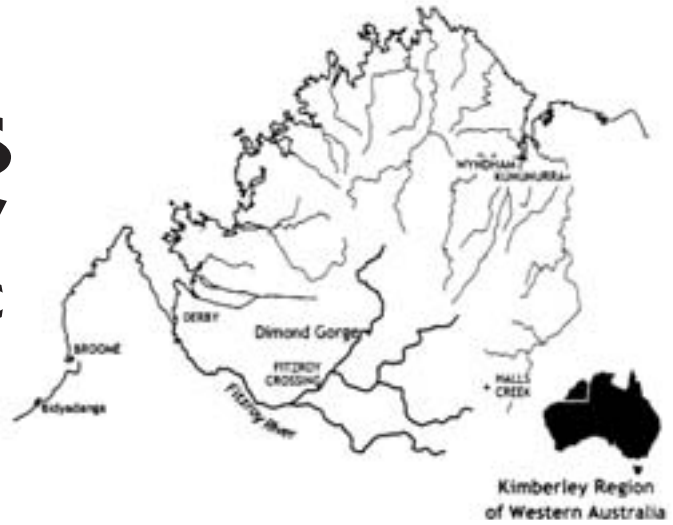




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THE BATTLE OF THE BOLL IS ON AGAIN

Those few Broome residents and visitors who were in town in January may have been surprised to see a display of cotton industry promotional material at the Paspaley Plaza Shopping Centre. The promo went on over three days. There were two sets of sandwich boards, cosily standing side by side: one belonged to Western Agricultural Industries (proponents of irrigated agriculture and cotton for the west Kimberley), the other to the Department of Industry and Resources, accompanied by DoIR staff members. Rumour had it that WAI's John Logan, our favourite Mr Cotton, was there too, but not, sadly, on either occasion that I visited.

DoIR gave out leaflets, produced by them (taxpayers, please note), promoting the cotton proposal, as well as forms on which we, the public of Broome, could record our enthusiasm for it, or lack thereof. We understand that fully twelve of these forms were returned during or following the promotion.

EK did have problems with the leaflets, and with the content of the display. As our avid readers will know, two of the major objections to the cotton proposal are environmental and cultural — that is, the project would be harmful to the natural environment and would

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Dedicated EK members wearing protection suits, cleaning up broken asbestos.

CLEMENTSON STREET CLEANUP



For Clean Up Australia Day this year, EK put a team of volunteers into the Clementson Street Reserve, the rich piece of bushland adjacent to Farrell Park.

We have cleaned up the reserve twice before, but this time we were after the hazardous waste as well as an abandoned camp and a lot of new rubbish dumped from cars along the track. Volunteers collected so much broken glass that the bags burst, while three others donned safety suits and masks to clear up two dumps of asbestos.



Some of the team who braved the March heat and humidity to clean up the Clementson St. Reserve

EK thanks all those brave souls who got up early on a Sunday and worked so hard in the heat. Thanks also to Broome Shire for providing funding, bags and gloves, and for picking up and taking our collections to the tip. Special thanks to Paul White for getting us a permit to remove asbestos and for his practical support with materials and advice.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

In the words of musician John Butler, 'Treat Yo Mama'. What he's talking about is looking after your mother earth. In fact, really taking care of her, or even spoiling her.

By participating in things like the recent clean-up or weed buster, that's exactly what you're doing. Putting a little extra into looking after our surroundings by restoring areas to how they are meant to be. I'm sure if the ground could talk she would be saying thanks for getting rid of junk and weeds. A really healthy little patch of bush has a 'music' all of it's own which easily gets swamped when there is bad degradation. It would be lovely to do more of this work but most of us struggle to make the time.

When you ponder the husbandry of country in the context of the cotton proposals, the two notions seem a ludicrous distance apart. I just can't wrap my head around altering the landscape in the West Kimberley as we know it, on such a vast and permanent scale.

My hope is that common sense will prevail. Are we honestly going to go down the same path as other parts of Australia, and start sucking up our Kimberley Rivers until they are a mere shadow of their former selves? What a disaster it would be if in 50 years time WA politicians were trying to work out a way of 'buying back' the water to replenish the Fitzroy.

