

Book showcases Brixton wetlands



Friends of Brixton Street volunteers are working to educate the community about the wetlands in Kenwick. Photograph — Aaron Van Rongen.

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Since the launch of their book on February 8 detailing 30 years of urban environmental volunteering in WA the Friends of Brixton Street Wetlands in Kenwick have continued working tirelessly to educate the public about the area.

Titled Friends of Brixton Street Wetlands Kenwick, Glimpses and Insights the book took three years to write and serves as a guide to the wetlands.

Brixton Street Wetlands convenor Regina Drummond has been involved with the group since 1987 and said she hoped people would read the book and learn more about the wetlands.

She said the wetlands were home to 360 different types of plants as well as rare flora and fauna.

"It is very special," she said.

"To think it is right in the middle of such an urban place, we are just thrilled to have an area like this."

Ms Drummond said the Brixton Street Wetlands were a whole other world filled with serenity and beauty.

"One can only dream of this place long ago when there were no roads, fences or

drains," she said.

"When the water moved freely over the whole area and the place would have been buzzing with the calls of hundreds of different birds and a variety of animals.

"Even today it is a serene environment with hovering dragonflies, erupting fungi, foraging insects and the beautiful blue sky."

Book author and Cur-

tin University lecturer Subas Dhakal was a group member and kept a photographic record of species within the reserve, which found their way into the book.

"I hope that this book will be useful to a wider audience," he said.

For more information or to get a copy of the book visit friendsofbrixtonstreetwetlands.org.au.

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