



# Locals uncover nightlife

HE doesn't wear a fancy costume or a mask and he doesn't have an assistant called Robin but Joe Tonga is a real batman and is regarded as an expert on these curious creatures of the night.

He was the obvious choice to supervise the first nature walk at the Satterley Property

Group's Austin Cove Estate in South Yunderup last week.

Twenty five residents gathered to catch a glimpse of the Austin Cove nightlife during the 90-minute walk.

The expedition highlighted the hundreds of species of living creatures that inhabit the Peel

Inlet.

"We heard lots of creatures of the night including bats that we picked up with a special bat detector," walk organiser Lorien Doherty said.

"We also spotted a bush rat and saw and heard hundreds of frogs."

The children who

attended were given glow sticks to help illuminate the area.

Apart from his affinity with bats Mr Tonga has an extensive knowledge of wildlife in general and is often engaged by local councils as an environmental consultant.



**Up close:** Joe Tonga unearths the wildlife during the night tour at Austin Cove Estate.