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Hi Jen Green

Welcome to the autumn edition of Yanchep National Park eNews.

Its autumn in Yanchep National Park and this means large flocks of Carnaby's black cockatoos flying in the park. Autumn is the perfect time of year for a barbecue or a stroll down one of the walk trails.

The April school holidays are not too far away and Yanchep National Park is proud to announce that the friendly crew from Nearer to Nature will be conducting a range of exciting children's programs including the popular Adventure Caving plus Enchanted Environment and Funky Fossils.

This issue of Yanchep National Park eNews includes some great stories of Yanchep National Park being accepted into the Australian Tourism Exchange, how our volunteers put in a huge effort for Love Yanchep National Park and Clean Up Australia days, Cabaret Cave receives great exposure at the eBridal Wedding Expo, Chocolate Drops get involved with Parliament House, and see the gorgeous new arrivals at the park. Also there's plenty of opportunities to save with a 10% discount at McNess House for local annual pass holders during April, Yanchep Inn's winter escape package and membership. All this and more in the Yanchep National Park autumn edition 2012.

ENCHANTING CAVES AND FOSSILS AT YANCHEP NATIONAL PARK



Be enchanted at Yanchep National Park these school holidays when it hosts the Nearer to Nature program aimed at school-aged children.

Once again, the park has organised the popular Adventure caving activity with two sessions aimed at ages 8 to 10, and 10 to 14-year-old children. Participants can enjoy the magnificent world of the underground as they crawl and explore their way through an amazing world in one of the park's wild caves. Both activities will be held on Friday 13 April.

On the morning of Wednesday 18 April, discover the magic of the native bushland in Enchanted environment, aimed at four to seven-year-olds. Visitor Services Manager Julia Coggins said Enchanted environment would take children on a journey of discovery where they would learn about the enchanting Australian bush and the animals that live within.

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GOOD SAVINGS FOR PASSHOLDERS



During the month of April, local pass holders have the opportunity to grab a special deal. Present your local annual pass at McNess House throughout the month of April, and receive 10% off your purchase in store. Excludes the purchase of all activities, park passes and already discounted stock.

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LOVE YANCHEP NATIONAL PARK DAY



Office staff from the Department of Environment and Conservation's (DEC's) Kensington office volunteered to lend a hand keeping caring for the park's wetlands on Wednesday 14 March. The day, dubbed as Love Yanchep National Park Day, saw DEC employees embracing the outdoors and assisting with weed control of the wetlands area.

Yanchep National Park Volunteer Coordinator Ciara McIlduff said Love Yanchep National Park Day provided a great opportunity for staff that were usually desk-bound to enjoy the great outdoors at Yanchep and have a sense of ownership with the park.

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UPDATE ON LOCH MCNESS



In response to the declining levels at Loch McNess, the Department of Water (DOW) is undertaking work to develop an improved conceptual understanding of the lake/cave system. The work will help DOW develop short and longer-term responses to the declines and inform future modelling work. Project managers from DOW have been working closely with DEC staff over recent months to better understand the water flow and abstraction in the area.

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AUSTRALIAN TOURISM EXCHANGE



Yanchep National Park has been accepted into Australia's premier tourism trade event - the Australian Tourism Exchange (ATE). ATE sees about 600 Australian tourism operators meet with some 700 tourism wholesalers and retailers from 40 countries around the world for one week in June 2012.

Yanchep National Park has been accepted in the Eastern Module and will partner with Yanchep Inn to meet with tourism delegates from Japan, North Asia, South and South East Asia, Gulf countries and India.

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YANCHEP INN WINTER ESCAPE



Enjoy three luxurious nights at your choice of Yanchep Inn's accommodation, and only pay for two. This fantastic special is only available from 25 March to 30 September and is valid for all types of accommodation including the original Yanchep Inn hotel rooms, motel units or lakeside motel rooms. This offer is subject to availability. Contact Yanchep Inn on 9561 1001 or yanchepinn@inet.net.au for more information.

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CABARET CAVE STAR ATTRACTION AT BRIDAL FAIR



Yanchep Inn staff highlighted their function facilities at the eBridal Wedding Expo on 21 and 22 January 2012 at the Burswood grand ballroom. Visitors to the expo were marvelled by the images of Cabaret Cave - Perth's only cave for hire, the park surrounds and Yanchep Inn venue facilities.

Amy Villanova from Yanchep Inn said the expo was a great success.

"The photos generated much conversation with many people considering the cave for their wedding venue," she said.

"This is a busy time of year for wedding bookings, and is great to see that more and more people are learning about the amazing and unique facility that we have right here in the park."

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CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY AT YANCHEP NATIONAL PARK



This year's Clean up Australia Day was a great success at Yanchep National Park. Nine volunteers tackled a four-kilometre section of Wanneroo Road south of the park's main entrance, collecting a grand total of 60 bags of rubbish. Recyclable products were also collected over the morning, with a variety of debris cleared from the roadside, including a step ladder, jockey wheel, a box of children's toys and a wood saw.

Participants were rewarded with a sausage sizzle and a cool drink at the Lakeview picnic area.

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WA PARK PASSES – YOUR TICKET TO NATURE



Annual park passes are by far the best value for money when using national parks throughout Western Australia. Whether travelling on a whirlwind visit through WA or living here permanently, there's a pass specific to your needs.

Choose from one of the following passes:

- Annual Local Park Pass \$20 - unlimited entry to a single park or group of parks for a year
- Holiday Park Pass \$40 - unlimited entry into all parks for four weeks
- Annual All Parks Pass \$80 (concession \$50) - unlimited entry into all parks for a year
- Gold Star Pass \$110 - combines an Annual All Parks Pass with an annual subscription to LANDSCOPE magazine

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MAKE WAY FOR THE YOUNG BIRDS



Summer has seen some new arrivals at Yanchep National Park including clutches of ducklings, owlets and signets.

Four boobook owlets entered the world at the end of last year, taking the pride of their place in trees within the park. Boobooks are recognised by their dark chocolate-brown and white-spotted plumage, grey bill,

grey or yellow feet and yellow eyes.

The arrival of five cygnets caused some excitement when they were the first swans born at the park for many years. Entering this world in a nest on a Loch McNess island, these cygnets took straight to water. Young black cygnets are light grey in colour and have black wing tips.

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AUSSIE CHOCOLATES FOR PARLIAMENT HOUSE



The staff at Chocolate Drops are busy creating some Australian-themed chocolates for the annual Parliament House tourism industry function on Tuesday 27 March.

Chocolates in shapes of kangaroos, koalas and boomerangs are being crafted for what will be an important tourism industry networking event. The event sees some 200 representatives from all sectors of the tourism industry meet at Parliament House to

foster ongoing relationships.

Chocolate Drops has proudly sponsored this event for the past four years and business owner Sue Dash said it is a great opportunity to show local Yanchep product to the wider tourism audience.

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FREE MEMBERS LUAU AT THE INN

More than 50 Yanchep Inn members enjoyed a free night out when the inn put on its annual members night on Friday 27 January. Dressed in grass skirts and leis, the members enjoyed a free buffet and the first hour of drinks, and then kicked up their heels to the free DJ.

The atrium and beer garden created the perfect setting for the luau, a Hawaiian feast, and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Yanchep Inn annual membership is great value at only \$25 per person with each member receiving discounted beer throughout the year, a special member's priced lunch or dinner on Thursdays (only \$7) plus at least one member's night per year. Contact the inn for more information.

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