A chorus of disapproval against the proponents should really help. If we can achieve it, unity between ourselves, the ACF, the KLC and traditional owners would create a powerful lobby group on this issue in the lead-up to June 30. There is however a great deal of work to do to get our message across to people that count.

One way that individuals can help is to use the power of the internet to spread information on the proposals and ask people for their support. Many websites have chat boards where you can direct interest towards the EK website. I am convinced that if a lot more people in Australia knew what was planned they would help in many different ways.

Let's keep striving to keep protect and conserve the nature of the region! 🐪

encroach on traditional Aboriginal lands in a way traditional owners have stated (over and over again) they do not want. The leaflet, rather than presenting a full and straightforward account of the proposal, as behoves a government department, represented it as good for the environment (though no environmental impact study has yet been done) and good for Aboriginal people.

Omitted from the leaflet was important information: that nearly all the available groundwater in the La Grange aquifer would be allocated to the cotton project; nearly a quarter of a million hectares of pin-dan woodlands would be cleared and levelled, and quantities of toxic chemicals would be introduced into the environment. Some possible pros of growing genetically modified (GM) cotton crops were mentioned, but not the cons.

DoIR and the proponents make much of the state of the art technology applied to the trial plots, which is intended to minimise water and chemical use. A 20% reduction in the usual level of chemical use and water consumption in cotton growing might be counted as a benefit in the Eastern States, where the country has been overcleared, overwatered and overpoisoned for decades; we are less impressed by having up to 80% of these effects inflicted on our own region. We are proud of its relatively good condition, its healthy trees, its wetlands and its wildlife, and we will strive to keep it like that. In response to DoIR's leaflet, we at EK have produced one of our own, which presents a very different point of view.

The Memorandum of Understanding between WAI and the state government is due to expire or be renewed on 30th June this year. We have just a few months in which to put a stop to it. If you are not on top of the cotton question, now's your chance to get there. Read our leaflet and register your opposition where it counts: with the government. Write to: the Premier, Dr Geoff Gallop, the Minister for State Development, Clive Brown, and/or to the Minister for the Environment, Dr Judith Edwards, stating your opposition to the plan. If you've never done this before and feel unsure of yourself, we have a draft letter for you to follow. You will find one enclosed in this newsletter, or ask at our office. Even one letter is better than none. Just do it!

Letters to the media, local and state, are good too. Finally, if you haven't already done so, sign Environs Kimberley's petition at our stall.

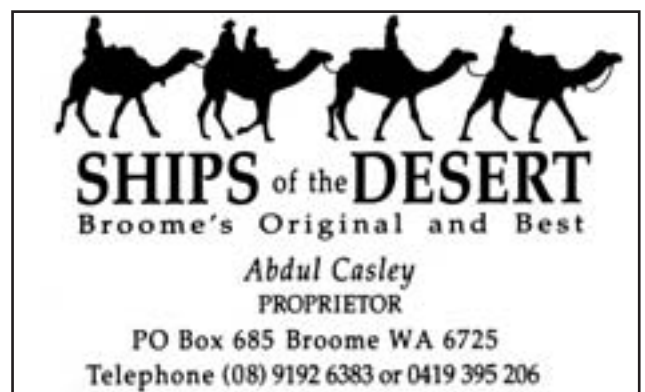
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- ✓ **Donate to Environs Kimberley's Campaign to Stop Cotton in the west Kimberley**
- ✓ **Sign the Environs Kimberley petition, available from the office.**
- ✓ **Write to the Government:**
 - The Hon Dr Geoff Gallop MLA
Premier
197 St George's Terrace
PERTH WA 6000
 - The Hon Clive Brown MLA
Minister for State Development
19th Floor, 197 St George's Terrace
PERTH WA 6000
 - The Hon Dr Judy Edwards MLA
Minister for the Environment
29th Floor, Allendale Square
77 St George's Terrace
PERTH WA 6000
 - The Hon Kim Chance MLC
Minister for Agriculture
11th Floor, Dumas House
2 Havelock Street
WEST PERTH WA 6005
 - The Hon Carol Martin MLA
Member for the Kimberley
PO Box 4133
BROOME WA 6725
- ✓ **Also write to:**
 - Allannah MacTiernan MLA Minister for Planning and Infrastructure; Tom Stephens MLC Minister for the Regional Development and the Kimberley; Colin Barnett MLA Leader of the Opposition.
- ✓ **Send feedback about the Department of Industry and Resources flier to:**
 - Tracey Hamilton, Project Officer,
Office of Major Projects
Department of Industry and Resources
PO Box 7606, Cloisters Square,
PERTH WA 6000
- ✓ **Write letters to newspapers:**
 - The Editor, Broome Advertiser,
PO Box 303, BROOME WA 6725
 - The Editor, West Australian,
GPO Box N1025, PERTH WA 6843
- ✓ **Find out more about Environs Kimberley's opposition to the project by reading information available on the EK website www.environskimberley.org.au**

