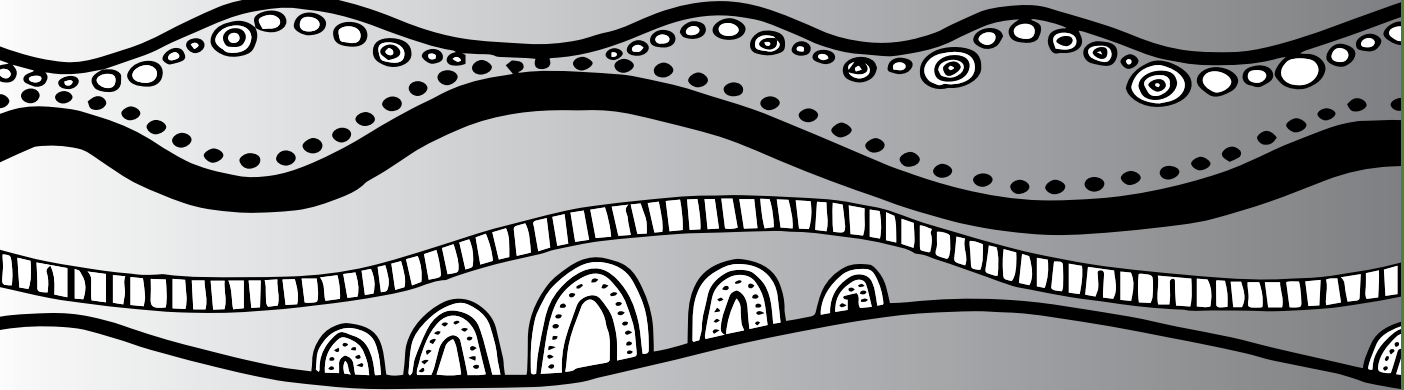


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Dual Naming Calendar 2024





Shire President Statement- Dual Naming Calendar

The names we give to places convey their significance, sense of history and unique identity. Dual naming pays respect to Traditional Custodians past and present, who gave names to places throughout this region thousands of years before colonisation.

The Shire of Denmark acknowledges the Minang and Bibbulmun people of the Noongar nation as the Traditional Custodians who have cared for the lands and waters in this region for generations. We recognise and respectfully acknowledge the deep ongoing cultural, social and environmental connections First Nations people have with this Country and their ongoing contributions of traditional ecological knowledge to our community.

Dual naming of iconic landscape features signifies the importance of Reconciliation and aims to acknowledge the deep cultural traditions of the First Nations community. The Shire is proud to support the Denmark Environment Centre which has developed this calendar in line with its six seasons educational program as a means for our community to better understand and appreciate the rich First Nations cultural heritage in this area, while promoting positive Reconciliation outcomes for our community.

The Shire of Denmark is progressing the formalisation of dual names of 18 iconic landscape features through Landgate's Geographic Names Committee in consultation with other stakeholders. South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council and the Wagyl Kaip Cultural Advice Committee have provided advice from the local Noongar community to support progressing the dual naming project.

Shire President - Cr Ceinwen Gearon

12th June 2023



In 2012 a dedicated group of volunteers led by Tony Pedro used the journal written by A. Hillman 1883 that documented his journey from Albany to Nornalup to create the first dual naming display for Denmark, Western Australia. The dual naming display has been showcased in the Denmark Environment Centre shop for over a decade and is a popular reference for the community to discover the Noongar names for iconic places here in the town. Through this Lotterywest funded project the Denmark Environment Centre has created a resource that locals can refer to on a daily basis or take home to help people educate and familiarise themselves with the place names of the First Nations peoples.



