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The Pilbara region of Western Australia is as vast as it is ancient. The region, covering more than 17,800,000 hectares, is known for its spinifex-covered plains, rugged ranges, plunging gorges, tumbled iron-rich boulders and abundant wildlife.

It is a living landscape cared for by the traditional custodians for millennia. Aboriginal people retain strong links to and responsibility for Country, and they have a key role in protecting the Pilbara's cultural and natural heritage. The region supports a rich and diverse variety of plants and animals, is a centre of endemism, and despite its dry climate, has important rivers and wetlands.

The WA Parks Foundation is seeking community support to sponsor a range of projects within the Pilbara region. It is seeking interest from organisations or individuals who are passionate about Western Australia's natural environment, and have a sense of stewardship for our national parks and conservation estate.

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Front cover : Karijini National Park. Photo – Rick Dawson/DBCA Back cover: Millstream Chichester National Park. Photo – Peter Nicholas/DBCA

Background top: Sturt's desert pea. Photo – Peter Nicholas/DBCA

*The development of a guide to **Karijini National Park** will connect visitors with the Aboriginal stories and cultural history of the park...*

A Guide to Karijini National Park

Estimated project cost \$100,000–\$160,000*

Karijini National Park offers visitors a landscape of unsurpassed natural beauty. Behind this beauty there are many secrets, including the cultural stories and fascinating insights into the plants and animals that call Karijini home.

The development of a guide to Karijini National Park will connect visitors with the Aboriginal stories and cultural history of the park, highlight opportunities, and provide greater awareness and understanding of its natural environment, plants and animals.

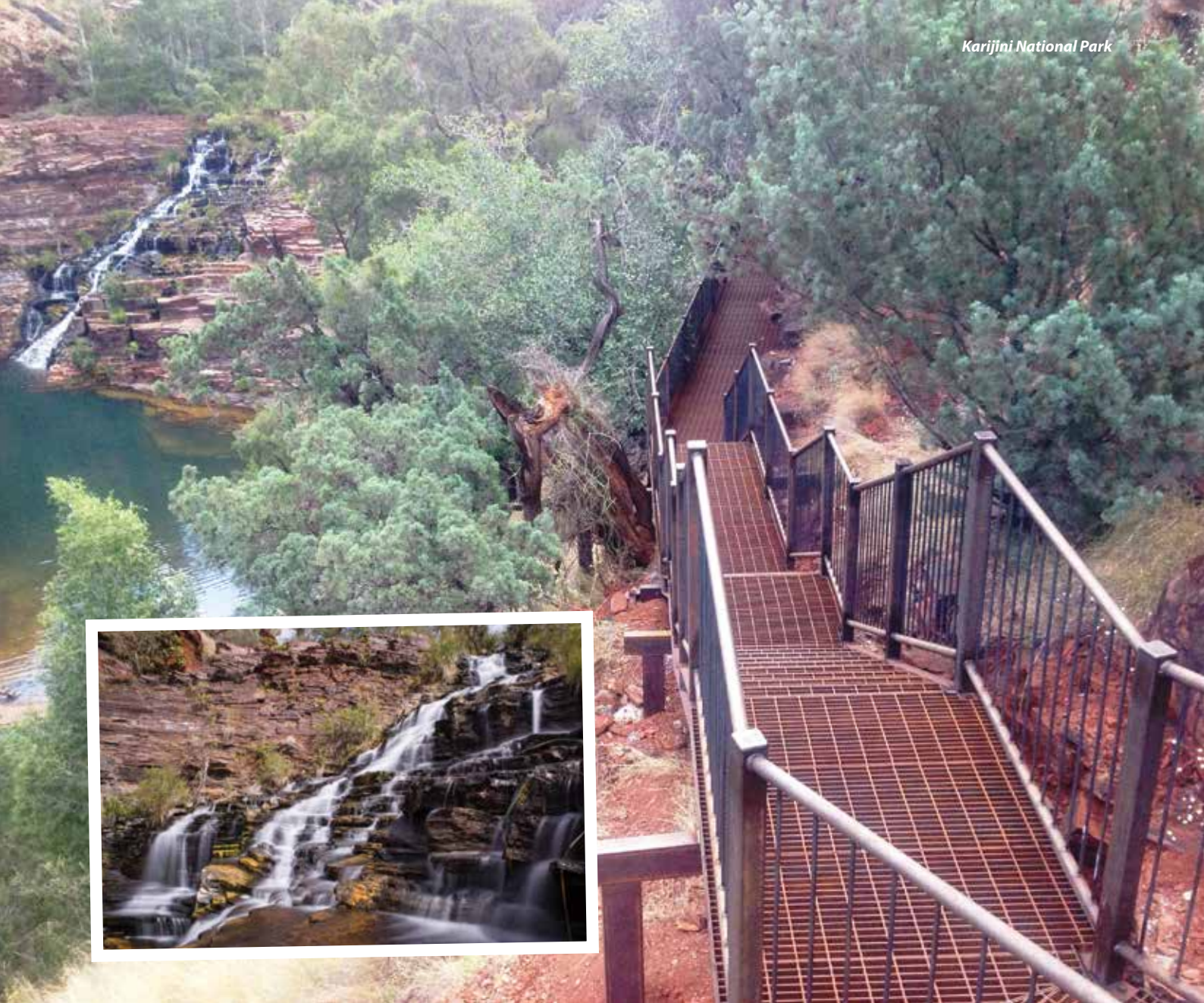
This comprehensive booklet will contain an easy-to-follow guide to visiting the gorges and attractions of the park, making it simple for visitors to choose a walk or adventure that suits their ability.

