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Climate Change

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Climatologist salutes town

BROOME is one of the most informed and energetic communities seen by climatologist and coastal geomorphologist associate Professor Peter Waterman, who visited the town last week for a climate change forum.

Professor Waterman said Broome was up there with the best of them as far as communities he had visited raising awareness about the possible impacts of climate change.

The climate change forum was hosted by Conservation Volunteers Australia (CVA) and Shell and was aimed at stimulating local discussion and action to help

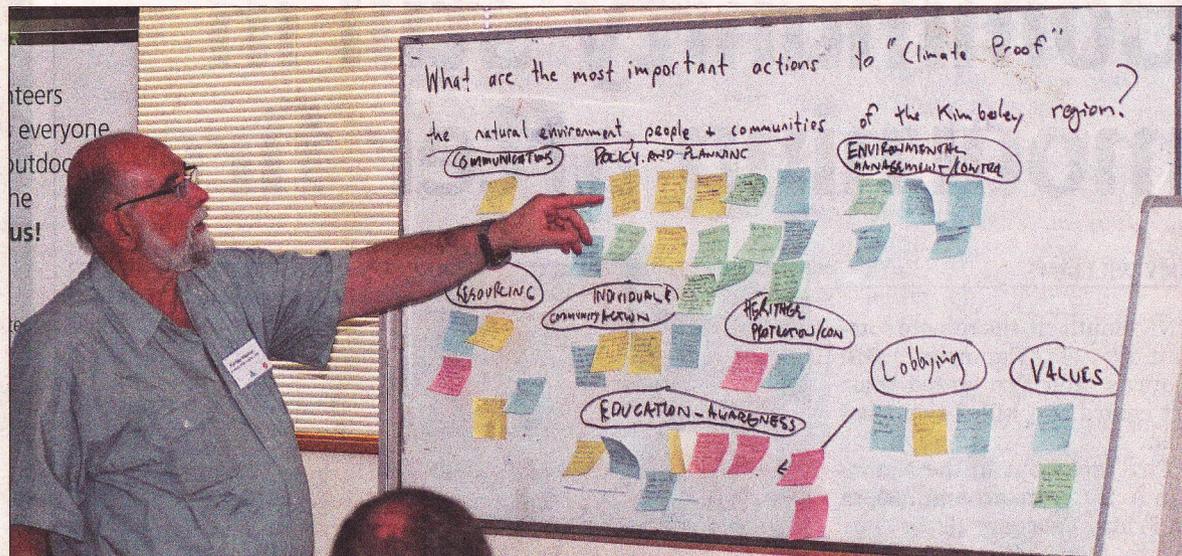
limit the impacts of climate change on the region.

Professor Waterman said it was welcoming for him to see so many people at the forum who held differing opinions on issues which they were very passionate about.

“There was a wonderful energy in the forum – it was an environment which allowed a full spectrum of opinion,” he said.

“You can do things as well or better in regional areas in an urban context – there’s less noise in the country so it’s easier to get things done.”

The forum also saw presentations from Shell and CVA and was



Associate Professor Peter Waterman discussing suggestions from the public at last week’s climate change forum.

the 15th forum hosted in the past 12 months with a further 10 planned for 2010.

Local guest speakers, including Nik Ward, Alan Gray, Vic Justice

and Jason and Tanvier Fowler, spoke at the forum about the effects of climate change and ways to prevent it.

Conservation Volunteers Aus-

tralia regional manager Kevin Smith hailed the forum as a success and said he was impressed with the number of people at the forum.

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