

2025–2026 Volunteer impact and recognition

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Centre Marine Science Volunteer. Photo – DBCA.

Below Cape to Cape Volunteers. Photo – Cape to Cape Volunteers.

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Canning River Regional Park Volunteers. Photo – DBCA.

Foreword

The contribution of volunteers remains invaluable in supporting the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) to protect and conserve Western Australia's unique environment. Their efforts help ensure these natural places are valued and enjoyed by current and future generations.

Throughout 2025–26, volunteers continued to make an impact across regional, national and marine parks, as well as within local communities. By contributing their time, skills and experience, they support a wide range of activities that deliver tangible outcomes for DBCA.

To enable this work, the Volunteer Coordination Unit (VCU) plays an important role in strengthening how volunteers are supported and engaged. This includes ongoing improvements to systems and processes that promote safe, effective and rewarding participation. Staff are provided with practical guidance and training opportunities to continue to respond to changing needs, building confidence, capability and skills across volunteer projects.

Recognition of volunteers has also continued to evolve. In addition to formal events, there is a stronger focus on local, timely and more personalised ways to acknowledge contributions. These approaches strengthen relationships between volunteers and DBCA while ensuring contributions are recognised in ways that are relevant and appropriate.

This report captures the impact that volunteer involvement has had over the past year, showcasing the diversity of roles undertaken and acknowledging the significant value volunteers bring. Whether long-standing or newly joined, each volunteer's contribution is valued and appreciated.

For those interested in becoming involved, more information is available at: www.dbca.wa.gov.au/get-involved/volunteer or via email: PWsvolunteers@dbca.wa.gov.au

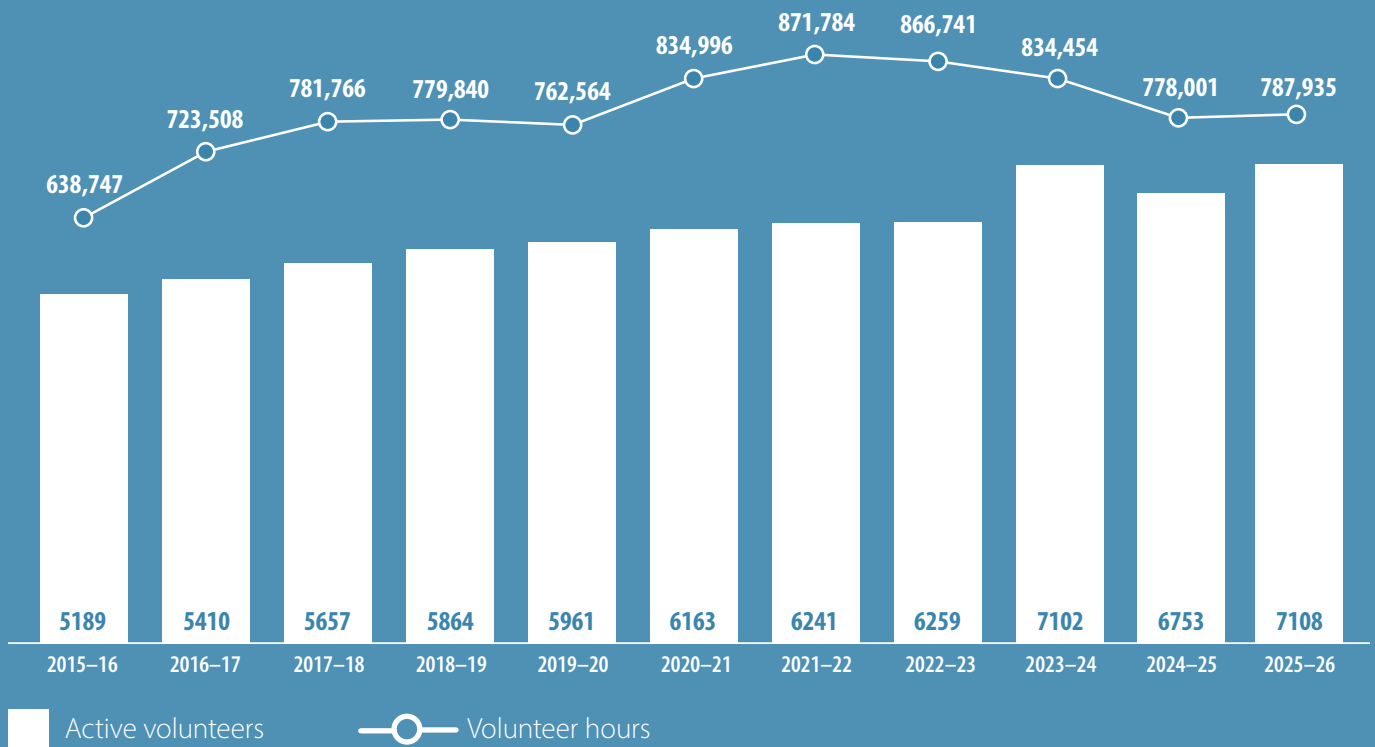
Volunteer Coordination Unit 2026

Below Friends of John Forrest volunteers.
Photo – Friends of John Forrest National Park.



Volunteering at DBCA

Active volunteers and hours over 10 years



Key Facts

7,108
active volunteers

787,935
hours contributed

111
average hours per volunteer

105,058
work days

2,206
new volunteers registered

216
projects reported activity

631
training placements

3,096
volunteer reward park
passes issued to volunteers
who contributed more than 50 hours

Volunteer Impact

Swan Region

Creery Wetland Nature Reserve

Over the past year, the Creery Wetland Project has made significant progress toward restoring and protecting this important natural area.

Community participation in the project has strengthened steadily, with an active email group now reaching around 50 people. A committed core group of eight volunteers meets monthly to plan actions and guide the project, while regular weeding events in the reserve continue to attract around 10 volunteers at a time.

These efforts are beginning to show results. Ongoing weed control has reduced weed levels across the reserve, improving conditions for native vegetation and supporting the recovery of natural habitat.

The project has also laid strong foundations for future improvements. Men of the Trees propagated 840 native plants in preparation for planting in June 2026. Funding has also been secured for a kangaroo proof fence to protect the new plantings and give them the best chance of establishing successfully.

Volunteers are central to this progress. Their time and physical effort support practical tasks such as weeding, propagation and planting, while the core group's knowledge and experience help guide planning and decision making. Together, these contributions are supporting conservation in the wetland and strengthening confidence in its future.

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"I've lived near Creery Wetland for over 10 years and seen the native habitat declining. I enjoy seeing community interest in this rehabilitation project growing, and I have a growing belief the future for Creery is improving."

Creery Wetland volunteer





Herdsman Lake Bird Banding

The past year has been an outstanding one for bird monitoring, marked by the group's second best season on record for Rainbow Bee eater encounters. A total of 29 birds were banded, contributing valuable data to the understanding of both local and migratory bird populations. Strengthening this work, trainee bird bander Ethan Broom successfully progressed to the next level of banding authority, increasing the group's long term capacity for skilled monitoring.

Alongside bird monitoring, volunteers continued to deliver significant habitat improvements at Herdsman Lake. For the third consecutive year, a successful Typha removal project increased the extent of wading and shorebird habitat, creating more suitable conditions for a range of water dependent species. Seasonal mowing of the grass meadow also helped maintain habitat for the common blue butterfly.