SAMPLE LETTER — use your own words or select from the options suggested. Phrases in brackets are also optional.

Dear Mr Brown,

I am **writing/would like/wish** to **object to/protest about** the **proposal/plan** to **set up/establish** a cotton industry (OR: to grow cotton) **in the west Kimberley/near Broome/south and east of Broome.**

I am **objecting/protesting on the following grounds/for these reasons:**

- **95% of/Nearly all** the ground water **would be privatised/fall into private hands**, leaving **little/none** for future local enterprises.
- **A lot/Wide stretches/Thousands of hectares** of **valuable/ecologically important/unspoilt bushland/woodland** would be **cleared/flat-tened** and **insects and birds/wildlife** killed or harmed by chemical sprays.
- Cotton (is a crop that) **needs/uses a lot/large quantities** of water.
- Cotton **cannot be grown without being/have to be** sprayed regularly with chemicals to control pests and weeds. It also needs fertiliser. I **believe/think** the Kimberley should be kept free of **pollutants/chemicals** such as herbicides, pesticides, fungicides, fertilisers.
- I **know/understand** that Western Agricultural Industries **intends/plans** to **use/plant** GM cotton, which does not need as much chemical spray as regular crops. At present there is no widespread use of chemicals in the west Kimberley and we **should keep our region clean and green/must preserve the clean/green image of our region.**
- **Furthermore/Also, I do not want to see/object to** the introduction of **genetically modified/engineered plants/organisms to our region/the west Kimberley/this part of Australia.**
- The **Karajarri/Aboriginal people/traditional owners** of the country that will **be planted with/be sacrificed to/come under cultivation** of cotton **do not want/are opposed to** this **plan for/use of** their **land/country.**
(Please refer to the EK flier *Really Taking Care of the Kimberley* for additional points.)

I **think/believe** the government should **allow/encourage/support developments/enterprises** in the **Kimberley/our region** which **protect/respect/enhance** its **environment/environmental values** (OR: which **meet/fulfil** the principles of sustainability).

Yours **sincerely/faithfully/respectfully,**

(Cc: **Hon Dr Geoff Gallop, Hon Dr Judy Edwards, Hon Kim Chance, Hon Carol Martin, etc)**

...from the Coordinator's desk

It was a busy start to the year. No sooner had I touched down in Broome after holidays down south than I had a leaflet promoting the west Kimberley cotton proposal thrust into my hands.

Cotton proponents WAI and their state government backers DoIR had been busy while most Broome residents were away on annual leave. Immediate action had been taken by stalwart committee member Pat Lowe.

Nevertheless, I hit the ground running: we produced a leaflet (enclosed with this newsletter) and developed our own display in response to WAI's and the state government's efforts; held a letter-writing night; held meetings both here and in Perth; wrote letters to the media and to the government; and developed a submission to the Minister for Agriculture arguing the need to keep WA GM-free. More details about the status of the proposal and our current campaign can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. One thing is clear, the next three months will be critical in our bid to convince the government not to sign a further extension of the MOU. Instead, we want them to develop a community-based approach to working out appropriate development and employment strategies that don't harm the environment.

