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Inspiring female leaders to head up the inaugural Women for the Environment Breakfast in Perth

Bush Heritage Australia is delighted to bring its Women for the Environment Breakfast to Perth this year on **Tuesday 30 July from 7am - 9am at Fraser's, Kings Park** .

This year's theme is "*Women for a Resilient Future*," which will see inspiring women from across the conservation, natural resource management, rural and Aboriginal sectors in Western Australia join forces to generate powerful discussions about current environmental issues.

After a successful inaugural breakfast in Sydney in 2018, the event is expanding its reach in 2019 to include celebrations in Sydney, Brisbane and Perth.

Four thought-provoking leaders will investigate issues across water, waste management and regenerative farming in a panel discussion moderated by Dr Ann Jones, Presenter and Producer of ABC Radio National's *Off Track*. On the panel are:

- Cissy Gore-Birch, National Aboriginal Engagement Manager at Bush Heritage Australia, a mother of five and a Jaru/Kiji woman. Cissy is passionate about lands and waters, and has previously worked for the Kimberley Land Council and Balangarra Aboriginal Corporation.
- Catherine Marriott, Project Manager at the Cooperative Research Centre for Developing Northern Australia (CRCNA). Catherine is a well-respected leader in Australia's agricultural sector, a former WA Rural Woman of the Year and was founding CEO of the Kimberley/Pilbara Cattleman's Association.
- Alison Lullfitz, Lecturer at the University of Western Australia. Alison has more than 20 years experience in the conservation sector and recently completed a PhD in collaboration with Noongar Elders on how specific cultural activities have influenced floristic diversity and patterns in south-west Australia.
- Naomi Flutter, Executive General Manager of Corporate Affairs at Wesfarmers. Naomi has over 20 years' experience in corporate affairs and banking. In her current role, her responsibilities include sustainability and Indigenous affairs. Naomi currently also serves as Pro Chancellor for the Australian National University.

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High resolution photos of Bush Heritage properties in Western Australia can be found [here](#).

The breakfast will be hosted by Bush Heritage's Chief Executive Heather Campbell.

"From hot and dusty arid landscapes, to coastal waters and beyond, countless women are pioneers throughout this stunning country, protecting the species and biodiversity that is so much a part of our national identity," Ms Campbell said. "We know when we connect and work together, our impact is so much greater, so I'm looking forward to hearing new ideas and collaboration born from these events."

Also speaking will be Christina Tonkin, Managing Director of Loans and Specialised Finance at ANZ, sharing her affinity for Australian bush landscapes while sharing insights into her storied finance career.

Ms Tonkin said: "This is an extraordinary opportunity to connect with a group of very engaging, successful women who are leaders in their fields, and to collectively discuss the challenges and opportunities ahead for all of us if we want to see a more resilient future."

ANZ is a proud sponsor of the breakfast.

Tickets are \$65 per person or \$500 for a table of eight, with funds supporting Bush Heritage's vital conservation work around the country.

For more information about Bush Heritage and to purchase tickets, visit www.bushheritage.org.au

About Bush Heritage Australia

The Australian bush is a place of outback wonders and rugged beauty. Founded by Dr Bob Brown in 1991, Bush Heritage is an independent not-for-profit that buys and manages land, and partners with Aboriginal people, to protect our irreplaceable landscapes and magnificent native species. Together with our partners, we protect 8.86 million hectares – that's more than all of Tasmania.

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