



## **One Tree Art Prize**

**Artist:** Danielle McLachlan

**Title:** Biara in the Moonlight

**GPS:** -33.374356, 115.65863

Biara (also known as slender or candlestick banksia) is a native Western Australian tree. *Banksia attenuata* is highly valued in Noongar Culture. It is easily recognizable by its bright yellow flower spikes and serrated leaves. Its sweet nectar is a source of food for local birds especially for the endangered Carnaby's and Baudin's Black Cockatoos.

Manea Park in College Grove, Bunbury is a protected reserve that provides conservation not only to the Biara and the Black Cockatoos but for all native fauna and flora. However, phytophthora dieback is an incurable deadly soil-borne disease, present in the park and poses an extreme threat to the park's ecosystem.



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Biara Banksia is highly susceptible and are often the first plants to die from an infection. Dieback destroys the very trees that black cockatoos rely on for food. It is critical to manage its spread to ensure the overall health of the flora and fauna so we can keep on enjoying the beauty of the area.