



Whiff of the wild a local memento

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THE scent of native mountain pepper will waft all the way to the Orient, with China's first couple taking home unique Tasmanian gifts.

Essential Oils of Tasmania crafted a mountain pepper scent for Chinese President Xi Jinping and a pearl-infused perfume for First Lady Peng Liyuan, which were gifted in special bottles yesterday.

The President's Wild Islands Mountain Pepper creation is a unisex fragrance that features native pepper, peppermint and sandalwood.

His wife's Wild Islands Pearl perfume contains pearl powder and local essential oils.

The bottles feature a silver sleeve with keshi pearls repre-

senting the ocean — a symbol of life, hope and mystery.

EOT managing director Stephen Gleeson said: "We believe our unique pearl-based perfume will be a wonderful symbolic gesture."

In partnership with parent company Atlas Pearls and Perfumes, EOT has developed an innovative extraction process for pearls that has enabled the development of new ingredients for perfumes.

Mr Gleeson said this would help break into the European companies' luxury perfume market.

The company will build a facility near Kingston to produce fragrance, flavours and cosmetic ingredients from indigenous botanical, marine and fungal sources.



Madame Peng Liyuan