

Noongar Six Seasons Walking Trails

Immerse yourself in the six seasons of the Noongar seasonal calendar by walking one of three gentle trails and enjoying our local natural environment.



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 City of
Wanneroo



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

*Kaya (hello) and Wandjoo
(welcome) to Wanneroo.*

The City of Wanneroo acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land we are walking on, the Whadjuk people. We would like to pay respect to the Elders of the Noongar nation, past, present and future, who have long cared for the local land and its plants and animals by using their understanding of the seasons as a guide.

Feature artwork: Courtney Hill, Nyitting Wanneroo 2021



Local Noongar History and Culture

The City of Wanneroo is within Noongar Boodjar (Country). It contains 14 different Noongar language groups, and two of these, the Whadjuk and Yued people, lived and shared cultural areas within parts of the City of Wanneroo. This region was part of Mooro Country, the district of Yellagonga, an important Noongar Elder and leader.

Wanneroo was an important environment for the Mooro people who relied on the abundance of food sourced on the shores of its lakes. They moved around the coastal sand-plain according to the six Noongar seasons, hunting and gathering as they went, and using the area for camping, social and ceremonial purposes.



The Noongar Six Seasons

In the southwest of Australia, the Noongar seasonal calendar includes six different seasons shaped by the seasonal changes seen in the world around us. The flowering of many different plants, the hibernation of reptiles and the moulting of swans are all helpful indicators that the seasons are changing.

Further information about the Noongar Six Seasons can be found on signage along the walking trails, as marked on the maps.

Information courtesy of Jason Barrow.

BIRAK

(December and January)

Birak season sees the rains ease up and the warm weather really start to take hold. The afternoons are cooled by the sea breezes that abound from the southwest. This was the fire season, a time to burn the country in mosaic patterns.



BUNURU

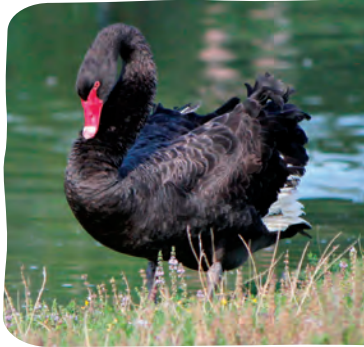
(February and March)

Bunuru is the hottest time of the year with little to no rain. Therefore, traditionally this was, and still is, a great time for living and fishing by the coast, rivers, and estuaries. Because of this, freshwater foods and seafood made up major parts of the diet during this time of year.

DJERAN

(April and May)

Djeran season at last sees a break in the hot weather, with cool nights bringing morning dew. The winds have also changed, especially in their intensity, with light breezes being the go and generally swinging from southerly directions.



MAKURU

(June and July)

Makuru sees the coldest and wettest time of the year come into full swing. Traditionally, this was a good time to move back inland from the coast as the winds turned to the west and south bringing the cold weather, rains and occasionally snow in high altitude areas.

DJILBA

(August and September)

Djilba season is a transitional time of the year, with some very cold, clear days combining with warmer, wet and windy days and the occasional sunny day or two. This is the start of the massive flowering explosion in the South West.



KAMBARANG

(October and November)

During the Kambarang season longer dry periods accompany a definite warming trend with many things undergoing transformation and an abundance of colours and flowers exploding around us.

Walking Trails

CHANCELLOR PARK MARANGAROO

Found at Decourcey Way in Marangaroo, this is a gentle walk within a 26ha conservation reserve. The vegetation ranges from woodland through to open forest, and over 36 different species of birds have been found here.

Length – 700m



MARANGAROO CONSERVATION RESERVE



DECOURCEY WAY

LE GRAND GARDENS

HIGHCLERE BOULEVARD

Walking Trails

QUINNS BEACH BUSHLAND RESERVE QUINNS ROCKS

This meandering trail loops in multiple directions and has views of the Indian Ocean. It travels through coastal conservation bush and is located close to the beachfront as well as picnic facilities, restaurants, and cafes.

Length – 900m



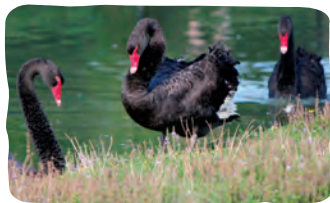


Walking Trails

YELLAGONGA REGIONAL PARK WANNEROO

Start the trail at Rotary Park on Scenic Drive in Wanneroo where you can also find picnic facilities and play equipment. This area has special cultural significance and is named after Yellagonga, the Aboriginal leader of the Mooro people.

Length – 700m





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Makuru

Djilba

Kambarang

CHURCH STREET

SCENIC DRIVE

YELLAGONGA REGIONAL PARK

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