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Astronomer Greg Quicke and Gordon Marshall of the radio station during the event. Pictures: Sobrane Simcock

entertainment, using big screens and lasers. Extensive understanding of the universe developed from years of studying the movements of the stars, the sun and the moon's influence on the tides has spent many moons studying the stars.

Heritage is focus of celebration at beach

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CELEBRATING Roebuck Bay's heritage through education, music and activities was the focus last week for more than 400 people at Celebrate the Bay.

The event, hosted by the Roebuck Bay Working Group and the Department of Environment and Conservation, has previously been organised at DEC.

This year organisers held the event at Town Beach to make it more "community-friendly and interactive".

Community members spent the day discovering the "untold story" of Roebuck Bay through music as they listened to the lyrics of Stephen Pigram's songs about the bay including black kites, lustrous pearls and blue bone soup.

Passionate and enthused speakers engaged the audience and youngsters by giving talks on the bay's dinosaur herds, its migratory shorebirds, the plethora of invertebrates inhabiting the mudflats, and the seagrass that nurtures young fish and prawns.

Organisers also gave informa-



Roebuck Bay Working Group project co-ordinator Kandy Curran with two photo competition winners, Roger Grohmann and Fiona Bishop with her son Jace West. Picture: Nicola Kalmar

tive talks on preventing algal blooms in the bay, coral and dolphin research under way at Cygnet Bay's new Kimberley Marine Research Station and how the bay is managed.

A dolphin sighting and photo

competition was also launched, with winners Roger Grohmann, Fiona Bishop and Miranda Curran taking out the prizes which included a special publication on migratory shorebirds by wildlife photographer Jan Van De Kam.

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