Targeted infrastructure improvements further supported wildlife. A successful grant application enabled the procurement and installation of nest boxes, including nine boxes for small hollow nesting birds and two possum boxes. These additions are helping address the shortage of natural nesting hollows and support breeding opportunities in the area.

The success of this work reflects the value of long term volunteer involvement. Volunteers bring detailed knowledge of Perth's backyard and wetland birds, along with the consistency and dedication required for reliable data collection and sustained habitat management.

The benefits of this work extend beyond the local environment.

Want to get involved? Email: billrutherford@ornitech.au

"Getting up before dawn and going down to our banding site 20 to 30 times a year is capturing data that helps us understand the dynamics of our local bird population."

Herdsman Lake Bird Banding Volunteer

"The sum is bigger than the individuals' input. Our work goes far beyond the lake itself and influences and helps species both here in Australia and across other parts of their flyway."

DBCA staff member

This page Herdsman Lake Bird Banding Group Volunteers.
Photos – Herdsman Lake Bird Banding Group Volunteers.



Wilbinga Conservation Park Clean-up

On Saturday, 2 May 2026, around 100 volunteers participated in a clean-up event at Wilbinga Conservation Park, exceeding the original target of 50 participants.

Volunteers travelled from across Western Australia, from young families to seasoned retirees, representing clubs, organisations, and individuals alike. Despite their different backgrounds, they were united by a common purpose and a strong sense of community.

Throughout the day, volunteers collected rubbish, removed vehicle wrecks and undertook maintenance of 4WD tracks across the park. Recyclable materials were collected through the Containers for Change program, with proceeds used to replenish first aid supplies at the Wilbinga Shack. Parks and Wildlife Service provided skip bins to support the safe collection and disposal of waste.

The Wilbinga Shacks Crew coordinated event logistics, volunteer safety and on-ground activities, while Parks and Wildlife Service provided operational support, including waste disposal facilities and site amenities. Clubs, recovery teams, businesses and experienced 4WD drivers also contributed equipment, expertise and on-ground assistance.

The event demonstrated the value of community involvement in maintaining and caring for public conservation areas. Through a coordinated volunteer effort, participants helped improve park conditions while supporting the ongoing stewardship of Wilbinga Conservation Park.

This page 2026 Wilbinga Conservation Park Clean up. *Photos – DBCA.*



Friends of John Forrest National Park

The Friends of John Forrest National Park (FoJFNP) is an experienced volunteer group committed to protecting and restoring the natural values of Western Australia's oldest national park. Through regular bushcare activities and a range of projects throughout the year, volunteers focus on weed management, habitat conservation and environmental stewardship.

Last year, volunteers contributed more than 2,300 hours across conservation, monitoring, community engagement and administration activities. During 160 site visits, members worked in 40 of the park's 52 project areas, removing approximately 12,000 woody weeds. Since the group's formation nearly two decades ago, volunteers have removed an impressive 193,000 woody weeds from the park.

A major focus of the group's work has been protecting and restoring creekline habitats through the removal of tens of thousands of *Watsonia* plants from sensitive wetland areas. Volunteers also support conservation outcomes through grant applications, reporting, data management, newsletters and community engagement.

The final year of a three-year State NRM grant delivered significant achievements, including mapping more than 900 hectares of priority bushland, identifying 84 weed species across the park and improving understanding of weed distribution to better target future management efforts.

With support from DBCA, the Friends have achieved remarkable long-term conservation outcomes. *Watsonia* populations throughout the park have been reduced by an estimated 99 per cent, while ongoing weed control is helping native vegetation recover in creekline and granite outcrop habitats. Long-term monitoring shows that areas treated more than a decade ago remain largely weed-free, demonstrating the lasting impact of sustained volunteer effort.

The success of the Friends of John Forrest National Park reflects the dedication, knowledge and commitment of its volunteers, whose efforts continue to protect biodiversity and restore habitat for future generations.

Interested in supporting conservation in John Forrest National Park? Email: friendsofjohnforrestnp@gmail.com



"Volunteering is valuable therapy for people and the bush."

Jan, volunteer

"I love the bush. If you care about it, you have to take action. It's such a joy to walk the Heritage Trail now and see how much better the bush looks. The recovery of native plants after the weeds are removed is incredible."

Cathy, volunteer

This page Friends of John Forrest. Photos – Friends of John Forrest.





Friends of Beenyup Channel— Yellagonga Regional Park

The Friends of Beenyup Channel continued to support the health of Yellagonga Regional Park through a range of restoration, monitoring and land management activities.

Habitat restoration remained a major focus throughout the year. Approximately 3,500 native plants were established across the group's work areas, supported by funding from the 2025 Landcare Australia Bupa – Healthy Cities Program, the Yellagonga Regional Park Community Advisory Committee and a donation of 1,000 plants from Natural Areas Management. Additional support from the Cans for Carnaby's group and Padbury Community Garden Group enabled the installation of three cocky tubes, providing nesting opportunities for black cockatoos.

Weed and pest management activities continued across the site, including control of a new Noogoora Burr outbreak, ongoing water hyacinth removal at Beenyup Swamp and the commencement of a three-year trial investigating Flupropanate as an alternative to Glyphosate for African Lovegrass control. The group also supported turtle monitoring and nest protection activities during the nesting season.

Partnerships played an important role in the group's work. Volunteers assisted Murdoch University with its carp mitigation project in Yellagonga wetlands and continued to monitor developments from a fox aversion project being undertaken by La Trobe University and the Wodonga Landcare Group. These collaborations help ensure volunteers remain informed about emerging approaches to conservation and land management.

Volunteer efforts are contributing to visible improvements across the work areas. Increased use of trails by visitors, along with more frequent sightings of native birdlife and quenda, reflects the ongoing value of habitat restoration and site management activities. The group's work continues to support biodiversity, habitat quality and community enjoyment of the park.



“The group has been friendly and welcoming from the start. They are a dedicated team aiming to make a difference in our local environment. As a bush walker I feel I am giving back to the environment. Everyone in the group is given an opportunity to have their say on plans and I feel valued. Members are happy to share their knowledge. We are a hard-working group and importantly we have fun”.

Ann, Friends of Beenyup Channel volunteer

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Facebook: [Woodvale Waters Friends of Beenyup Channel](#)

Top Water hyacinth removal.

Above Ernst and Young corporate group.

Photos – Friends of Beenyup Channel volunteer.



Friends of Paganoni Swamp Rockingham Lakes

The Friends of Paganoni Swamp volunteers are well known for their ongoing commitment to weed control throughout the year. This season, however, the group took on an additional conservation challenge with the construction of seven fenced enclosures designed to protect young plants from grazing herbivores.

Working across two activity days, volunteers established the boundaries of each enclosure by hammering star pickets into the ground at two-metre intervals, rolling out fencing and securely attaching it to the pickets. As the project progressed, the team refined its techniques and improved efficiency from one enclosure to the next. Each site was fitted with a simple gate for easy access, while tagging tape was attached to the fencing to increase visibility and help alert kangaroos to the structures.

