



Book assists culture and language teaching

A BOOK to improve understanding between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians was launched in the Goldfields yesterday.

Called "Yilpanha Tjapirku Thukurpa" (Goanna and lizard dreaming story) it tells why the goanna and the lizard are no longer friends – in both English and Wangkatha.

Accompanying the book is a CD which reads the story to make pronunciation easier for school students.

Organised by the Wangkanyi Ngurra Tjunta (Aboriginal Corporation Language and Culture Centre) the centre was inspired to publish the book with help from Heron Resources.

Yilpanha Tjapirku Thukurpa project manager and Language Centre teacher

Silvano Fasolo said two new titles were already in production.

"The whole idea was to assist culture and language teaching in schools," Mr Fasolo said.

"There are very, very few resources actually produced."

Heron became involved after managing director Ian Buchhorn chose to print the story in the company's 2005 annual report.

Mr Buchhorn approached Rotary assistant district governor Esther Roadnight who helped get the book to print.

Schools throughout the Goldfields learn indigenous languages in some language classes.



Successful launch: Jean McKenzie, Matt Longworth, Nerida Glanfield, Esther Roadnight and Barbara McGillivray with a poster presented to the William Grundt Memorial Library.