I visited Perth in the first week of March with Australian Conservation Foundation's Northern Australia Program Coordinator Rosemary Hill, to discuss Kimberley conservation priorities. We met people from environmental and indigenous non-government organisations; ministers, ministerial advisers and members of parliament; and government officials. We discussed promoting a sustainable future for the Kimberley by: protecting the region from broadscale irrigated agriculture and landclearing; supporting Indigenous and joint management of the WA conservation estate and increasing the overall size of the estate; developing a sustainability strategy for the Kimberley; supporting an appropriate economies round

table; and undertaking a natural heritage significance assessment of the region. EK has been working in partnership with the ACF for the past year on these matters. We gratefully acknowledge their financial and other support and look forward to continuing the relationship for another year and beyond.



To other matters:

Environs Kimberley is on the lookout for new members. Whether your preference is to be a silent member – making donations and attending events, writing the odd letter – or a more active participant, we are keen to hear from you.

Fundraising is a priority for EK every year, and is even more urgent this year. Some ideas that have been suggested so far are: Wild Spaces film festival, selling fruit kebabs at our market stall, movie nights, music nights and a major donor campaign. If you have other ideas, we'd like to hear from you.

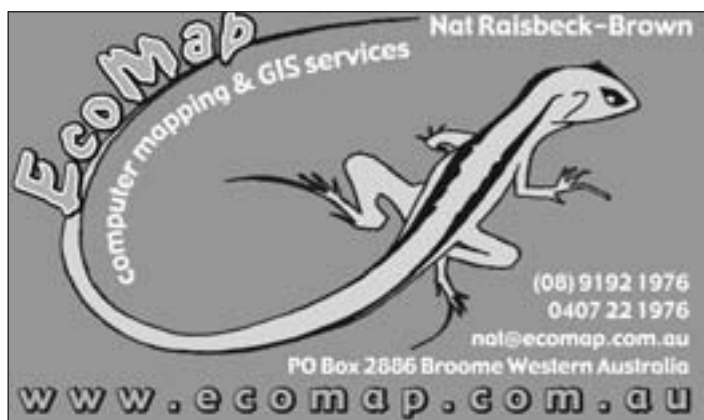
Funding has been received recently from Lotterywest. This will boost our office resources and allow us to complete our strategic plan and develop a business planning template. A draft plan will be provided to the full EK membership for comment later in the year.



Thanks to the EK committee & volunteers who have already helped out with activities this year: the letter-writing night, Clementson Street Reserve cleanup and special *No Cotton in the west Kimberley* display in Broome.

ENVIRONS KIMBERLEY VISION STATEMENT

Environs Kimberley seeks to preserve and respect the intrinsic values and qualities of the Kimberley region.



NEW (volunteer) Fundraiser for EK

Amanda Clarke travelled to Common Ground near Melbourne recently to take part, as EK's representative, in the inaugural meeting of the Environment Groups Fundraisers Network. A former EK committee member, Amanda attended the forum as a volunteer and will soon be back in Broome and hard at work developing funding submissions for EK. The purpose of the forum was to get fundraisers together so they could exchange ideas and information of benefit to the entire environment movement. If anyone has any great (or small) ideas for projects or events, please contact the office and we'll pass them on to Amanda.

RECORD-BREAKING BIRDS!



Once again, so many exciting birds to report it is hard to know where to start. I guess the most spectacular sighting was of an estimated 2.5 Million (this is not a typing error) Oriental Pratincoles along the length of 80 Mile Beach. Some of you may have seen the article in The Australian of 13 February. Previous estimates of the population of this migratory wader for Australia were 70,000! So you can see there is always something new to learn.

Members of the NorthWest Wader and Tern Expedition for 2004 were at 80 Mile Beach to catch and release what are known to Wader Study folk as 'grey waders', which normally number about 450,000 along 80 Mile Beach. However much to their surprise and frustration everywhere they looked the grey waders were heavily outnumbered by Oriental Pratincoles. Now these are birds normally found in inland wetlands and previously we used to get excited if we saw a flock of 100. As Ornithologists are not normally to be found along 80 Mile Beach during the wet season it is not known if these are usual numbers. They may have been swelled by unseasonably dry conditions elsewhere and large numbers of swarming locusts. Thanks to Chris Hassell for the photo.