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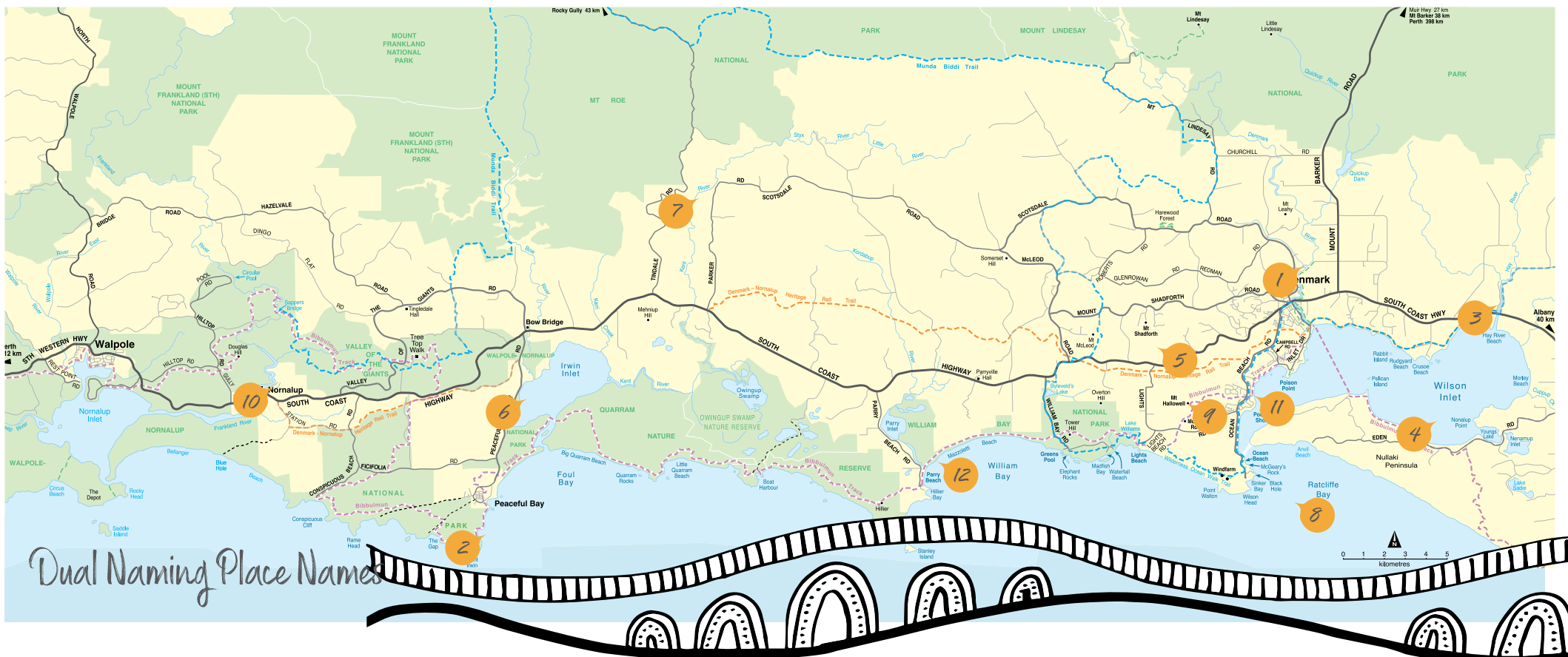
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To learn more about the Noongar seasons and the unique environment in Denmark, Western Australia. Visit the Denmark Environment Website or Youtube channel.

www.denmarkenvironmentcentre.org.au
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Dual Naming Place Names

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| 1. Denmark River | Kwoorabup | Place of the brush tailed wallabies/Place we return to |
| 2. Peaceful Bay | Kwallup | Place of sand |
| 3. Hay River | Genulup | Place of day foot crossing. Genu is feet, foot river crossing on the Minang / Bibbulmun line. It was shallow enough for non-swimmers, in the day. |
| 4. Wilson Inlet | Marjit | Water snake |
| 5. Mt Shadforth | Wakundup | Place of Wakoon/water fowl |
| 6. Bow River | Waalitchup | Place of Eagles |
| 7. Kent River | Gnowerrumbup | Place of Feathers |
| 8. Ocean Beach Peninsula | Pooryunggup (Boyoongup) | Place of Large Rock |
| 9. Mount Hallowell | Kooryunderup | Place of many Bush Kangaroo (brush tail kanga) |
| 10. Frankland River | Kwakoorillup | Place of the Quokka |
| 11. Weedon Hill | Warrumbup | Place of Warroo/(doe or female kangaroo) |
| 12. Parry Inlet | Kordalup | Place of the Heart |