The enclosures are already proving to be an effective restoration tool. Seedling survival rates are believed to be higher than those achieved using individual stakes and planter guards, while the time required to complete planting activities has been significantly reduced. By removing the need to install protective bags and stakes around every seedling, volunteers can focus their efforts on planting more efficiently and effectively.

The project also demonstrated the value of providing volunteers with a variety of activities. Opportunities such as the fencing project help build skills, strengthen collaboration and encourage broader participation across all group activities. The enthusiasm shown by members, combined with their willingness to innovate and problem-solve, contributed to a strong sense of teamwork and achievement throughout the project.

To get involved with Friends of Paganoni Swamp:
Email: fop@email.org.au

“There is the project, the planning, the preparation and the precision. There is the teamwork, the collaboration, the keen eye, the strong arm, the deft fingers and the wry smile. The broad spectrum of skills and creativity the Friends of Paganoni bring to a fence-building project is an experience par excellence—not to be missed!”

Erica, volunteer

“The group’s dedication and hands-on effort make a real difference on the ground. Their work on the fencing project, along with ongoing weed mitigation and rubbish collection, has significantly improved site condition and supports our conservation goals.”

Matt Lyons, DBCA Operations Officer

This page Friends of Paganoni Swamp volunteers.
Photos – Friends of Paganoni Swamp volunteers.



South West Region

Crooked Brook Forest

More than 30 years ago, a group of community-minded residents in Dardanup set out to create “A Forest for All People.” Through volunteer effort and community support, Crooked Brook Forest has become one of the region’s top attractions for both locals and visitors.

The forest also serves as an education resource, with primary school students regularly visiting to learn about the natural environment through hands-on activities. Many later return with their families to enjoy the forest’s trails and facilities.

Established in 1994, the group has built strong community connections, with volunteering helping members form lasting friendships. Several founding members, now in their 70s, 80s and 90s, remain actively involved, highlighting the role volunteering can play in keeping people connected and engaged.

To preserve and share its history, the group is developing a historical timeline that documents its 32-year journey, helping new members understand its origins, achievements and future aspirations.

On 24 May 2026, the group celebrated Crooked Brook Forest’s 32nd anniversary with a community event that brought together past and present members, supporters and guests. Highlights included the unveiling of a commemorative plaque, the opening of a time capsule buried in 2014, and a presentation recognising the many individuals who contributed to the Forest’s development from 1994 to 2026. The celebration provided an opportunity to reflect on the group’s achievements and honour the volunteers whose vision, dedication and hard work have ensured Crooked Brook Forest remains “A Forest for All People.”

Volunteers continue to make an impact through their regular presence in the forest, engaging with visitors and sharing local knowledge. These interactions help visitors better understand the natural environment and the importance of caring for it. By connecting people with the forest and the volunteers who help maintain it, the group supports community stewardship and contributes to the long-term care of this valued community asset.

To get involved with the Friends of Crooked Brook, contact Tina Garbellini: marrivista@outlook.com



“The volunteers play a vital role in maintaining clean and reliable facilities in this day-use area. The site regularly attracts visitors from Perth and overseas, and their efforts help ensure a positive experience for all. Their work reflects the group’s motto, ‘A forest for all people.’”

Brian Barrett, Chairman

“I volunteer in Dardanup for Crooked Brook Forest and have done so for many years; I have made wonderful friends and thoroughly enjoy my time there. Volunteering connects people and creates a sense of belonging and pride. For me, becoming a volunteer was the best decision I ever made.”

Andrea, Crooked Brook volunteer

Top Tom Cross and Ross Jarvis with the time capsule.

Above Peter Robinson, Deb White, Daniel & Jess Palazzolo, Andrew White and Vicki Robinson.

Photos – Crooked Brook.



South Coast

Esperance Wildlife Hospital

Esperance Wildlife Hospital volunteers play an essential role in supporting wildlife rescue and rehabilitation across the region. Through ongoing training, established partnerships and strong biosecurity practices, volunteers help ensure the hospital can respond effectively to wildlife emergencies and provide care for injured and orphaned animals.

In addition to assisting with animal care, volunteers support the day-to-day operation of the hospital and help connect the community with wildlife conservation. They provide practical assistance to members of the public bringing in injured animals, share information about local wildlife and promote greater awareness of conservation issues. Through these interactions, volunteers contribute to both wildlife outcomes and community education.

The hospital also provides opportunities for local high school students through its work placement program. Working alongside experienced volunteers, students gain hands-on experience in wildlife care while developing practical skills, confidence and an understanding of the responsibilities involved in wildlife rehabilitation. The program helps introduce young people to conservation and environmental careers while supporting the next generation of wildlife carers and volunteers.

The contribution of volunteers remains fundamental to the hospital's ability to support wildlife across the Esperance region. Their knowledge, reliability and willingness to assist ensure the hospital can continue providing care for wildlife while strengthening community awareness of conservation.

"I volunteer for the environment because there is a real need. It feels really worthwhile, even if it's only picking up rubbish."

Rosie, volunteer

"Our rural and remote wildlife hospital simply could not function at its current capacity without the tireless dedication of our broad community volunteer network."

L-A Shibish, Esperance Wildlife Hospital volunteer coordinator

This page Kupa on the Esperance Wildlife Hospital student placement program.
Photo – Esperance Wildlife Hospital.

Warren Region

Fauna Monitoring and Management Project

Volunteers continued to play a key role in supporting fauna monitoring and conservation activities across the Donnelly District. A major achievement was the successful completion of the annual fauna monitoring program, which relied heavily on volunteer participation.

Fauna monitoring requires multiple people in the field, often for extended periods and early morning starts. With limited staff capacity, volunteer support was essential to completing eight weeks of trapping and monitoring activities during the year. Special thanks are extended to Tracey Robins and a dedicated team of volunteers whose reliability and commitment enabled the program to be delivered successfully.

Volunteers contributed a broad range of skills and experience to the program, including wildlife handling, observation, data collection and field operations. Their support increased the capacity of staff to undertake monitoring activities while maintaining the consistency required for long-term conservation programs.

Beyond supporting field operations, the program provided opportunities for knowledge sharing between volunteers and staff, strengthening skills and helping build capacity for future monitoring activities. The experience and expertise volunteers bring continues to be an important asset in delivering conservation outcomes across the district

The ongoing contribution of volunteers remains critical to fauna monitoring in the Donnelly District and supports the collection of information used to inform wildlife management and conservation decisions.

Below DBCA Warren Region staff and volunteers. *Photo – DBCA.*





Wheatbelt Region

Toyota Land Cruiser Club

The Toyota Land Cruiser Club of Western Australia (TLCCWA) has proudly supported DBCA at Dryandra Woodland National Park since adopting the site as a maintenance project in 2006. What began primarily as track maintenance has evolved into a long-standing partnership focused on delivering broader improvements that enhance and add value to the park's infrastructure.

Dryandra Woodland is a unique and highly valued natural environment, appreciated by both visitors and the staff who work to protect it. The park provides critical habitat for endangered species such as numbats and woylies and supports diverse and significant vegetation communities.

In November 2024, the Adoption Agreement between TLCCWA and the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) Narrogin was successfully renewed for a further five-year period. This renewal reflects a shared commitment to continuing the partnership well into the future.

Each May, TLCCWA members volunteer to work alongside DBCA Narrogin staff, maintaining and improving the park's trail network.

