



UPPER SPENCER GULF COMMON PURPOSE GROUP

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Members of the Upper Spencer Gulf Common Purpose Group attended the release of a new book on the natural history of the Spencer Gulf, launched by Regional Development Minister and Member for Frome, Geoff Brock.

The book, "Natural History of Spencer Gulf" highlights the discovery and use of the Spencer Gulf over the past 200 years and was the culmination of five years work by over 60 South Australian marine and social scientists.

Published by the Royal Society of South Australia, the book was supported by OneSteel Whyalla Steelworks/Arrium Mining, Santos, the Government of South Australia, COOE Pty Ltd, Environmental Projects, Social and Ecological Assessment and Whyalla Diving Services.

Executive Officer of the Upper Spencer Gulf Common Purpose Group, Anita Crisp praised the comprehensive nature of the study.

"The book looks at the Gulf's history including its physical characteristics, oceanography, marine plants and animals and commercial and recreational fisheries, but also future challenges of marine pollution, the impact of climate change and industrial development on the gulf", said Ms Crisp.

"The Upper Spencer Gulf is on the cusp of exciting economic future", says Ms Crisp. "This book helps us better understand our past and provides a valuable resource to help make informed decisions for the future".

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Upper Spencer Gulf Group representatives Claire Wiseman, Anita Crisp and Lucy Kennewell and Minister for Regional Development, Hon Geoff Brock attended the launch of the "Natural History of Spencer Gulf" in Adelaide recently. Absent from the photo, but also attending the launch was Whyalla Mayor, Jim Pollock

