

Signs of significance on show

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THE significance of natural features along Crab Creek Road is now better signposted thanks to the efforts of traditional owners and local environmental groups.

Three new signs have been installed along the road by the Department of Environment and Conservation and include a map and information about facilities in the Crab Creek area along with rules for accessing Roebuck Bay and native title land.

The area includes wetlands of international importance officially declared in 1990 and both listed and unlisted Aboriginal cultural sites.

The signage has been installed as one in a series of projects involving partners such as the Kimberley Land Council, Environs Kimberley and Rubibi traditional owners.

Roebuck Bay Working Group secretariat Kandy Curran said



SIGN OF THE TIMES: Roebuck Bay Working Group secretariat Kandy Curran (second from right) with traditional owners Susan Gilbert, Elsie Edgar and Thelma Saddler.

the signage would play an important role in raising awareness about the cultural and environmental importance of Roebuck Bay at a time when the natural feature was coming

under increasing pressure from Broome's rapid growth.

The working group – a body formed in 2004 by traditional owners, stakeholders and volunteers – is carrying out a manage-

ment plan for the Crab Creek area. Interpretive signage has also been installed in the past at the Broome Bird Observatory and a nearby birdwatching platform overlooking the bay.