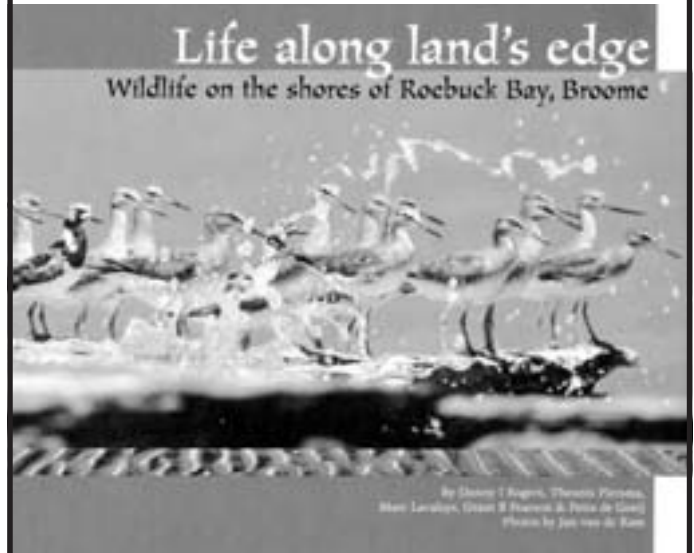
The excitement of catching and releasing a Pin-Tailed Snipe (a rare migrant) at Broome Sewage Ponds during the early part of the expedition was quite overshadowed by the Oriental Pratincoles. During late November and early December several mist-netting sessions were conducted at Lake Ecla and Lake Champion. (Once again thanks to Roebuck Station for permission). Highlights of these sessions were the banding of a female Ruff (a possible first in Australia), 2 Swinhoe's Snipe, a White-winged Black Tern as well as the sighting of 1,000 Oriental Pratincole. A Sharp-tailed Sandpiper banded and flagged with a yellow flag during one of these sessions was seen in Victoria one month later.

Migratory Passerines are readying themselves for departure, as well as the migratory waders. Yellow Wagtails have been seen at Broome Golf Course and numbers of Dollar Birds are to be seen on power lines around Broome and Cable Beach.

Migratory waders are moulting into their spectacular breeding plumage and are sporting various shades of russet, black and gold depending on species. Now is a great time to watch these birds as they leave for their northern hemisphere breeding grounds. Broome Bird Observatory will be conducting their annual Migration Watch every afternoon from 4pm to 6pm during March and April. They will also be conducting residential courses to coincide with the migration. Please contact them on 9193 5600 for further information.

Regular catch and release programs will be conducted throughout 2004. New members are always welcome. No

BOOK LAUNCH



You are invited to the Broome launch of

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5.30pm Wednesday 28th April.

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WHY DO WE DO WHAT WE DO?

Do you ever ask yourself, in your quieter moments, why we do what we do? Why do we spend a lot of our good time and wealth, in money or in kind, on behalf of nature? Do you ever have a sneaking fear

that our efforts might fail? Tempted to throw up your hands and leave nature to her fate?

Environmentalists face many dilemmas. When I make a donation to the Bush Heritage Fund, an organization that buys back the bush by investing in former cattle stations and other large areas of land purely for conservation purposes, I do occasionally wonder whether I should really be donating to famine relief instead. One can of course do both, but famine relief is usually easier to justify. It is saving the lives of people, after all.

But there are millions of other species, other life-forms, on this earth besides people. Most of us probably feel not only that they too should be afforded a right to exist, but that our own lives would be poorer without the least of them. And, even from a diehard anthropocentric point of view, one way or another, we human beings depend on them. If we only save people, at the expense of all of the so-called lower organisms, then, paradoxically, eventually there will be no people left to save. Likewise, if we only donate to environmental organizations but fail to put our own houses in order — if, in other words, while funding lots of green groups, the human race continues to lead lives of increasing consumerism and waste — it doesn't really matter how much money goes to WWF or ACF or even to Environs Kimberley, the environmental state of the world will only get steadily worse until the globe has

warmed so much it goes up in smoke or we all choke on our own pollution. When there is no food left, you can't eat money, and when a species has vanished from the face of the earth, no amount of the good stuff will bring it back. Not now, not ever.