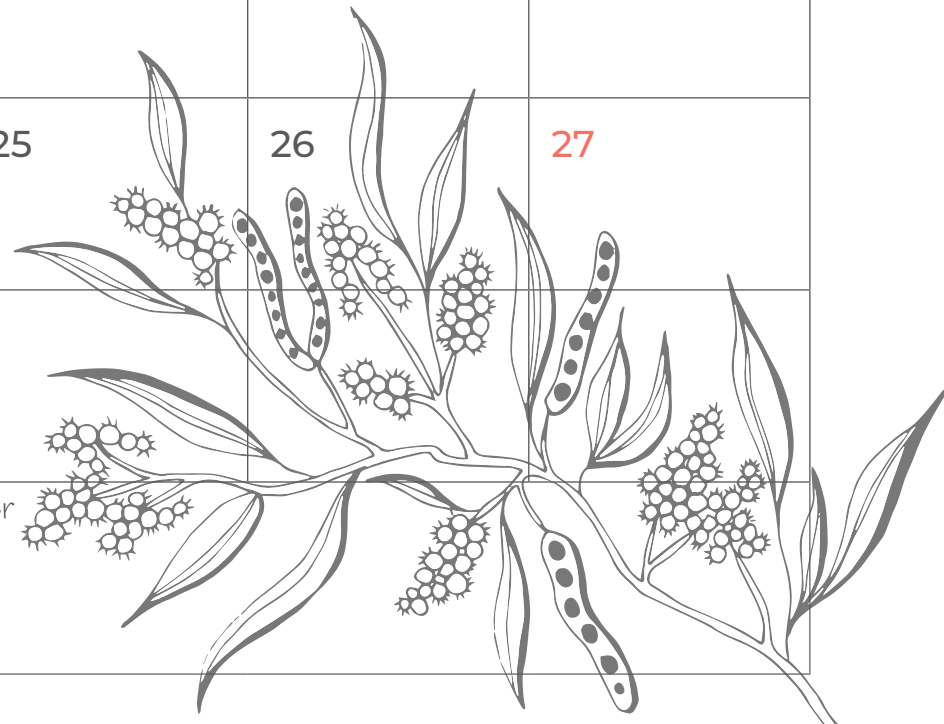
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Denmark River - Kwoorabup
Place of the brush tailed wallabies

JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			



Beruc

Dry and Hot Season (Season of Young)

Photographed by Holly Pepper



Peaceful Bay - Kwallup
Place of sand

FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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| February | March |

February and March is when we start to experience the hot easterley winds and the afternoon sea breezes that provide relief. These are the months that the winds slow down with warm and dry days. It is known as the Season of Adolescence. The white flowers are prominent from the jarrah, marri and ghost gum trees. The zamia is now flowering and fishing is important. Freshwater foods become key for our people and swans are being seen.

Meertiluc

Hottest part of the year (Season of Adolescence)