Major projects completed by TLCCWA include:

- Construction of a replica stockyard
- Post and rail installations at Contine Hill and Congelin
- Upgrades to stairs and handrails along the Ochre Walk Trail
- Development of the Gnaala Mia (Yonga Loop) Trail
- Construction and repair of steps and stairs across the park, including at the Centenary of Forestry site
- Restoration works at historic steam train sites in Congelin.

In recent years, this collaboration has delivered significant infrastructure upgrades, particularly at Contine Hill and the Congelin Campground and walk trail. The improvements at Congelin are especially important, with the walk trail identified as a key focus area for DBCA's future development.

Feedback from DBCA staff highlights the strength and value of the partnership. Wheatbelt Regional manager, Mitch Davies acknowledged that TLCCWA's efforts are greatly appreciated, with the group carrying out valuable work. He congratulated the club on more than 20 years of dedication to Dryandra and recognised their achievement in receiving the 2024 DBCA Volunteer Group Award.

He also reflected on working alongside TLCCWA members, particularly Alan and Jan, as a highlight of his career.

"Western Australia is full of fantastic volunteers, but working alongside TLCCWA has been especially rewarding. Dryandra is a better place to visit because of them and the projects they have undertaken."

Mitch Davies

To recognise this outstanding contribution, a commemorative plaque has been made. TLCCWA remains a highly valued partner of DBCA Narrogin, and both look forward to continuing this strong and successful relationship for many years to come.

[TLCCWA – Explore Adventure](#)

Top TLCCWA Volunteers. Photo – DBCA.

Pilbara Region

West Pilbara Turtle Program

The West Pilbara Turtle Program is a collaborative partnership between Parks and Wildlife Service, Rio Tinto and the local community, focused on monitoring nesting turtles around Karratha and Wickham while raising awareness of turtle conservation and research.

Over the past year, more than 30 volunteers contributed to beach monitoring with 45 new volunteers joining overall. Hundreds of people also took part through school presentations, community events and guided turtle nesting tours.

The program connects people to turtle conservation both locally and beyond. Volunteers not only monitor turtle activity but also support education initiatives through market stalls, festivals, beach clean-ups and everyday conversations. Many extend their impact by sharing information through social media or leading projects within schools and community groups.

Interest in the program continues to grow, attracting participants from across Australia and overseas. This year included volunteers travelling from Perth and as far as Canada, eager to experience and support the conservation of Australia's unique flatback turtles.

Through hands-on involvement, volunteers gain valuable experience in marine conservation. Some go on to pursue further study or careers in the field, while others continue contributing through similar programs both locally and internationally.

The program's influence is also reflected in schools and local groups, where creative initiatives such as assemblies, student projects, and turtle-themed activities are helping spread awareness. This growing enthusiasm highlights a positive and promising future for turtle conservation in the Pilbara.

Want to get involved? Email: wptp@dbca.wa.gov.au



"Being up close to a creature so large, so beautiful, in its natural world is just an experience you could never forget. Learning and recording data is so important for the conservation of these incredible animals".

WPTP Volunteer

"Being the Coordinator of a volunteer program for many years is such a privilege. You may think the best bit of my job is the turtles, they are very cool, but really it is the passionate people. To see people coming back to help with our program is amazing. It gives me so much hope."

Sarah McDonald, West Pilbara Turtle Program Coordinator

Top WPTP Volunteers.

Above Children watching turtle returning to the ocean.

Photos – DBCA.

Campground Hosts Nyinggulu Coastal Reserves

The Nyinggulu Coastal Reserve 2026 season started on March 15, where new and returning Camp Hosts were setting up for their coastal wilderness volunteer experience.

With the blue ocean views, the salty air, and the waves crashing over the Ningaloo Reef you could feel the season was off to a great start... until cyclone Narelle!

Our Campground Hosts helped staff to evacuate visitors from the park, giving them updated information before evacuating themselves. Some returned home as protected coastline was limited and unknown. Others moved further inland where they waited amongst hundreds of campers... the flies and rain unforgiving. When the storm passed, damage was extensive along the coast, and extra support was offered by every single one of our hosts.

Hosts began repainting signs in the park and along the coastal track throughout a total of 11 campgrounds, they removed rubbish and small debris in the area reporting any noticeable hazards. This allowed Rangers and our Regional Support Crew to focus on bigger tasks at hand that needed immediate attention.

Top Rob, Campground Host.

Centre Nyinggulu Coastal Reserve.

Below Jenny, Campground Host.

Photos – Amy Hinks, DBCA.



"The Ningaloo Coastal Reserves, Warroora re-opened on the 27th of April 2026. Without the help of our Camp Hosts ...this would not have been possible"

Amy Hinks, DBCA Ranger



Statewide

Biodiversity and Conservation Science/Marine Science Program

This year, the intertidal monitoring contributed to the health and understanding of Jurien Bay Marine Park and Shoalwater Islands Marine Park nearshore limestone reefs. Volunteers collected data on invertebrate fauna, helping build a long-term dataset that supports evidence-based management of these temperate marine parks.

Volunteers brought enthusiasm, curiosity and a strong sense of stewardship to every survey. The program continued to demonstrate how volunteer science directly supports conservation outcomes.

Key Achievements

- 18 intertidal sites surveyed across two marine parks
- 10 volunteers contributed hundreds of hours of fieldwork, data collection and curation
- Strengthened long term datasets that help track ecological change over time
- Increased biodiversity awareness among participants and the broader community

The most noticeable improvement has been the growing consistency and depth of our intertidal dataset, which is now robust enough to support trend analysis and inform management decisions at some parks, while others continue building their baselines.

Beyond data collection, the program is fostering strong community stewardship. Volunteers regularly share their experiences, building wider interest and appreciation for the intertidal environment. This growing awareness forms a foundation for the long-term support and protection of these unique ecosystems.

Volunteers bring a level of enthusiasm, commitment, and willingness to learn what truly makes a difference. Even when they arrive not knowing what to expect, their energy and curiosity allow monitoring to occur at a frequency that would not otherwise be possible. Their contributions significantly expand the capacity of regional park management teams.

Get involved email: lnes.Leal@dbca.wa.gov.au



“Our intertidal volunteers are an invaluable part of our monitoring program. Their dedication, enthusiasm, and attention to detail allow us to monitor these systems far beyond what our resources would otherwise permit. Their contribution truly makes this work possible!”

Dr Inês Leal, Program Lead

“Volunteering with the MSP invertebrates’ program has been such a rewarding experience - I never thought I’d become so emotionally invested in tiny invertebrates, but here we are, surrounded by such passionate and kind people.”

Zarah, volunteer



Malleefowl Monitoring Program

The 2025 monitoring season marked a significant and demanding year for the Malleefowl Monitoring Program, with volunteers once again demonstrating outstanding commitment and dedication across Western Australia.

During 2025, a record 75 volunteers participated in monitoring activities across 12 sites statewide, the highest level of volunteer involvement recorded to date. Their efforts involved challenging and often gruelling bushwalking, with teams collectively surveying 475 malleefowl mounds across varied terrain. Of these, 66 mounds were identified as active, compared with 72 active mounds recorded in 2024. While only a small number of volunteers were lucky enough to see malleefowl in person during the season, these rare sightings were a memorable highlight for those involved.