When we hear, year in and year out, about extinctions and near extinctions, about yet more species being added to the endangered list, we know that there is something very wrong with the way the world — the way human society and endeavour — is going. When the world is full of hungry people, when fish stocks are diminishing catastrophically and at the same time tonnes of perfectly edible sea creatures, common and endangered, are trapped in fishing nets and thrown away as 'by-catch' simply because they have a lesser monetary value than the target species, something is wrong with our sense of values. When we turn forests of magnificent trees, each one of which is both a small ecosystem and a potential source of high value timber, into woodchips, and say that we are 'adding value' simply because we can sell a lot of it, we are deluded. Likewise, to turn richly diverse pindan woodlands, which have supported both people and innumerable other species from time immemorial, into a cotton monoculture with all its attendant ills, defies logic.

But not all of us do what we do simply for utilitarian reasons. We want to protect nature because we love it. We love it in its particularity and in its abundance. We don't often put it like this for fear of sounding sentimental or soft in the head. But love is, after all, the greatest motivating force. That's why we do what we do.



Calling all Volunteers ...

The EK Market Stall Needs You!!!!!!

Environs Kimberley will be launching a new look stall at the Courthouse Markets on Saturday 10th April.

Last year our display concentrated on raising awareness about the proposed Marina and the threat to Riddell Beach. This year our display will be alerting the public to the environmental impacts of the proposed broadscale irrigated agriculture industry, particularly GM cotton crops.

The stall operates from 8.30am to 12.30pm. The time slots for volunteers are 8.00am to 10.30am or 10.30am to 1.00pm. First shift volunteers help set up the stall and second shift help to pack up. Two people are on each shift.

Before we start up the stall for 2004 we will hold a market volunteer training morning on Saturday 3rd April. Training will include:

- How to set up and take down the display
- How to present merchandise and display flyers and petitions

- Discussion of public liability and insurance
- The importance of recruiting new memberships
- How to use price list, tally sheet and float
- How to deal with tricky questions

Don't worry if you feel you don't have enough knowledge about EK and its campaigns — we have plenty of information for people to read on the stall and the public can be referred to the office if they want to know more. All you need to do is familiarize yourself with the information and products on the stall and add a touch of your own personal creativity and enthusiasm.

If you've been wanting to help save the nature of the Kimberley, then this is your golden opportunity! Helping on the EK stall can be fun and rewarding. This year we are offering our dedicated volunteers a 10% discount on all stock.

So think about it and tell all your friends.

For more information and to register your interest in becoming part of our dynamic volunteer team, call Kerry on 9192 1922.



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SECOND WA STATE COASTAL CONFERENCE

I was fortunate enough to receive 'Community Support Funding' to attend the second WA State Coastal Conference, which was held in Geraldton in November 2003. I travelled there and back by bus which was a whole experience in itself!

There was a very full program covering two days and two evenings. The conference opened with a welcome to Country and a reception at Geraldton Museum. There was a stunning display of wildlife photography from around the world, which provided a great backdrop.

Conference speakers covered a wide range of topics, including: Industry using the coast, Marine Pests, Aboriginal Involvement in Coastal Management and Health Implications. There were two afternoons of concurrent workshops, at one of which I gave a brief outline of 'Community Involvement in Research in Roebuck Bay and Eighty Mile Beach', along with Grant Pearson from C.A.L.M. and Andrew Storey from UWA.

I went on a field trip which looked at the operations at Geraldton Port, The Fishing Boat Harbour, crayfish operations and foreshore redevelopment. Unfortunately the tour did not include the small boat harbour.

I was impressed with the size of the operations and the infrastructure adjacent to the shipping berths. A controversial dredging program has just been completed.

Too many facts and figures were noted to reproduce here, but if anyone wants more information I will leave it at EK Office, or you can con-

tact me on 91921714 or peacroseau@yahoo.com.au

Impressions of the trip and conference:

Firstly, there were still a lot of backpackers travelling up and down the coast even in November, in not the best of climatic conditions.

Two speakers mentioned that Geraldton receives more visitors than Broome, which I found an interesting comment, as I hadn't realised that Broome was used as some kind of yardstick. However neither speaker qualified their statement and someone else said to me privately that Geraldton, being closer to Perth, gets a lot of day visitors, which they include to boost the numbers!