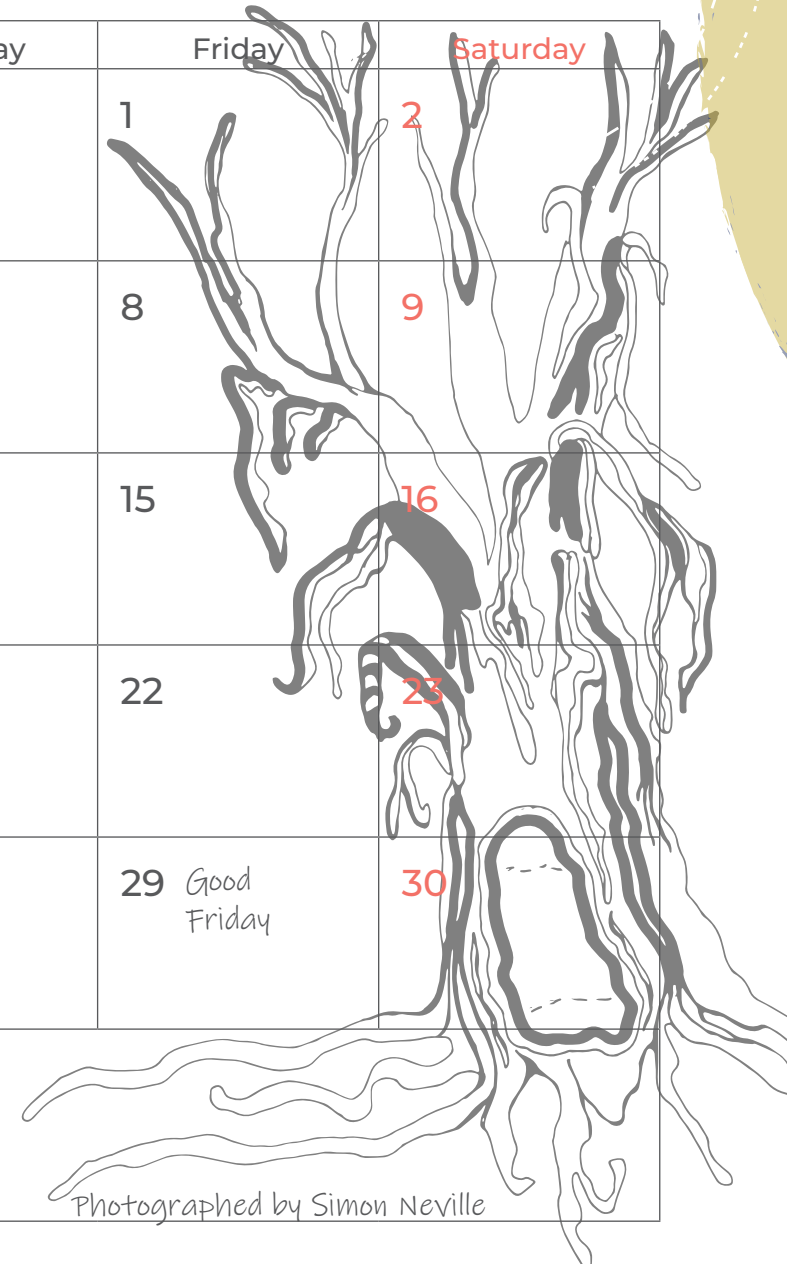
Photographed by Zac Starkie



Hay River - Genulup
Place of day foot crossing

MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 Labour Day	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Good Friday	30
31 Easter Sunday	Meertilluc <i>Hottest part of the year (Season of Adolescence)</i>					



Photographed by Simon Neville



Wilson Inlet - Marjit
Place of the Water Snake

APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Easter Monday	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Anzac Day	26	27
28	29	30				

Pourner

Cooler weather begins (Season of Adulthood)

Photographed by Simon Neville

| April | May |

April and May means we start to get the first rains. The wind is getting colder and is now coming from the southwest. The days are now getting shorter which means the nighttime is colder. It is known as the Season of Adulthood. Flying ants are prominent. Plants that are now coming out are red flowering gum and bullrushes, while all plants are laden with seeds and nuts. The wind has changed from south easterlies to south westerlies. There is also an abundance of freshwater foods such as turtles and freshwater fish.

A misty landscape with several tall, dark trees in the foreground and a hazy background. The trees are silhouetted against a light, foggy sky. The ground is covered in low-lying vegetation.

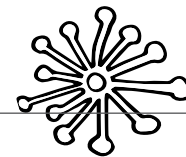
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Place of Wagoon/water fowl

