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weeds and showed examples of the damage they can cause, so that both groups will be able to keep a watchful eye for weedy plants. Hopefully, we can work towards creating a poster or other material specific to the area to raise awareness in the broader community about the impacts of weeds, and perhaps initiate a weed project in 2008.

A trip to the East Kimberley was also very productive, when the Community WEED met up with important weed contacts at DAF, DEC, SWEK, SEEKS & LCDC. Preliminary plans were put in place for the CWEED to work with SWEK

to update the East Kimberley Most Wanted weed poster. Additionally, CWEED will assist Miriuwung Gajerrong's Weeds and Waterways Ranger to develop material specific to communities.

There is rarely a slow day on the weed front, but if you have concerns about weeds or are interested in undertaking a weed project, give me a call at Ph: 91921922 or drop me a line to [ekweeds@environskimberley.org.au](mailto:ekweeds@environskimberley.org.au)

Cheers,

Louise

## Roebuck Bay Working Group wins WA Coastal Award for 'Outstanding Community Group Effort'.

**Professor David Wood presents Kandy Curran and Neil McKenzie from the Roebuck Bay Working Group with the 2007 State Coastal Award for 'Outstanding Group Effort'.**

Roebuck Bay Working Group members were thrilled to win the 2007 WA Coastal Award for 'Outstanding Community Group Effort'. The award recognizes the outstanding efforts of the Roebuck Bay Working Group (RBWG) in building local capacity to care for Roebuck Bay, Broome. The group is a collaboration of environment groups, Traditional Owners, Government agencies, industry groups, community organisations, local government and volunteers, with the Secretariat position hosted by the Kimberley Land Council. The RBWG is working to achieve sustainable management of Roebuck Bay, a tropical marine embayment highly valued for its cultural and natural heritage.

Yawuru Traditional Owner Neil McKenzie and RBWG Secretary Kandy Curran accepted the award on behalf of the RBWG at the WA State Coastal Awards in Denmark on November 1<sup>st</sup> 2007.

'The award is a fantastic endorsement for the RBWG, who have been involved in a collaborative management planning process to restore and maintain Roebuck Bay since 2004,' Ms Curran said. 'Roebuck Bay Working Group's success is based on a commitment to community, Traditional Owner involvement and ownership, and dedication to building local capacity to care for the natural and cultural heritage of Roebuck Bay.'

It is hoped that the award will raise the profile of Roebuck Bay and help attract much needed funding to achieve the



RBWG's aims for 2008: to develop a values-based management plan for Roebuck Bay that is strongly supported by the Broome community.

The management planning work recognised in the State Coastal Award includes a *Values Mapping* process for Roebuck Bay undertaken in 2004 and the development of an *Issues Paper* and *Interim Management Guidelines*, finalized in 2007. These processes identified Crab Creek as a priority planning area and in 2008 a values-based management plan will be developed for the Crab Creek area of Roebuck Bay.

*Environs Kimberley is a founding member of the Roebuck Bay Working Group*

## WALK AGAINST WARMING 2007

**The annual nationwide Walk Against Warming, Australia's largest community day of action on climate change, was held this year on 11<sup>th</sup> November.**

WAW provides an opportunity for Australians to voice their concerns about climate change and urge the government to take their calls for greater action on climate change seriously.

The Broome event was held at Cable Beach, beginning with an address by event organisers, Jacqui Remond and Karla McKenzie, as well as local young traditional owner, Erica Spry. The message was about how our combined efforts to reduce unnecessary energy consumption can contribute to the total reduction of dangerous carbon emissions, as well as why it is so important

for us to join together to put pressure on the government to set serious targets to reduce carbon emissions for Australia.

Cable Beach provided a beautiful backdrop for the event, and after the address the group took a walk along the beach, proudly displaying the banner, 'Climate Action Now', designed and painted by a dedicated group of students from Broome Primary School. With this unique and pristine view we were reminded of just how important it is for all of us to unite and take action against climate change before it is too late.

The Walk was a huge success and a real community event, with a diverse range of community members turning out and braving the harsh Broome heat so early on a Sunday morning. The event was well supported by the community: the 85 people joining the walk in Broome contributed to a 115,000-strong voice Australia-wide. A huge congratulations to all of those who took part. With such a loud voice there is no doubt that Australia's united calls for action will be heard.

*Karla McKenzie*