It was a pleasure to welcome many of the 2025 monitoring volunteers at the volunteer recognition event. Volunteers were acknowledged and thanked for their extraordinary efforts, and all were encouraged to return for the 2026 season. Encouragingly, many attendees expressed interest in becoming involved again later in the year.

Attendees heard from a range of speakers who shared valuable insights into malleefowl conservation. Nell Glover (Australian Wildlife Conservancy, Mt Gibson) presented on the impacts of predators and weather on malleefowl populations, while Natalie Grassie shared highlights from her PhD research in the Stirling Range and Fitzgerald River regions, focusing on tracking, camera trapping and habitat use.



Jude Comfort (WAMRG Committee) provided a summary of feedback from the volunteer survey, and Liz Kington (National Malleefowl Recovery Team) outlined national recovery efforts and plans for 2026, emphasising the vital importance of volunteer collected data.

As a special feature, participants were also treated to a preview trailer of a new film being produced by NMRG, showcasing the remarkable malleefowl. The film is scheduled for release in 2026 and was met with great enthusiasm.

The success of the 2025 season highlights the vital role volunteers play in malleefowl conservation. Their hard work, resilience, and commitment continue to provide essential data that underpins recovery planning and long term protection of this iconic species. We look forward to building on this momentum and welcoming both returning and new volunteers in 2026.

Want to know more visit [Malleefowl Annual Monitoring—National Malleefowl Recovery Group](#)

Celebrating Volunteers

On International Volunteer Day (December 5), the Volunteer Coordination Unit proudly hosted the 2025 DBCA Volunteer Awards, honouring incredible individuals who give their time, energy and passion across a variety of programs that support DBCA's work across Western Australia.

Volunteer of the Year

Ken Stranger, Perth Observatory

Ken averages 35 hours per week, often exceeding full-time hours, an impressive level of dedication.

He maintains telescope systems, ICT infrastructure, and facilities at the [Perth Observatory](#), preventing disruptions and enabling smooth delivery of programs. His behind-the-scenes work supports everything from night sky tours to education programs, making the site safe, functional, and future-ready for over 170 volunteers and thousands of visitors each year.

Ken exemplifies DBCA values of integrity, accountability, collaboration, respect, and excellence, while also bringing resilience, humility, and a pragmatic approach to his work.

Long Service Awards

For more than two decades, these volunteers have given their time, skills, and unwavering commitment to supporting parks, wildlife, and community groups across Western Australia. Their long standing service has strengthened conservation efforts, enriched visitor experiences, and contributed immeasurably to the programs they care so deeply about. We proudly acknowledge and thank the following volunteers for reaching these remarkable milestones.

20 years of commitment

Patricia and Albert Chandler	Campground Hosts
Geri Cooper	Wildlife Care
Sue Manuel	Wildlife Care (Darling Range Wildlife Shelter)
Geoffrey Sach	Woodman Point Regional Park Community Advisory Committee
Tanya Marwood	Wildlife Care (Friends of Western Swamp Tortoise)



1 Ken Stranger.
2 Tanya Marwood.
3 Carolyn and Barry Poole.
4 Kenneth Patterson.
Photos – DBCA.

25 years of commitment

Hugo Bekle	Yellagonga Regional Park Community Advisory Committee
Stephen Faulds	Canning River Regional Park Community Advisory Committee
Tony Fowler	Parks of the Darling Range Community Advisory Committee
Philip Jennings	Beeliar Regional Park Community Advisory Committee
James Robinson	Woodman Point Community Advisory Committee
Carolyn and Barry Poole	Friends of Yellagonga Regional Park

Outstanding Service recipients

This year, we recognised several outstanding volunteers whose dedication and countless hours of service have made a lasting impact across our parks, programs, and community groups. Their contributions strengthen conservation efforts, support visitors, protect wildlife, and help keep our natural areas thriving for everyone to enjoy. Thank you to each of the following volunteers for the exceptional work you do.

Outstanding service by an individual

Wendy and Leith Pritchard	Matuwa Kurrara Kurrara caretakers
Gwyneth Dean	Jane Brook Catchment Group
Kerryn and Trevor James	Woodvale Waters Friends of Beenyp Channel
Helene Tallentire	WA Seabird Rescue
Paula Hemus	Nearer to Nature
Barbara and Sharon Manson	WA Seabird Rescue (Rockingham)
Dwayne Scook	Susannah Woorloo Catchment Group
Graeme Campbell	Canning River Regional Park Volunteers
Jenny Scott	Friends of Yellagonga Regional Park
Anna Goodram	Friends of Yellagonga Regional Park
Jacqueline Keelan-Wake	Yanchep National Park
Ken Stranger	Perth Observatory
Joanne McVey	WA Seabird Rescue
Kenneth Patterson	Friends of Piesse Brook



Outstanding Service by a Community Group

The Rottne Island Railway Advisory Committee	Bill Larke, Jock Henderson, Pat Clohessy, and Rod Vermueluen
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Young Volunteer Awards

Our Under 21 Young Volunteer Awards celebrate the next generation of conservation champions, young people who bring enthusiasm, fresh perspectives, and a genuine commitment to caring for our natural environment. Their contributions make a real impact within their programs, and we're proud to acknowledge their efforts.

Young Volunteer Awards

Wes Devine	Yanchep National Park
Gemma Taylor	WA Gould League

Top The Rottne Island Railway Advisory Committee.

Above Gemma Taylor.

Photos – DBCA.

Volunteer Recognition

Connecting with volunteers, reflecting on their achievements and recognising their contributions is essential, and remains a big part of what makes the DBCA volunteer community so strong and vibrant.

Ludlow Tuart Forest Restoration Group

In December 2025, the Ludlow Settlement welcomed 40 hardworking volunteers for a special lunch in their honour. The gathering was a well earned celebration of the countless hours devoted to protecting and restoring the heritage listed site.

Holger Topp, President of the Ludlow Tuart Forest Restoration Group, praised the volunteers' tireless commitment and reaffirmed their shared mission to raise awareness of the critically endangered Tuart Forest and restore the heritage listed Ludlow Settlement.

Friends of Herdsman Lake

12 Volunteers attended on Saturday 4 April, at Glendalough Reserve, part of Herdsman Lake Regional Park.

"The morning tea was a lovely part of the social glue that brings our group together. We are all passionate about the natural environment in which we are lucky enough to live and very much appreciate sharing the experience of caring for nature with like-minded people. Having the opportunity to have a nice cuppa and a snack when we finish our work for the morning is the icing on the cake—often literally!"

Herdsman Lake volunteer



Friends of Maidens Reserve and Manea Park

Kalgulup Regional Parks groups hosted a volunteer morning tea at Mangrove Cove to say thank you for the incredible efforts of our volunteers throughout 2025.

Fifteen volunteers attended the morning tea, which recognised their contribution to conservation and community activities within the Park during 2025.

1 Ludlow Tuart Forest Restoration Group. Photo – Ludlow Tuart Forest Restoration Group.

2 Friends of Herdsman Lake. Photo – Friends of Herdsman Lake.

3 Friends of Maidens Reserve and Manea Park. Photo – Friends of Maidens Reserve and Manea Park.





Friends of Yellagonga Regional Park

The Friends group gathered at Frog Hollow, Wanneroo for a special celebration recognising their volunteers.

