers Up



Picture: Milky Way, Sal Salis Ningaloo Reef by Lauren P Bath

A recent report by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions shows that more people are visiting our parks. WA national parks and reserves had 20.39 million visits in 2017–18, with a visitor satisfaction level of 92.5 per cent.

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Source: [Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions Annual Report](#)

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## Socialise with us!

There are a number of ways you can support the WA Parks Foundation. Together, we can make a lasting difference for the future of our national parks.

Start by connecting with us on social media and joining our community

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