

South Coast Region networks the networkers



Geraldton Networks Conference - Fitzgerald Biosphere Reserve Presenters: Angela Sanders, John Watson, Nathan McQuoid, Bill Lullfitz. Photo by Sue Patrick



Bookmark Biosphere Reserve Visitors from South Australia: Pamela Parker, Bruce Lambie, Stephanie Williams, Cythia Thiele, Mike Harper.

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A DIRECT result of networking - at a conference on networking - is that two research projects, one on ants and the other on bees, are being proposed for Fitzgerald River National Park (FRNP).

The aim of the Geraldton Networking Conference was to explore

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the role of networks at the local, regional, national and international level.

Making a major presentation at the Conference was a contingent from the South Coast Region, com-

prising regional manager John Watson, biosphere ecologist Angela Sanders, founder member of the Fitzgerald Biosphere Project, Bill Lullfitz, and FRNP ranger-in-charge Nathan McQuoid.

They spoke on the role of the Fitzgerald River National Park Biosphere Reserve in biological and

community networks.

Several conference participants commented that making the presentations as a group was a fine example of the high level of co-operation between the various parties involved in the Fitzgerald Biosphere Reserve Project.

A group of five South

Australian visitors, who had attended the workshop and field tours held at FRNP, reported below, also attended the Geraldton Networks Conference.

They were from the Bookmark Biosphere Reserve, an area comprising Danggali Conservation Park, the

former Calperum Pastoral Station, and other reserves on the Murray River system near Renmark.

The visitors were: Danggali Conservation Park manager Mike Harper, Calperum Pastoral Station manager Bruce Lambie, author of UNESCO/ANCA 1993 re-

view of Australia's Biosphere Reserves Pamela Parker. Travelling with the South Australians were two women from the Chicago Zoological Society in the USA, Stephanie Williams, a researcher into malleefowl, and Cynthia Thiele, a volunteer working at various locations in Bookmark.