Before the festivities began, volunteers took part in a brief maintenance session, checking on earlier plantings and removing weeds to support the growth of young seedlings. Around 60 volunteers attended the event, enjoying a morning of connection, care, and community spirit.

Southwest Regional Herbarium

The group met at the newly upgraded Mangrove Cove Boardwalk in Bunbury, with 11 attendees enjoying a walk through the mangroves followed by morning tea. They reflected on achievements from the year, with volunteer Shirley sharing the history of the herbarium, which began at her house in 1995 before moving to the CALM office library in Bunbury in 1997.

“To all our volunteers: your dedication, generosity and care of Yellagonga make a real difference. This year has been one of growth, progress and community and it wouldn’t have been possible without you.”

Yellagonga Chairman



“I feel that volunteering with the herbarium is an excellent ongoing learning resource... There is also a very high level of expertise among the other volunteers, which it is a great privilege to learn from.”

Glen, Southwest Regional Herbarium Volunteer

Top Friends of Yellagonga Regional Park. *Photo – Gemma Vesely, DBCA.*
Right Southwert Regional Herbarium. *Photo – Southwert Regional Herbarium.*



Penguin Island Volunteers

Twenty-eight Penguin Island volunteers attended the recognition event, which provided an opportunity to acknowledge their contribution to the program and thank them for their ongoing support. Volunteers reflected on the season, shared experiences and recognised the collective effort required to deliver program outcomes.

Cape to Cape Volunteers

Volunteers gathered at Calgardup Cave to recognise their contribution over the past year and learn more about the cultural and natural values of the area. The event also provided an opportunity for volunteers from different locations to connect and share experiences.

“What a great event. Lots of smiling faces, good food, the rain held off—what more could we ask for? An informative talk on the paperwork side of volunteering, new connections ...so much happening. The highlight for me was the walk guided by Zac Webb. Zac is very generous with his sharing of knowledge of traditional owners’ food and customs—just fascinating! ...And I reconnected with the great peace and awe to be found in the depths of a beautiful cave.”

Anne, Cape to Cape volunteer

Above Penguin Island Volunteers. *Photo – Penguin Island Volunteers.*
Below Cape to Cape Volunteers. *Photo – Cape to Cape Volunteers*





"I remember Little Brixton from before it was made a nature reserve 40 years ago. If it wasn't for Trevor and Regina, plus a few others along the way, this reserve wouldn't be here now!"

Bob, volunteer

Friends of Brixton Wetlands

A Friends Thank You Morning was held at Little Brixton Reserve in Kenwick, bringing together 13 Friends group members and invited guests, including City of Gosnells Councillor Glenn Dewhurst and Labor Member for Cannington Ron Sao.

The event celebrated community stewardship and the reserve's history, highlighted by a presentation from Bob Dixon, formerly of Kings Park, who shared the story of native Wurmbea bulbs collected from the site before it became a reserve more than 40 years ago and which continue to flower today.

Project Numbat

Project Numbat took the opportunity to acknowledge the work of fieldwork volunteers, education volunteers, and committee members. These volunteers were warmly recognised for their hands-on efforts, ongoing commitment, and the vital role they play in delivering program outcomes. Bringing volunteers together in this way fostered a strong sense of connection, appreciation, and shared purpose.

These acts of recognition reflect Project Numbat's genuine appreciation for the time and energy contributed by its volunteers, ensuring their efforts continue to be valued and celebrated.



Top Friends of Brixton Wetlands. Photo – Friends of Brixton Wetlands.

Left Project Numbat Volunteers. Photo – Project Numbat.

Ningaloo Turtle Program

Volunteers from the Ningaloo Turtle Program came together for a special end-of-season thank you dinner on Sunday, 22 March at Hunters Beach in the Jurabi Coastal Reserve (Ningaloo Marine Park). Around 25 attendees enjoyed a relaxed evening celebrating the contributions made throughout the season.

The event began with a picnic before sunset, followed by speeches and award presentations recognising the dedication and hard work of volunteers. The evening concluded with a memorable walk along the beach, where attendees were treated to an incredible natural spectacle, two turtle nests erupting, with hatchlings making their way to the ocean.

The evening was a perfect way to celebrate another successful season and the strong community behind the program.



Swan Estuary Reserves Action Group (SERAG)

At Alfred Cove Marine Park, members of the TREEmendous Tuesday group were captured enjoying a morning tea along the foreshore, highlighting the strong sense of community within the group. A newer volunteer shared that “everyone is very welcoming”, reflecting the inclusive and supportive environment fostered by SERAG.

Similar celebrations were held at Pelican Point Marine Park, where volunteers came together to acknowledge their shared achievements. One volunteer described the experience as “fun and rewarding,” noting that the morning tea provided an opportunity to recognise their collective efforts and strengthen connections within the group.

“Being part of a program with such a long history was a real highlight. It’s incredibly rewarding to contribute to something bigger, knowing the data we collect directly supports positive management actions and hopefully helps secure healthy turtle populations into the future. Looking forward to being involved again next season!!”

Peta H, volunteer

Top Turtle hatchlings. Photo – Ningaloo Turtle Program.

Below SERAG Volunteers. Photo – SERAG.



Perth Observatory

Volunteers from across the Perth Observatory came together to celebrate their achievements and recognise the contribution they make to the organisation's operations, education programs and visitor experiences. The event provided an opportunity to acknowledge the many hours volunteers contribute each year and thank them for their ongoing support of the Observatory.

Friends of Piesse Brook

Volunteers from the Friends of Piesse Brook came together for a relaxed and enjoyable BBQ at Stirk Park in Kalamunda.

The gathering provided an opportunity to recognise volunteer contributions over the past year and strengthen connections within the group. Volunteers reflected on achievements and the ongoing work being undertaken to support the health of the Piesse Brook catchment.

These volunteer recognition events were held across the State to acknowledge the contribution volunteers make to DBCA programs, parks and community initiatives. These gatherings provided an opportunity to thank volunteers for their service, celebrate achievements and strengthen connections between volunteers, staff and local communities.

"This was a lovely event for our group and a perfect bonding opportunity. We had a good time, nice food and enjoyed chatting with each other. Stirk Park with all the autumn leaves was a beautiful setting."

Volunteer, Friends of Piesse Brook



Western Australian Herbarium

To celebrate National Volunteer Week, a morning tea was held at the Keiran McNamara Conservation Science Centre. Around 35 volunteers and research associates attended the event, enjoying the opportunity to connect and celebrate their valuable contributions. A fun icebreaker activity encouraged interaction and conversation between staff and volunteers.

Yanchep National Park Volunteers

Yanchep National Park volunteers came together for a social event recognising their contribution to the park throughout the year. The gathering provided an opportunity for volunteers to connect, reflect on shared achievements and acknowledge the important role they play in supporting visitor services and park operations.



1 Perth Observatory volunteer event. Photo – Perth Observatory.

2 Friends of Piesse Brook. Photo – Friends of Piesse Brook.

3 Yanchep National Park Volunteers. Photo – Yanchep National Park Volunteers.

4 Western Australian Herbarium volunteer event. Photo – Western Australian Herbarium.

Upskilling DBCA Volunteers

First Aid—St John

Essential First Aid training was delivered across a range of locations, including Kelmscott, Ellenbrook, Osborne Park, Bunbury, Nannup, and multiple sessions at DBCA Kensington Headquarters.