Darren Capewell from Yadgalah Aboriginal Corporation at Shark Bay gave a very interesting talk, which included details of the Corporation's involvement in Dugong research, as well as training programs and the use of the dugong logo as a marketing tool.

David Galloway gave a thought provoking talk on his involvement with three different groups at Ningaloo. He quoted a comment from an Aboriginal lady that 'there wouldn't be any need to write down oral histories if we still had places to tell the stories'.

A stimulating discussion of the 'Health Implications of Coastal Management' included these statements:

'An active environment encourages social connectedness, reduces social isolation, builds an increased sense of community.'

'Celebrate and reward building bridges.'

'Shared vision and resolutions will be messy but more robust and effective.'

'H=E+2C where H= Health, E= Environment and 2C = Community and Culture.' Which leads, for those of you who are mathematically minded, to E=H-2C!

'We need to challenge the car culture and foster foot traffic'

As the only representative from the Kimberley and one of only three from north of Geraldton, I was able to speak up for our region on a couple of occasions where it seemed that the Kimberley was once again forgotten or neglected and certainly that prompted other delegates to speak to me in the breaks, which was very gratifying.

Thank you to Department of Planning and Infrastructure for enabling me to attend.

 Liz Rosenberg

LAST CALL, LAST CALL

Last call for abstracts for Coastal Zone Asia Pacific Conference, Brisbane, September 2004.

Australia will host the second international Coastal Zone Asia Pacific conference in Brisbane from 5-9 September 2004. The conference theme, 'Improving the quality of life in coastal areas', will explore issues in various sessions including: poverty and sustainable livelihoods; ecosystem management; community participation; resource economics; integrated coastal management; and coastal communities and cultures.

More than 200 participants are expected to attend, with many delegates from south-east Asia, Australasia, Pacific Islands and North America. Researchers, natural resource managers, educators, policy makers, conservation leaders, urban planners, marine park managers and tourism operators from more than 20 countries have already registered interest. Australia's Coastal Cooperative Research Centre, Queensland's Environmental Protection Agency and CSIRO

Sustainable Ecosystems are major sponsors and hosts.

To submit abstracts (due by April 1 2004), register interest and participate visit: www.coastal.crc.org.au/czap04. There are opportunities for specialist workshops, presenting papers, poster sessions, trade exhibits, coastal tours, field trips and information sharing. Proceedings and action plans will be published on CD-ROM, and selected papers will be published in an international coastal management journal. Details about how to become

involved, including opportunities for sponsorship, are available on the conference website. Don Alcock, Communication Manager, Coastal CRC, don.alcock@nrm.qld.gov.au, Ph: 61 7 3362 9373, Fx: 61 7 3362 9372, www.coastal.crc.org.au

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Make no mistake: your membership keeps EK going. It helps us to produce this newsletter. Even more important, we must keep up our membership to continue to qualify as a Charitable Organisation.

We rely on donations: to help us meet expenses and further our campaigns and projects:–

- **campaigns** such as keeping the west Kimberley free from broadscale irrigated agriculture and landclearing; keeping our rivers running free and healthy; protecting our fragile coastlines and unique marine environment; supporting the joint management of conservation lands; and supporting development that is appropriate, that provides employment for local people and doesn't harm the Kimberley environment
- **projects** that increase our knowledge of the Kimberley natural environment; that help us restore areas that are degraded; that raise people's awareness of the region's natural treasures and the activities that threaten them; that help us work better with government and industry; and that protect our unique and endangered wildlife

Tax deductible donations: As a Charitable Organisation we can offer a tax deductible receipt to everyone who donates money to us.

Membership fees to rise: Owing to the increased costs of printing our newsletter, we must raise our membership fees on July 1st to \$20 for one year, \$50 for three years. **HOWEVER,** If you renew your membership before the end of June, you will get it at the old rate of \$15.

Renew your memberships: Please take a moment to ring the office and we can renew your membership over the phone, or fill in the form on the back of the newsletter and mail or fax it to us. We look forward to hearing from you.

Feedback: EK belongs to its members. Please let us know what you think of our current program and whether there is anything else you think we should be doing to *Save the Nature of the Kimberley*.

Thank you for your support.

Environs Kimberley Management Committee