The pocket-sized guide will be made available as a downloadable e-book and phone application.

*Cost is a guide only, and will vary according to the final scope of the project following detailed design and planning.

Above: Fern Pool at Karijini National Park. Photo – Rick Dawson/DBCA





Fortescue Falls Lookout

Estimated project cost \$1,000,000–\$2,000,000*

Fortescue Falls and Fern Pool are the most accessed gorge sites in Karijini National Park due to their proximity to the sealed road, Dales campground and the visitor centre.

A new cantilevered lookout and interpretation space is proposed at the top of the newly constructed access stairs to the falls.

A new path from the car park will be developed, offering visitors access to the lookout and its expansive views of the falls and the gorge.

Interpretation about gorge geology and biodiversity will be established, including cultural stories and information through artwork and signs. Seating, shade and impressive views will be offered to those unable to walk into the gorge.

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Main: Fortescue Falls walkway in Karijini National Park. Photo – Geoff Passmore/DBCA Inset: Fortescue Falls. Photo – Rick Dawson/DBCA

Karijini Art Installation

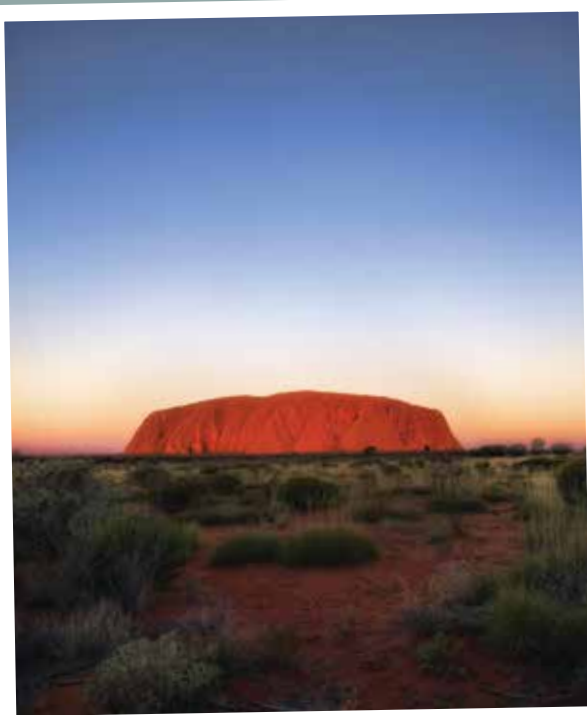
Estimated project cost \$100,000–\$400,000*

An opportunity to create unique artwork in the park, inspired by the surrounding landscape and culture. One major installation, and a series of smaller pieces throughout the park, will inspire and attract visitors to the park and help tell its stories.

