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PRESENTATION OF THE 600TH SIGN

IT was a great occasion when the Dwarlaking Catchment Group in East Pingelly played host to Dr Judy Edwards, the Minister for the Environment and Heritage, as she presented 'LFW sign No 600' to the Gardner Family. In fact, since the whole Catchment Group has joined LFW, there were lots of signs to hand out! The Minister said that she was delighted to find that farmers were incorporating nature conservation actions into their property management and complimented the group on their initiative and enthusiasm.



Three generations of Gardners - Noeline, Darren, Chad, Brian, Dot and Gil - with Environment and Heritage Minister Dr Judy Edwards and their sign.

There were about 40 people present and among the other visitors were Keiran McNamara, the A/ Executive Director of CALM, and the President and CEO of Pingelly Shire, who are keen to incorporate biodiversity conservation into their Shire works programme. Ray Rigby talked about birds in the area, past and present. Peter Mawson explained about predator control and native fauna, and later the group decided to undertake coordinated fox baiting. To demonstrate what fauna could be expected to return to the Catchment, Howard Robinson of Pingelly Wildlife Retreat brought some of the animals that he currently has in care. The children were fascinated!



Tara Edwards holds a baby Tammar, supervised by Bev Giles of Pingelly Wildlife Retreat, while Bronte Marshall waits her turn. ▶



On the Gardner's property are several fenced patches of bushland in excellent condition - including a superb stand of Silver Mallet - so, to walk off the huge lunch, everyone went for a ramble. There was

tremendous excitement when Tammar tracks were seen! Give them the right conditions and native fauna will return!

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NEW BOOKS

Reflections on the Avon

Compiled by Sue Moore

Environmental Report Series 00-3, Murdoch University. 2000.

Free.

Contact Noella Ross on 9369 6076

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This little book brings together comments and photographs by landholders from Northam, York and Beverley about the 'special places' (especially the Avon River) on their land, and what they mean to each individual in creating a 'sense of place'. The result is an appreciation of the depth of feeling that long-term residents have for the river, coupled with regret for past activities and loss of river quality. If you know the Avon, you'll appreciate this book.

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Flora of Australia. Volumes 11A and 11B: Acacia

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These tomes are all you ever wanted to know about wattles - and then some. For serious plant people only!

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(Wildflower Society members - the society is offering its usual discounts, ring Barbara Backhouse at the Herbarium 9334 0500.)

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Lucy Turner helping Dr Edwards give out a sign.



The Minister for the Environment and Heritage, Dr. Judy Edwards, with the whole group.



Bronte Marshall, Dillon Marshall, Paige Turner and Tara Edwards watching an echidna dig.

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