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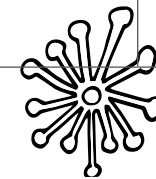
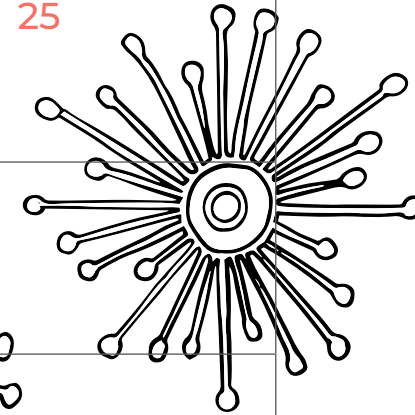
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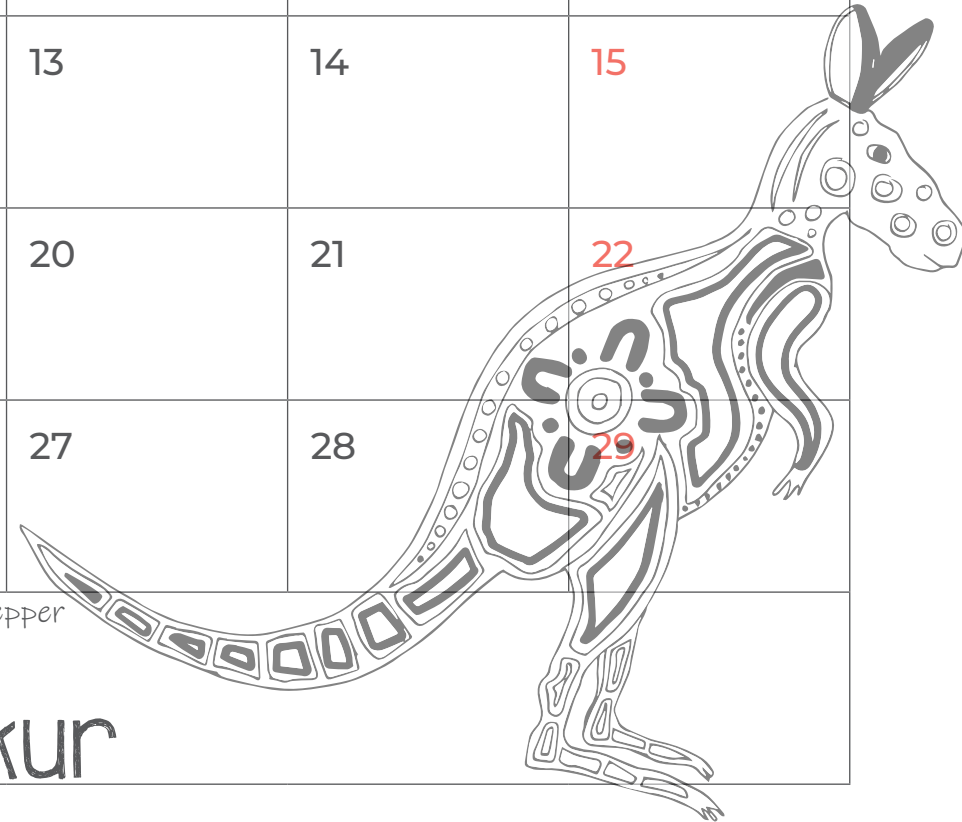




Bow River - Waaltichup
Place of Eagles

JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Western Australia Day	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	<p>Photographed by Holly Epper</p> <p>Cold and wet (Fertility Season)</p> <h2>Mawkur</h2>					





Kent River - Gnowerumbup
Place of Feathers

JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Mawkur *cold and wet (Fertility Season)*

Photographed by Holly Pepper

| June | July |

June and July are quite cold and wet. The rain is getting stronger and the creeks and rivers are now starting to fill and flow. It is known as the Season of Fertility. This is the time to get boronia. Birds are pairing up and there is an influx of swans. Kangaroo is plentiful and the men take the time to make traditional hunting tools. Plants that are prolific are the boronia, the blueberry lily and the purple flag.



Ocean Beach Peninsula - Pooruyungup
Place of Large Rock

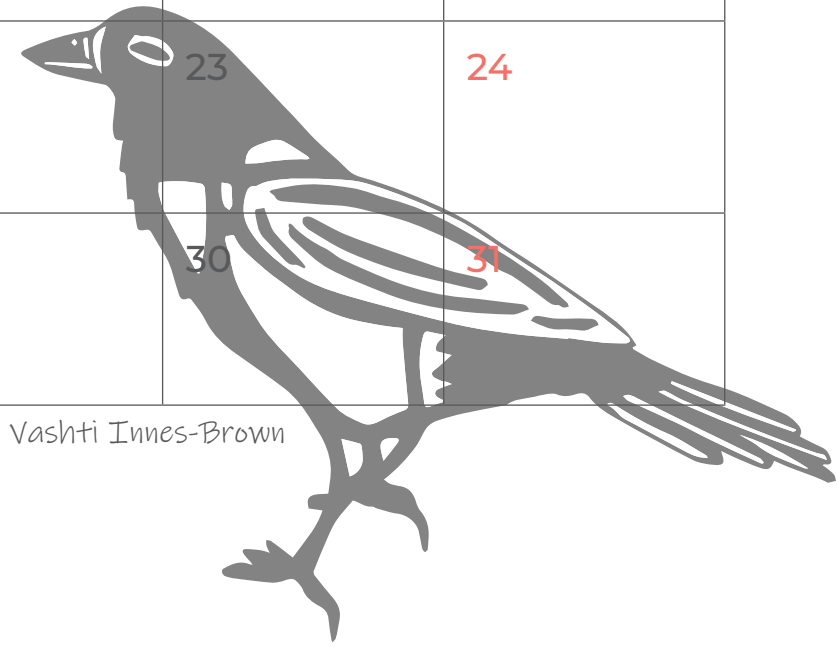
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Meerningal

