

# 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY FEATURE

## NATURAL HERITAGE



### AUSTRALIA'S IBRA BIOREGIONS

The systematic development of a comprehensive, adequate and representative National Reserve System rests on a bioregional framework.

The Australian land mass is divided into 85 bioregions. Each bioregion is a large geographically distinct area of similar climate, geology, landform, vegetation and animal communities. For example, the Australian Alps, the Nullabor Plain and the Wet Tropics are distinct bioregions.



The bioregions are described in a bioregional map, the Interim Biogeographic Regionalisation for Australia (IBRA). IBRA is the National Reserve System's planning framework, the fundamental tool for identifying land for conservation. IBRA is a more refined and detailed subset of the global ecoregions.

Find more about IBRA Australia's 85 bioregions at [www.environment.gov.au/parks/nrs/science/pubs/map9.pdf](http://www.environment.gov.au/parks/nrs/science/pubs/map9.pdf)

### FRENCH CONNECTION COMPLETED

Following her arrival in May, Claire Cellier worked on drafting a sustainable tourism strategy paper for the National Trust. Claire had identified the National Trust as her chosen employer, (as a volunteer) to complete her university studies in tourism. During Claire's three months with the Trust she explored the south west, metropolitan area, York, Beverley and Arthur River properties, to gain an insight into the opportunities available to the Trust for sustainable tourism operations.

Claire presented an outline of the project then drafted the strategy which is now being considered for guiding the Trust's way forward.

As a student representative, Claire conducted herself well as an ambassador for future international student opportunities within the Trust.



Claire Cellier with Alan Briggs at Perth International Airport.

### TREEMISSION® LAUNCHED



Kerry Sanderson and Alan Briggs with treemission poster at 100th Rotary International Conference in Birmingham UK. National Trust WA.

treemission® is a National Trust initiative which was developed in partnership with Rotary International District 9450 in Western Australia and launched in Birmingham (UK) at the 100th Rotary International Conference by DK Lee (International Rotary President) and Kerry Sanderson (WA Agent General in London). Alan Briggs, Manager – Natural Heritage attended the conference and staffed a booth promoting treemission®.

The treemission® program provides members of Rotary International District 9450 and the wider community with the opportunity to offset carbon emissions associated with meetings, events and daily activities, while contributing to on-ground environmental outcomes. Using the combined experience and expertise of Carbon Neutral and the National Trust of Australia (WA), Rotarian and community members' contributions will be used to plant trees for carbon sequestration, land rehabilitation and habitat extension.

treemission® aims to provide a means for members of Rotary International District 9450 and the wider community, to offset carbon emissions from meetings, events and daily activities; develop an income stream to support tree planting for carbon sequestration and land rehabilitation; engage Indigenous families and communities in land management; strategically select land for planting to maximise environmental outcomes; and promote environmental awareness and responsibility.

While many educational projects will be implemented by local rotary clubs and schools, larger scale commercial land rehabilitation projects are also planned for the south west of Western Australia to address over-clearing, erosion and salinity that are impacting on the natural environment.