At Uluru, the *Field of Light* installation by artist Bruce Munro has been a huge success (see more information attached) and is an example of what can be achieved.

An open competition could be run for local and international artists to put forward their proposals. Both the competition and art installations would gain significant media interest and increase park visitation and appreciation.

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Top: Rain falls over Karijini National Park. Photo – Rod Annear/DBCA. Inset: The natural beauty of Uluru is enhanced by the *Field of Light* art installation. Photo – Chris Ford (Creative Commons) Above: The *Field of Light* could provide inspiration for an art installation at Karijini National Park. Photo – Paul Balfe (Creative Commons)

The Karijini Experience

Estimated project cost \$2,000,000*

This project will see the Karijini Visitor Centre interpretive experience transformed with state-of-the-art static models and displays merged with touchscreen technology and holographic images. This development will enhance and complement the architectural design and intent of the existing Karijini Visitor Centre and provide visitors with a real sense of cultural and natural appreciation for the national park.

In addition, welcome nodes will be developed and installed at existing day-use sites to encourage visitors to explore the various recreational and educational opportunities. These will include interpretation about the cultural significance, gorge geology and biodiversity of each site.

A Karijini cultural tourism and events area is also proposed within this project. The events area and entry to each iconic gorge will provide visitors with impressive views and experiences for the north-west's most iconic national park.

This project meets the diversification and tourism priorities of the Pilbara Development Commission's *Pilbara Regional Investment Blueprint*.

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Karijini Overnight Walk Trail

Estimated project cost \$750,000–\$1,500,000*

This project seeks to establish an overnight walk trail that provides visitors with a unique experience combining the majestic range formations and iconic gorge walks.

The proposed walk trail would offer visitors commanding views as they traverse the valleys and high summits of the Hamersley Range, taking in some of the most spectacular Pilbara scenery and vistas.

At the halfway point, the trail will provide visitors with a range of basic facilities such as tables, a toilet and possibly undercover shelter for overnight camping.

This walk trail could be undertaken by independent travellers or as a guided tour – providing business opportunities and expansion for tour operators within the region.

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Cultural walk trails – Palm Pool Naturebank site to Homestead

Estimated project cost \$600,000–\$1,000,000*

Palm Pool within Millstream Chichester National Park is the preferred location for the development of one of the State's Naturebank sites. Expressions of interest have been advertised, with a number of submissions received by the department.

A cultural walk trail that connects the Palm Pool site to the Millstream Homestead will provide visitors and the future proponent with an enhanced connectivity within the area.

It will provide opportunities for visitors to traverse the delta and experience the 'oasis in the desert' through a constructed pathway and boardwalk. Rest and contemplation areas along the pathway will include interpretive signage and information to enhance the visitor experience.

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A Guide to Millstream Chichester National Park

Estimated project cost \$100,000–\$160,000*

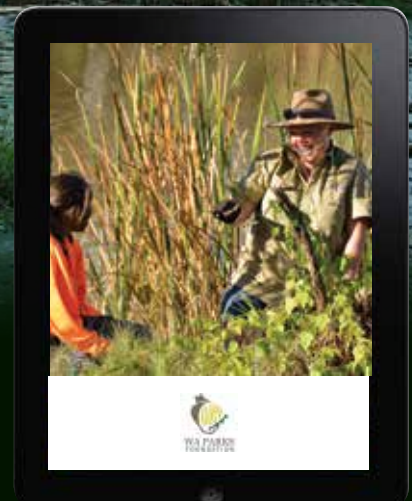
Millstream Chichester National Park has a rich cultural history. For the Yindjibarndi people it has important spiritual significance as a key camp site and place for intertribal meetings. The park and its landscapes also provided bountiful food and water. The park also has more than a century of history in pastoral use after a lease for agricultural use was first taken up in 1865.

The park's cultural importance can be brought to life to visitors through storytelling. The development of a guide to Millstream Chichester National Park will connect visitors with the Yindjibarndi stories and cultural history of the

park. It will also provide opportunities for greater awareness and understanding of the natural environment, including the plants and animals of the park.

