

Our story

BGPA: Who we are and what we do



Who we are

The Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority (BGPA) is the State Government agency responsible for the care of Kings Park and Bold Park – two of Perth’s most iconic and beloved landscapes. BGPA conserves native bushland and flora from across the State, protects and enriches culture and heritage, and welcomes people from across Western Australia and the world.

What we do

Our work involves science, conservation, horticulture, education, and recreational and cultural programming. This work supports healthy, inclusive and inspiring parks that benefit the public and the environment.

Our purpose

To practise and inspire environmental conservation and celebrate local identity by immersing and empowering communities in world-recognised botanic gardens, parklands and urban bushland.

In accordance with our Act, BGPA functions to:

- » Provide, improve and promote recreational and tourism services and facilities in our parks.
- » Conserve and enhance the native biodiversity of our parks.
- » Conserve and enhance the natural environment, landscape features and amenity of our parks.
- » Conserve, develop, manage, display, and undertake research into, collections of Western Australian and other flora.
- » Enhance and promote the understanding and conservation of our parks’ biodiversity and of biodiversity generally.
- » Conserve, enhance and promote the Aboriginal, colonial and contemporary cultural heritage of our parks.
- » Promote the use of flora for the purposes of horticulture, conservation and education.
- » Undertake and promote research and investigation into matters related or connected to our functions.



BGPA oversees Kings Park and Bold Park which together form over 840 hectares of inner city bushland, parkland and gardens, attracting over 5 million visitors per year.



Kings Park/Kaarta Koomba

Perth's Green Heart

Kings Park is a spectacular landscape overlooking the Swan River/Derbarl Yerrigan and Perth/Boorloo skyline. Covering more than 400 hectares, it is home to two Threatened Ecological Communities, the Western Australian Botanic Garden and memorials of national significance.

Key locations in Kings Park include:

- 1 Fraser Avenue**
The iconic tree-lined entrance to Kings Park.
- 2 State War Memorial**
Commemorating Western Australians who have sacrificed their lives in war.
- 3 Western Australian Botanic Garden**
Displaying, conserving and celebrating over 3,000 species of Western Australia flora.
- 4 Rio Tinto Naturescape & Kings Park Education**
Enabling children to have hands-on experiences with nature.
- 5 Biodiversity Conservation Centre**
Researching biodiversity conservation, restoration, horticulture and Western Australian ecology.
- 6 Saw Avenue Picnic Area & 7 May Drive Parklands**
Popular locations for family gatherings.

Bold Park

Sanctuary by the Sea

Bold Park is a 442-hectare bushland sanctuary west of the centre of Perth/Boorloo, creating a natural link between the city and coast. It protects one of the largest remaining areas of coastal vegetation in the metropolitan area, including five Threatened Ecological Communities, and is home to over 1,000 native species of plants, animals and fungi.

Key locations in Bold Park include:

- A Reabold Hill Lookout**
Providing iconic panoramic views of the city from the hills to the ocean.
- B Western Australian Ecology Centre**
A home for community education and participation in protecting Western Australia's ecology.
- C Camel Lake**
A remnant natural wetland with strong ties to local history and heritage.

This resource forms part of our 20-year Master Plan.

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