



WHITEMAN PARK
RECREATION & CONSERVATION RESERVE

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BREEDING SUCCESS AT WHITEMAN PARK'S WOODLAND RESERVE

The breeding facility of Whiteman Park's premier conservation project, Woodland Reserve, is teeming with success after the confirmation of five woylie joeys in the enclosure.

One of these joeys is the affectionately named "Tigger", who was the first of the young to be identified during monitoring of the Reserve's inhabitants.

Park Manager, Steve Lowe, said the success of the Reserve's breeding program was a great accomplishment for Park staff and a vital contribution to survival of the critically endangered woylie.

"The woylies were released into the Reserve in March 2010, and have since settled nicely into their new home," Mr Lowe said.

The public are being given the opportunity to see these woylies, including Tigger, and other native mammals on the weekly Nocturnal Woylie Walks that will be held on Fridays in February and March.

"I encourage everyone to come and experience Whiteman Park's Nocturnal Woylie Walks as a way to see these amazing mammals up close," Mr Lowe said.

Environment and Natural Areas Manager, Dr Christine Rafferty, said that ongoing monitoring of the animals was showing that they were adapting well to the habitat of Woodland Reserve and breeding profusely.

"We undertake regular monitoring of the mammals to ensure that they are maintaining premium condition," Dr Rafferty said.

"Tigger was our first woylie joey, so she holds a special place for us. The success of the breeding program at Whiteman Park will help to secure the future of our woodland population."

Nocturnal Woylie Walks are offered every Friday night in February and March, from 7.00pm to 8.30pm for a donation. Bookings are essential on 9209 6000 or visit www.whitemanpark.com for more information.

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