



Scientific research empowers

LETTER OF THE WEEK

As a former northern Australian science teacher, I'm really impressed with the efforts of Nyamba Buru Yawuru and the Roebuck Bay Working Group, which have been funding original science research in the local area, which otherwise may never have been done.

I refer to Dr Vic Seminiuk's talk on the formation of Roebuck Bay, its soils, groundwater and vegetation through time and changing climate in his baseline research of the area.

However, in my view, the most important thing he did was to involve the local Yawuru people in this project by training them to collect, test and enter data on Excel for ongoing monitoring.

The latter is significant in the face of Budget cuts to science research.

Similarly, the Roebuck Bay Working Group (*Broome Advertiser* p14, 12/6), with their UWA-sponsored research on toxic algal blooms, also trained rangers for their study and for future monitoring.

RBWG has raised science's profile in our community too with their school project and series of research talks.

Such relevant education not only empowers and inspires individuals, but also those who have the responsibility to manage their land wisely.

These projects combine traditional skills and knowledge with scientific management techniques to better understand cause and effect in a changing environment.

Ann Comino, Broome

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STREET TALK What are your plans for the school holidays?



We are on holiday in Broome for a week.
Charlie Hunter, 3, Gold Coast



We are staying in Broome for 10 days and we will go fishing, visit the crocodile park and go to the races.
Reuben Norton, 10, Gold Coast



I am going to Sun Pictures, look for hermit crabs on the beach and ride a camel.
Asher Norton, 4, Gold Coast



I am going kayaking, fishing and going to Cable Beach.
Jack Davey, 10, Perth



I'm going to swim, ride a camel and go to the crocodile park.
Ruby Dale, 6, Busselton

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