

# School bush garden a hit at City Beach Primary

A SEED of an idea has germinated and flowered into a native bush garden at City Beach Primary School.

The City Beach Bush Garden Project Team recently joined CALM to invite 54 metropolitan pri-

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mary school teachers, who had bought the booklet *Growing Local Plants for Education*, to a bush garden workshop at the school.

The booklet, written by CALM's metropolitan and south west land officer Robert Powell and Christina Lake, is a guide to planning and establishing a bush garden in a school environment.

The aim of the work-

shop was to provide the teachers and CALM staff with the opportunity to see a bush garden in a school setting and to listen to, and talk with people behind the City Beach project.

Teachers, parents, students and local consultant Robert Powell, who have made and continue to make the project a reality, gave an interesting account of the background of their project.

This was followed by a guided tour of the bush garden led by highly enthusiastic students, all members of the Bush Guardians Club at City Beach Primary School.

It was obvious that the children took great pride in their garden and their knowledge of the plant species and ecology of the garden was impressive.

The bush garden project is used across the school curricula for science projects, mathematical problem solving, creative writing, and media studies, to name only a few.

A video featuring the students explaining the establishment of their bush garden has been produced.

The school has won Greening Australia and Landcare awards for their projects.

*Growing Local Plants for Education* costs \$5 and is available from CALM's headquarters at 50 Hayman Road, Como. Phone (09) 334 0333.



Left to right, A pupil from City Beach Primary School, right, shows Mundaring forest officer Jamie Ridley and Dwellingup forest officer Grant Lamb around the bush garden. Photo by Fiona Marr

