

# Latest family walks book launched

PICTURED is Environment Minister Kevin Minson pointing out some of the natural features around Star Swamp to children from Halidon Primary School, Kingsley, and the chairman of the City of Stirling's Advisory Committee on the bushland, George Strickland, MLA, at the launch of CALM's latest publication, *Family Walks in Perth Outdoors*.

At the launch, Mr Minson said Western Australia had an amazing natural treasure trove that could only be conserved if people truly appreciated its beauty.

"If we have a better understanding of our natural environment, then we have a much better chance of ensuring we pass it on to our children in as good a condition as we inherited it," he said.

*Family Walks in Perth Outdoors* is part of CALM's wider Perth Outdoors program.

The book is a companion volume to *Perth Outdoors* released last year and covers 52 walks, ranging from just a few hundred metres to around 18 km of varying grades of difficulty.

Mr Minson paid tribute to the enthusiasm for the book among the 35 staff, volunteers, friends and relatives who walked every step of the walks.

He said their notes along with 'mud-maps' and other information on the natural environment, had been compiled into a very readable and informative book that would give local people and visitors alike an insight into Perth from a new perspective.

The publication also was extremely timely as next year WA would celebrate the International Year of the Family.

"This walks book is therefore a wonderful contribution towards the family and activities that families can enjoy together," he said.





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