

Imagine

# GREATER WELLINGTON NATIONAL PARK



creating innovative eco-tourism opportunities for the Preston Valley and beyond

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## Our Vision

...an expanded Wellington National Park as the centre piece for world class sustainable eco-tourism that will provide ongoing recreation, education, business and employment opportunities for the surrounding communities and beyond.

### Benefits for Preston River Valley...and beyond

- Protect and share our natural assets
- *Create a vibrant future for our community*
- A National Park will create diverse employment opportunities
- *Residents can live and work locally*

## Launch

Over 60 people came to our campaign launch at the Yabberup Hall (*...was it really only a month ago?*). There was lots of enthusiasm and support all round. **Tom Perrigo**, CEO of the National Trust of Australia was our passionate guest speaker. He reminded us,

**“National Parks bring economic, social and environmental dividends to generations forever.”**

## Spring Walks

The first spring walk was a stunning day with 37 people all up. Lots of locals and a bunch of bird watching enthusiasts from Bunbury. You can find some photos [here](#).

Our next walk is **THIS SUNDAY**, Sept 25. It will be a great chance to enjoy the blossoming of spring and learn more about bushtucker plants. Meet 10am at the Yabberup Hall. More details [here](#).

## Our campaign is gaining positive support

It has been a very positive start to our GWNP campaign. Go to our [supporter page](#) to find out who have already stepped up to endorse our vision.

We have started getting out and about - a raffle fundraiser outside the Donnybrook IGA and then again at the Donnybrook markets in the last two weeks has led to lots of signatures for our petition!

We have also begun speaking with the polities. We kicked off by meeting with Mick Murray, the member for Collie-Preston. Mick brought along Chris Tallentire the Shadow Minister for the Environment who was impressed by our vision. Mick has always been supportive of the Wellington National Park and can see the benefits of expanding it.



*"It a positive initiative for the region. We need to make this happen. It will bring more tourists to the region, give them more things of interest to keep them here for longer stays and create more jobs for locals."* said Mick Murray.

We will be keep you posted on where each candidate vying for the upcoming state election stands.

## Help out

*...with our Petition*

Since our launch we have collected 495 petition signatures which Mick Murray will presenting to parliament. **If you would like to help collect petition signatures** please email [info@imaginewnp.com](mailto:info@imaginewnp.com) and we will send you a copy of the petition form you will need to use. We will need them back by the end of October so they can be presented before parliament stops in the lead up to the state election.

*...'Like' us on Facebook*

To keep up to date on things check out our [Facebook page](#)... 'Like' us if you haven't already and share our page with your friends...

*...Share our vision*



Share this newsletter and share our 'I support a Greater Wellington National Park' picture with your Facebook friends.

*...Donate*

Donations - big and small - towards our campaign are gratefully received. We will be acknowledging all our supporters. Account details can be found on our [supporters page](#).

## Stay informed

We will be posting regularly about our campaign on our [Facebook page](#) and our [website](#). We will also be holding information sessions for the Donnybrook, Collie, Bunbury, Dardanup and Balingup communities.

Our first '**info session**' will be held at the **Donnybrook Recreation Centre** on **October 12 at 6pm**. It will begin on time and be a tight 30 minute session - so everyone can get home for dinner!

*Any questions, ideas or offers of support*

Email us on [info@imaginegwnp.com](mailto:info@imaginegwnp.com) and one of the team will get back to you.

*ImagineGWNP is a campaign of **Promote Preston**, a sub-committee of the Yabberup Community Association*