More than 225 volunteers attended the four-hour sessions, which received overwhelmingly positive feedback from participants.

This page DBCA volunteers attending Essential First Aid Courses.
Photos – DBCA VCU.

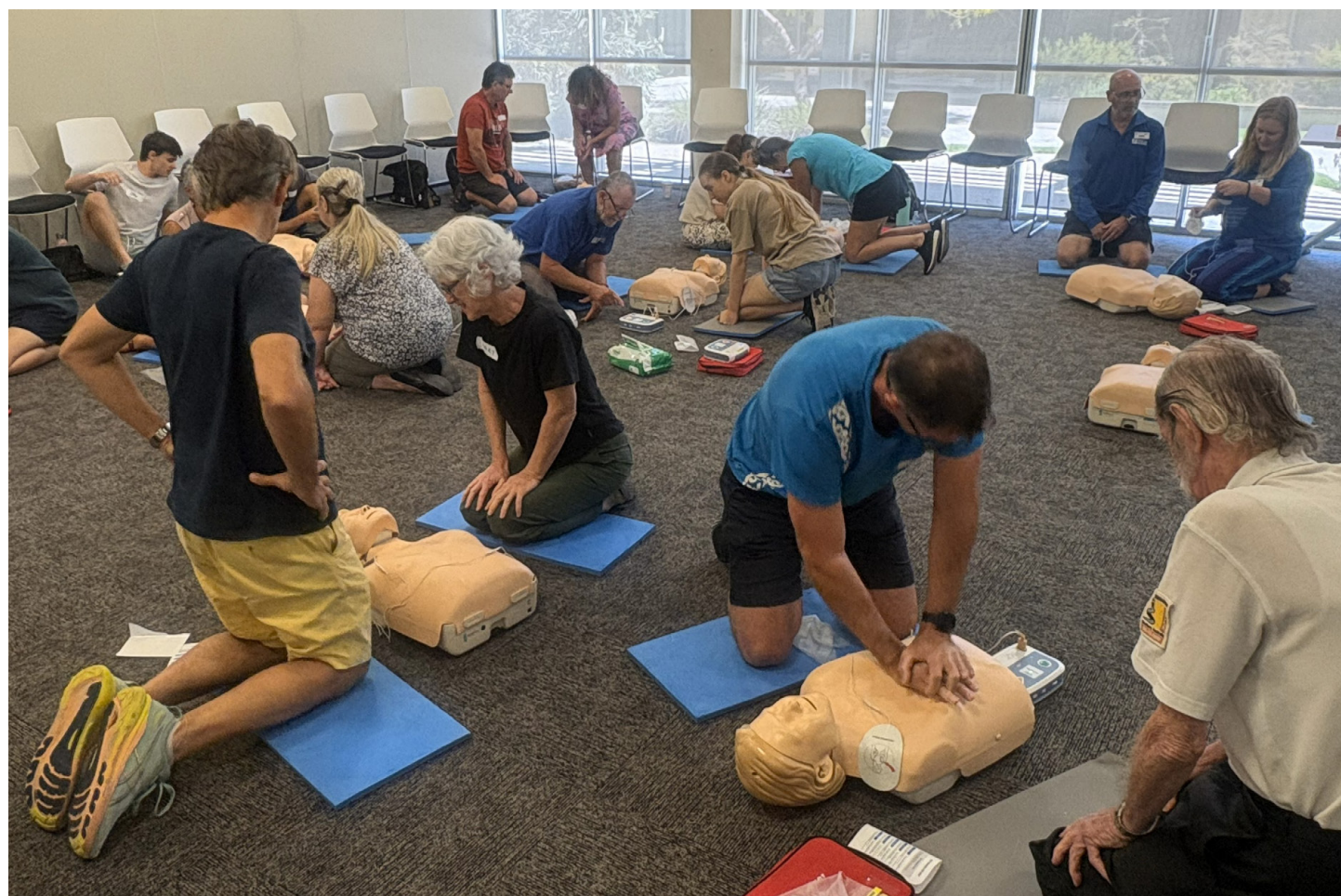
"I benefited greatly by this course and would highly recommend it to fellow volunteers."

"Very informative and nice to be in a room of like minded people"

DBCA volunteers

The training was facilitated by experienced St John WA instructors and presented in a relaxed, interactive format. A blend of videos, images, group discussions, and hands-on activities created an engaging and accessible learning environment.

Throughout the sessions, participants built confidence in essential first aid skills, including CPR, placing a person in the recovery position, and using defibrillators.



Snake Awareness—[Animal Ark](#)

The Wildlife and Snake Awareness workshops, delivered by Animal Ark, have continued to provide valuable education, equipping 215 DBCA volunteers with the knowledge and confidence to work more safely in bushland environments. Led by experienced presenters in a calm and supportive setting, the sessions combine information with engaging personal stories to create a practical and approachable learning experience.

Before attending, some participants were uneasy or apprehensive around snakes. By the end of the sessions, however, many felt significantly more informed and at ease, with some even confident enough to get up close to, or handle, a snake under supervision.

Each participant also received a snake bandage as part of the training, providing a practical resource to carry into the field and reinforcing the importance of being prepared for potential wildlife encounters.



"I really enjoyed it and came away with a deeper awareness of snake behaviour. I enjoyed handling the python at the end."

DBCA volunteer



[Evolve WA Training](#)

Evolve WA delivered a series of workshops focused on building volunteers' confidence and capability in managing challenging interactions. This included three De-escalating Conflict and Aggression two-hour workshops, one full-day Advanced workshop, and a full-day Diversity and Inclusion workshop.

In total, 125 DBCA volunteers attended one of these sessions. Through a dynamic mix of technical insights, real-life examples, and interactive role-playing scenarios, participants developed valuable skills to remain calm, assess situations, and respond effectively.

The workshops were once again met with enthusiastic feedback, with strong participation across the program highlighting their ongoing value to volunteers.

"Very well presented and activities and ideas from the audience made it a very interactive workshop".

DBCA volunteer

"If every person in Australia did this course, then our society would be a happier and healthier place"

DBCA volunteer

"Very thought provoking, as a multi cultural society it's important to understand everyone's beliefs and cultural identity and acknowledge that everyone is due respect."

DBCA volunteer

Top Campground Hosts at Animal Ark workshop.

Above Evolve Advanced de-escalation session to DBCA volunteers.

Photos – Gemma Vesely, DBCA.

Induction into the Campground Host Program

The biannual Campground Host Induction Days continue to provide an important starting point for new volunteers preparing to undertake hosting placements across Western Australia. During the 2025–26 financial year, the October and March induction days welcomed the largest intake of Campground Hosts to date, reflecting continued interest in the program.

The induction program equips volunteers with the knowledge and skills required to undertake their roles safely and confidently while supporting visitors in parks and reserves across the State.

Both induction days delivered a full program of engaging, informative and practical sessions designed to prepare volunteers for the realities of the hosting role. Participants attended a range of practical sessions covering:

- Aboriginal engagement
- Health and safety
- Presentations from experienced Campground Hosts
- De-escalation and communication training delivered by Evolve WA
- Snake awareness training delivered by Animal Ark

Hearing directly from experienced hosts was particularly valuable, providing practical insights into the hosting role and helping participants understand what to expect in the field.

