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## **Media Statement**

### **Partnership to promote WA's extraordinary natural places**

Western Australians now have even more incentive to explore the great outdoors with the Department of Parks and Wildlife and RAC joining forces.

RAC members will now receive a 50 per cent discount on the most popular park passes purchased through the RAC online shop. The passes provide excellent value for money for people, enabling them to visit more national parks more frequently throughout the year.

Parks and Wildlife Director General Jim Sharp said the partnership aims to encourage Western Australians to get outdoors and enjoy nature.

"The State's stunning 13 marine parks and 100 national parks are world renowned for their distinct biodiversity and scenic landscapes," Mr Sharp said.

"They are also the perfect places to relax and unwind from the pace of life and to reconnect with family and friends.

"From the tropical north and picturesque marine environments of the Midwest, to the majestic karri and marri forests of the south-west and rugged coastal peaks of the golden outback, WA's environment offers something to suit everyone, from bushwalking and mountain biking to bird watching and picnicking.

RAC Executive General Manager Advocacy and Members Pat Walker said the partnership was founded on the organisations' common interest in encouraging all Western Australians to travel, holiday and enjoy living in WA.

"The park passes are your ticket to explore Western Australia's wonderful backyard," Mr Walker said.

"This partnership will make it easier and more affordable for RAC members to explore our natural wonders.

"RAC works to ensure all Western Australians are able to travel around the State and to learn about and enjoy WA's extraordinary natural places."

The partnership is founded on a Memorandum of Understanding between the two organisations that aims to encourage Western Australians to visit national parks and reserves for the physical and mental health benefits they provide.

Revenue from the sales of park passes will go towards conserving these amazing places and maintaining visitor facilities.

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