



ABOVE: Richard Trigwell, Terry Hales, Brenda Trigwell Outstanding Service Award

BELOW: Norm and Gwen Cole, Laurie and Colleen Melling, Ian Ulyatt, Volunteer of the Year Visitor Services Centre



## Seaweeek's SOS

CALM, along with Underwater World and the Department of Marine and Harbours, co-sponsored Seaweeek '92, which had the theme "Marine Parks - Saving Our Seas".

Seaweeek is an annual

by Terry Goodlich

more. Demonstrations such as flare and life raft display, air sea rescue (with RAAF and Police Air Wing helicopters) and CALM whale

try, which was well received. Each day, the Fisheries Department held talks on "Fishing for the Future". Events were closed with a fly-over by RAAF planes, and a Beach Ball held at Underwater World.

# Volunteer of the year awards

LAST year more than 900 Western Australians volunteered to work with CALM, in duties as diverse as working as guides in marine parks and as research assistants on remote islands.

Nine of these volunteers were presented with Volunteer of the Year awards by Environment Minister Bob Pearce last month.

Mr Pearce also awarded outstanding service certificates and Certificates of Appreciation to other CALM volunteers.

"People do not volunteer in order to win awards or receive recognition," Mr Pearce said.

"But it is vital that we recognise the very valuable contribution they make to the community. I am sure volunteers derive a tremendous amount of enjoyment from what they do and a great sense of satisfaction. It also attracts the type of person who wants to do something worthwhile in areas that concern them.

"Too often it is easier to sit back and criticise what is or is not being done for the environment, rather than doing something positive about it," he said.

"I want to offer my thanks to these people and all the other volunteers in Western Australia who have made the effort, and who have taken up the challenge to physically do something them-

selves to better the environment in this State."

Mr Pearce said volunteers, working alongside CALM staff and on their own, ensured that projects could progress faster and services could be provided to the public that would not otherwise be available.

### Four million

He said there were more than four million volunteers Australia-wide who provided essential services in the community, such as fighting fires, running emergency services and caring for injured wildlife.

Volunteer of the Year awards were presented to:

\* Ruth Bettenay for her work as a member of the Shoalwater Islands Marine Park Volunteer Guides;

\* Gwen and Norm Cole, Dawn and Noel Gillingham, Colleen and Laurie Melling and Ian Ulyatt, for their work as camp ground hosts at Cape Range National Park; and

\* Edwin 'Tanny' Robinson, for his work on the WA Marine Turtle project on islands west of Karratha.

Mr Pearce also awarded Outstanding Service Certificates to:

Richard and Brenda Trigwell, who have managed and cared for a number of reserves in WA, one of which bears their name, since the early 1950s; and Estelle Leyland, who

has worked on various projects including activity programs for national park visitors and collecting flora specimens for herbaria in the Pilbara and Kimberley.

Of the 900 people who worked for CALM as volunteers in 1990/91, many were students, retired peo-

ple, full or part-time workers and unemployed people.

Volunteers work in many areas within CALM, including wildlife management and research, forest research, wildflower garden management, coastal rehabilitation, park information and interpretation.

BELOW: Estelle Leyland, Terry Hales Outstanding Service Award