This comprehensive booklet will also contain an easy-to-follow guide to the park's attractions. It will make it simple for visitors to choose a walk or adventure that suits their ability and to discover the secrets of this wonderful national park.

The pocket-sized guide will be made available as a downloadable e-book and phone application.



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Millstream Visual Art Afghan Camel Trail – Python Pool

Estimated project cost \$500,000–\$1,000,000*

Expanding on the existing Afghan Camel Trail, this project seeks to utilise the Pilbara’s unique iron ore resource through art by way of incorporating several life-size camel cut-outs being placed along a section of the Afghan Camel Trail in close proximity to popular Python Pool within Millstream Chichester National Park.

The life-size corten steel camel cut-outs will provide a unique and marketable product for the Pilbara national parks and Pilbara region in general. Combined with other project aspirations, this project will enhance visitor education and appreciation for the diverse cultural and conservation issues from previous generations while promoting the iron-rich resource of the Pilbara region.

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Top: Python Pool. Photo – DBCA. Above: Afghan Camel Trail. Photo – Nathan Greenhill/DBCA



Millstream Homestead Restoration and Events Venue

Estimated project cost \$1,300,000–\$2,000,000*

To coincide with the homestead's centenary celebration in 2019, this project seeks to implement the Millstream Homestead Conservation Plan for the conservation and restoration of the homestead precinct including homestead protection works, repairs and painting and re-establishment of natural baths. In line with the homestead conservation plan this project also seeks to develop and implement an interpretation plan to explore, discover and express the history and heritage of the place including Aboriginal and early European settlement use of the area. The project will incorporate and establish the homestead as an events venue and trailhead for the entire national park.

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Top: Visitors at Millstream Homestead. Inset and above: Artefacts from the homestead. Photos – Rod Annear/DBCA



Milyering Discovery Centre

Estimated project cost \$400,000–600,000*

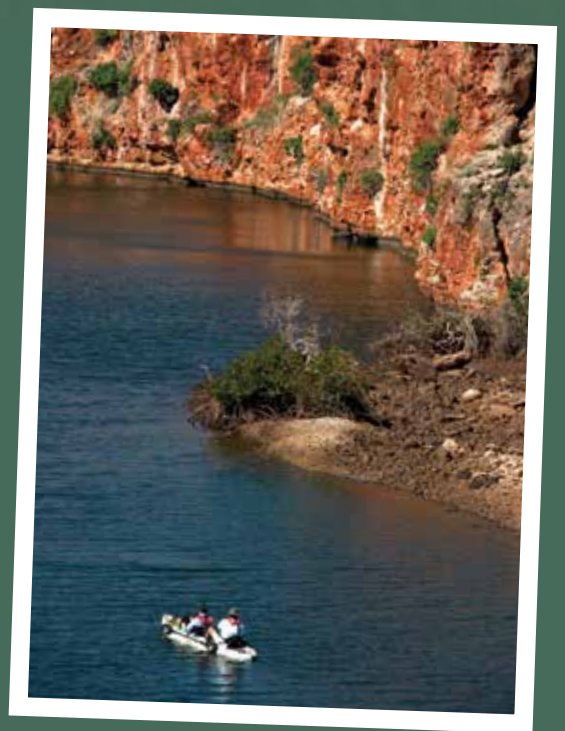
The Milyering Discovery Centre is the beating heart of Cape Range National Park. It is a hub for visitors exploring the park and the Ningaloo Coast World Heritage Area.

When it was built in 1988, it was the first environmentally friendly, solar-powered visitor centre in Australia. Today the centre's displays and interpretive panels are ready for renewal and a comprehensive interpretive plan has been prepared.

New immersive displays will help visitors to the park on their journey of discovery from desert heart to fringing reef. Visitors will be able to interact with the displays to help plan their days and to understand the natural and cultural values of the area.

Dioramas, three-dimensional models, video and other digital content will combine to ensure the centre remains relevant and appealing to park visitors (detailed plans are available).

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