Warmer Days. Cold Nights (season of conception)

Photographed by Vashti Innes-Brown





Mount Hallowell - Kooryunderup
Place of many Bush Kangaroo

SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 King's Birthday	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

| August | September |

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We are now seeing all the cream and yellow flowers. Everlastings are seen everywhere. The acacia and other wattles are all in bloom. Possums, kangaroos, emus, magpies and Djitis are seen more regularly. The grass trees now have flower stems.

September sees the transition from Meerningal to Maungeran. This transition is known to my people as Djirindjin. It is also referenced as another season.

Meerningal

Photographed by Mathias Witchmann

Warmer Days. Cold Nights (Season of Conception)



Frankland River - Kwakoorillup
Place of the Quokka

OCTOBER

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| October | November |

Maungernan

Longer dry periods (Season of Birth)

Photographed by Shane Stevens

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Weedon Hill - Warrumbup
Place of female kangaroo

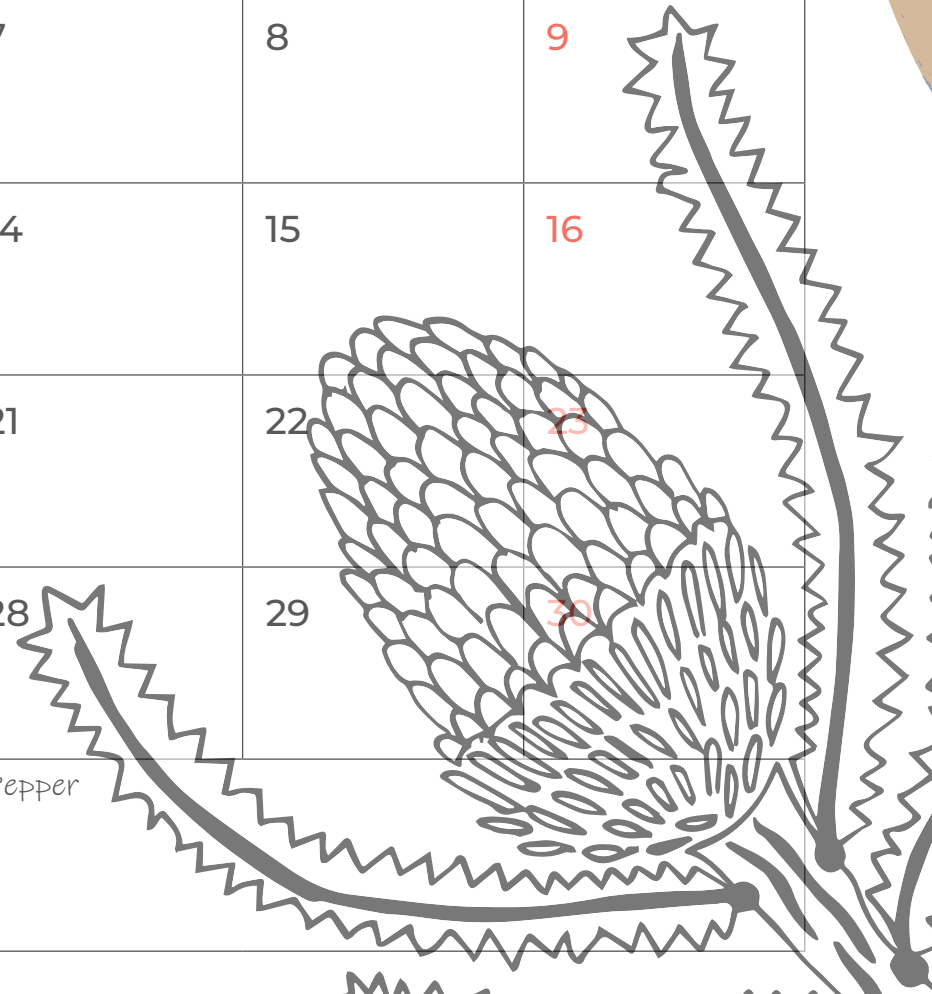
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Maungernan