The induction days also provided an opportunity for volunteers to meet rangers and regional staff, learn about available placements and discuss parks that aligned with their interests, skills and availability. These conversations helped strengthen connections between hosts and regions while supporting placement planning across the State.

A positive outcome of the induction program was the number of volunteers who secured placements shortly after attending, helping meet ongoing demand for Campground Hosts across Western Australia.

Participant feedback highlighted the value of the training and opportunities to engage with DBCA staff and experienced hosts.

The induction program remains an important part of preparing new hosts for their roles and supporting the continued success of the Campground Host Program. As these volunteers commence placements, they will contribute to providing safe, welcoming and informative experiences for visitors to Western Australia's parks.



"It was great to hear from a couple that were in our exact position a year ago. Because of that, I felt confident that we can also achieve it. They gave great information."

New Campground Host attendee

"I learnt a lot from the day and was very impressed by what DBCA are all about."

New Campground Host attendee

Want to learn more? Visit the Campground Host Program webpage for information about becoming a Campground Host: www.dbca.wa.gov.au/get-involved/volunteer/campground-hosting

This page DBCA Staff and Campground Host attendees.
Photos – DBCA VCU.

Campground Hosts Lisa and Greg Kings

Lisa and Greg joined the Campground Host Program in 2024 and have supported campers and visitors at a couple of different hosting locations before heading to Winderabandi in June 2026.

At this time, the campground remained closed following significant damage from Cyclone Narelle. With no campers to check in, Lisa and Greg, in collaboration with the neighbouring host at North Lefroy, focused on securing the area and supporting recovery efforts. This included preventing access to the site, undertaking extensive clean-up of cyclone debris from beaches and dune systems, and recovering site infrastructure. Their work involved collecting large amounts of rubbish, stacking approximately 300 displaced bollards, removing signage and reinstating structures along the main track.

Their efforts made a valuable contribution to the ongoing recovery of the site, while also allowing the natural environment a period of rest and regeneration.

Lisa and Greg found the experience both rewarding and meaningful and look forward to returning in the future to support visitors once the campground reopens.

If you are interested in joining the Campground Host Program visit: www.dbca.wa.gov.au/get-involved/volunteer/campground-hosting



1–4 Lisa and Greg Kings. Photos – Lisa and Greg Kings.



VCU connecting with volunteers

The Volunteer Coordination Unit (VCU) visited several volunteer groups to gain a firsthand understanding of the diverse work being undertaken by volunteers and the difference their contributions make to DBCA programs and local communities. These visits provided an opportunity to learn about volunteer activities, hear directly from volunteers about their experiences, and strengthen connections between volunteer groups and the VCU.

Friends of Yellagonga

A visit to Yellagonga Regional Park provided an opportunity to observe the group's regular bushcare activities and learn more about its ongoing work at Frog Hollow. Volunteers shared local knowledge, demonstrated restoration techniques and outlined current and future projects within the Park. The visit highlighted the important role volunteers play in maintaining and enhancing the park while fostering community involvement in conservation.

Facebook: [Friends of Yellagonga](#)

Perth Observatory Volunteers

Volunteers at Perth Observatory shared insights into the site's history, telescopes and community programs. Their knowledge and expertise help support a range of educational and visitor experiences, while their ongoing involvement contributes to the operation and preservation of one of Western Australia's significant astronomy facilities.

To find out more, visit: www.perthobservatory.com.au

Top Herbarium Volunteer.

Right Friends of Yellagonga.

Below Perth Observatory Volunteers.

Photos – DBCA VCU.



WA Herbarium Volunteers

A visit to the WA Herbarium provided an opportunity to learn more about the work of volunteers supporting the collection and preservation of Western Australia's flora. Herbarium Collections manager Shelley James led a tour of one of the Herbarium's vault, explaining its role in preserving Western Australia's botanical history and showcasing part of its extensive plant specimen collection. The visit highlighted the volunteers' work involved in collecting, conserving and documenting the State's unique flora.

Herbarium Technical Officer Jennifer Brown shared information about the volunteer mounting program, which plays a key role in preparing specimens for the collection. The visit also provided an opportunity to see volunteers at work and gain a firsthand appreciation of the skill, care and attention to detail they bring to preserving this valuable scientific collection. It highlighted the critical role volunteers play in supporting the WA Herbarium and its ongoing work.



Canning River Regional Park

Volunteers at Canning River Regional Park shared their ongoing wetland restoration work along the Old River Channel, including the planting of 10,000 native seedlings. The visit provided an opportunity to learn about the challenges and achievements associated with large-scale restoration projects and highlighted the significant contribution volunteers make to improving and maintaining local ecosystems.

The next challenge is helping the young seedlings survive the summer months. Without an irrigation system in place, volunteers will return throughout the season to hand-water every plant, giving them the best possible chance to establish and thrive.

Their continued commitment demonstrates the powerful impact volunteers can have on protecting and restoring the natural environment for future generations.

Facebook: [Canning River Regional Park Volunteers](#)

Thank you to all the volunteers who welcomed the Volunteer Coordination Unit and generously shared their time, knowledge and experiences. These visits provided valuable insight into the diverse work being undertaken across DBCA and highlighted the contribution volunteers make to conservation, community engagement and scientific research.

The VCU is keen to connect with more DBCA volunteer groups and gain a firsthand understanding of the valuable work being undertaken. Visits provide an opportunity to learn about volunteer activities, hear volunteer perspectives and provide support for volunteers.

To arrange a visit, please contact: pwsvolunteers@dbca.wa.gov.au



Left The area that is being revegetated by the Canning River Regional Park Volunteers. Image – Supplied by CRRP.

Below Canning River Regional Park Volunteers and DBCA's Sallie HoyPoy. Photo – DBCA.





Regional Long Service event

On Friday, 22 May, as part of [National Volunteer Week](#), 19 long-serving regional volunteers were recognised by the Volunteer Coordination Unit at an event held at the Mantra Hotel in Bunbury, to recognise significant milestones of 20, 25 and 30 years' service.

Such long-term commitment is a testament to the significant role volunteering plays within DBCA and the wider community. Reaching these milestones reflects not only consistency and reliability, but also a genuine passion for the work and the projects they support.

The volunteers recognised contribute across three projects:

The Bibbulmun Track

Helping to maintain and protect one of Western Australia's most iconic long-distance walking trail.

Crooked Brook Forest

Supporting conservation and visitor experiences within a well-loved local natural area.

South West Regional Herbarium

Assisting with the collection and preservation of vital botanical records for the region.

Together, these years of service represent a remarkable achievement and highlight the dedication these volunteers bring to their roles along with the length and breadth of work being supported across the region.

This page:

- 1 DBCA volunteers.
- 2 South West Regional Herbarium volunteer.
- 3 Crooked Brook volunteers.
- 4 Bibbulmun Track volunteers.

Opposite page:

Top Canning River Regional Park Volunteer.
Centre Campground Hosts, Penguin Island.
Below Friends of Yellagonga - Volunteer Awards.
Photos – DBCA.

Back cover: Richard, Campground Host.
Photo – Naomi, Campground Host.





