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EPIC SHOW LIGHTS UP PERTH'S FAVOURITE PARK

***Boorna Waanginy: The Trees Speak*, Kings Park**

Fri 6 – Mon 9 October

FREE EVENT

***'A spectacular and moving promenade through Kings Park . . . with deep roots in Indigenous culture and the natural splendour of Western Australia.'* – The Age**



Credit: Toni Wilkinson

The awe-inspiring [*Boorna Waanginy: The Trees Speak*](#) returns to light up Kings Park with even more spectacular 3D projections telling stories of WA's beautiful South-West and the culture that has nurtured this cherished land for millennia.

More than 300,000 visitors experienced this home-grown hit of Perth Festival 2107 and 2019 in late summer (Bunuru). Now, *Boorna Waanginy* is reborn full of new stories especially for the EverNow festival in the new season of Kambarang, the time of regrowth and new life.

Boorna Waanginy is a free, totally unmissable event for everyone over four spectacular nights from Fri 6 – Mon 9 October over the EverNow weekend. Families, friends and strangers will flow together as one through this immersive tunnel of wonder, taking an unforgettable 1.4km journey through the six Noongar seasons and stories of this land.

Fire flickers, rain descends, plants come to life and birds and animals roam all around as Kings Park's majestic trees become an ever-moving canvas speaking of the splendour and diversity of Noongar Boodjar and the urgent need to protect the land we share.

Acclaimed international director **Nigel Jamieson**, Artistic Associate **Dr Richard Walley OAM** and a team of artists and scientists have collaborated to create this landmark free event, brought to life in a combination of culture, science, cutting-edge technology and breathtaking artistry.

‘Nature speaks to us,’ **Richard Walley** says. ‘Place, plants and animals are always communicating in some shape or form. All we have to do is take the time to listen, observe and absorb. Listen to the trees - they’re speaking to you, boorna waanginy.’

‘At a time when we face the risk of losing so many of the species with whom we share our planet, Boorna Waanginy is a celebration of the miracle of the natural world we share,’ **Nigel Jamieson** says. It represents the precious wisdom in our community, born of tens of thousands of years of custodianship, about how we might live in harmony on Noongar Boodjar. For Ever Now. ’

Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority Executive Director **Alan Barrett** says: ‘International winter sensation *Lightscape* brought nights alive with artistic wonders, and we are now delighted to welcome a different and uniquely Western Australian cultural experience to Kings Park through *Boorna Waanginy*.’

Also returning for *Boorna Waanginy*, students and community groups around the State are invited to participate by creating their own artworks dedicated to caring for natural habitats. See how you can get involved [here](#).

Boorna Waanginy is a magical and dramatic experience that will make locals and visitors to Perth fall in love with Kings Park and our unique place in the world all over again. Other free special presentations over the EverNow weekend are [Song Circle](#) and [Fire Gardens](#).

WHAT: [Boorna Waanginy: The Trees Speak](#)

WHERE: Kings Park

WHEN: Fri 6 – Mon 9 October, 7pm-10.30pm (last entry 10:30pm)

FREE EVENT

MORE INFO: evernow.com.au

Media resources including images and video available [here](#).

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We acknowledge Aboriginal peoples as the traditional custodians of Western Australia and pay our respects to Elders past and present. We celebrate the diversity of Aboriginal West Australians and honour their continuing connection to Country, culture and community. We recognise and appreciate the invaluable contributions made by First Nations peoples across many generations in shaping Western Australia as a premier destination.

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