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Photographed by Holly Pepper





Parry Beach Inlet - Kordalup
Place of the Heart

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27	28
29	30	31				

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Dry and Hot Season (Season of the Young)

Photographed by sunshine.and.grump

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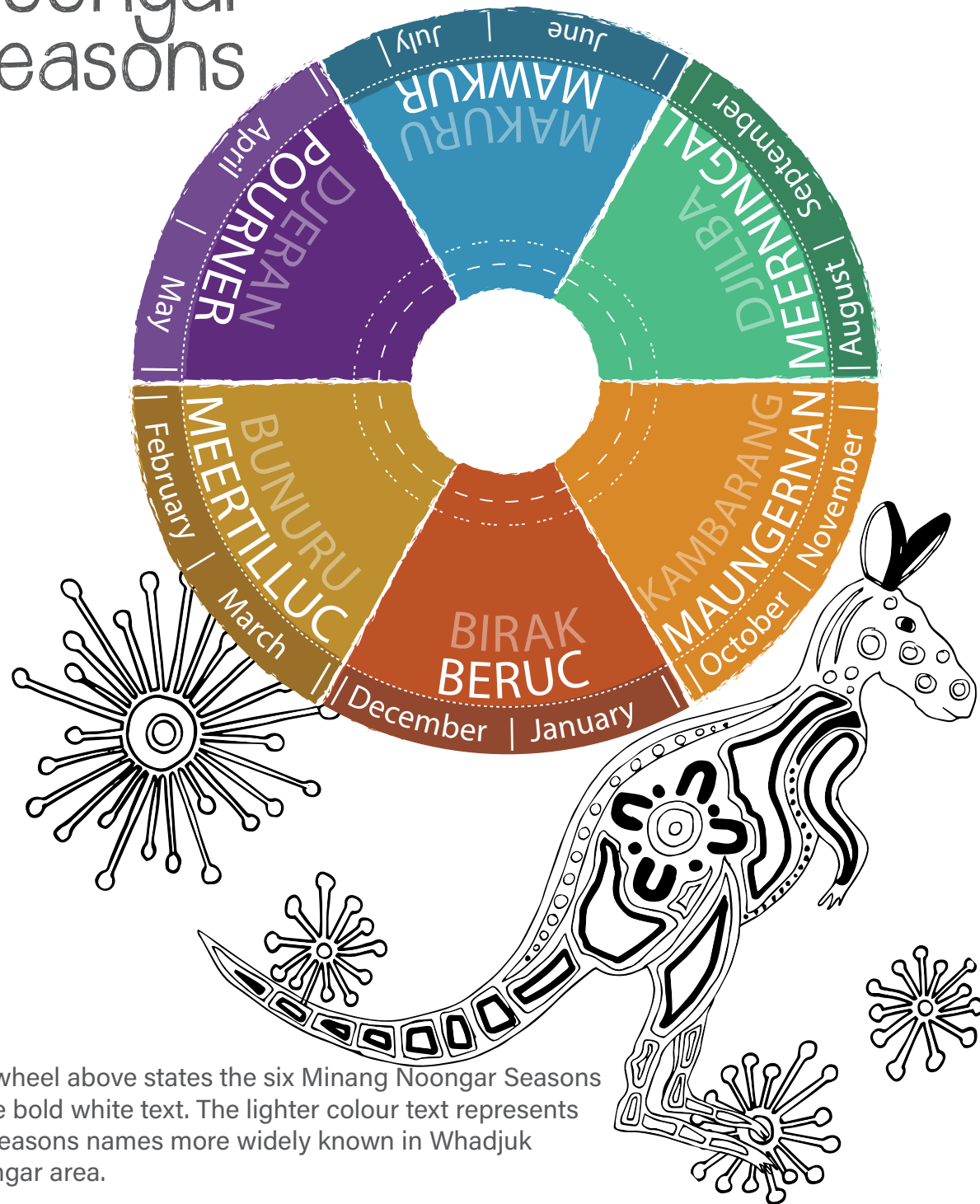
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Noongar Seasons



The wheel above states the six Minang Noongar Seasons in the bold white text. The lighter colour text represents the seasons names more widely known in Whadjuk Noongar area.



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