

17-12-09 Walk against warming

Walkers feel blue

Blue shoelaces may have been the get-up of choice for many of the 90,000 people across Australia taking part in the Walk Against Warming last weekend, but for Broome-locals blue face paint, singlet tops and thongs were the more appropriate attire. On Saturday more than 100 people took to Reddell Beach wearing blue to help raise awareness of global climate change. The annual Walk Against Warming day was organised to coincide with the Copenhagen Climate Change summit in Denmark. **Full story page 3**



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Beach turns healthy shade of blue

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REDELLE Beach was coated in blue last Saturday, but not from the waters of the Indian Ocean. A group of more than 100 walkers were out in force frocked up in blue to raise awareness of climate change. Coinciding with the Copenhagen Climate Conference the annual Walk Against Warming day was organised by Environs Kimberley.

Event organiser Christine Elsasser said the day had been a big success with a solid group of people braving the warm weather to help raise awareness.

"The walk is part of a global day of action on climate change which has been happening since 2005," she said.

"We're calling for strong and urgent action from our world leaders - we also want everyone to think about climate change as well even if it means turning off lights or walking to work."

Ms Elsasser said Reddell Beach had been chosen as the site of the walk because of its significance to local people.

"We asked people to wear something blue, blue is the colour of a healthy atmosphere and around the world people will be wearing blue shoe laces - we even had some people out in blue face paint," she said.

"Shoelaces aren't very practical in Broome so we just wanted people to wear anything blue."



Participants dressed in blue at last weekend's Walk Against Warming walk at Reddell Beach.