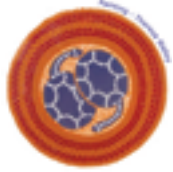
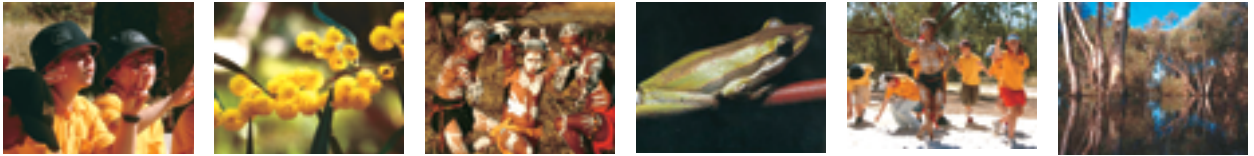


The Spectacles Yargan Tours



THE STORY of YARGAN

Two boys Yargan and Yaaman were always best friends.

They would go hunting and fishing, gathering food from the lakes, swamps and rivers. The two boys knew that sacred places were forbidden, that they were not allowed to go there.

One day as they came near a forbidden water hole they were feeling daring, they looked at each other and one said, "I'm game, its hot. I am going for a swim". So Yargan dived into the forbidden waterhole and did not come up. After what seemed like a long time, Yaaman dived in to save his best friend.

At the bottom of the waterhole the two boys saw a big Wagyl looking at them, seeing two rocks they both dashed under them to hide. The two boys Yargan and Yaaman never came out.

When the men of the tribe went looking for the two boys, they found their tracks led to the forbidden waterhole. The men knew that they would never see the boys again. When they looked into the waterhole they saw the long necks and heads of two tortoises under the rocks.

Even today you will see tortoises carrying rocks on their backs. Even today Yargan and Yaaman carry their rocks on their backs.

Theresa Walley, Aboriginal Elder and Tour Guide

Yargan is the Nyoongar word for Tortoise and is one of the Aboriginal totems of The Spectacles Wetlands.