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# OWEN'S SEND-OFF

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Owen Loneragan was given a grand send off from the Forests Department last Friday (29th June) with a barbeque luncheon at Como.

Surrounded by wellwishers, Owen and his wife Joan were later presented with two sandalwood bowls hand crafted by Frank Serafini, and a special collection of reference books.

To mark the occasion, Bruce Beggs also invited Owen to plant a sandalwood tree adjacent to the Research Compound.

Owen's forest involvement spans 33 years and he was the only remaining professional officer with active war time experience ( RAAF in England).

After starting with the Health Department, Owen returned from the war to study at U.W.A. During vacation employment in the S.W. Owen decided to make forestry his career. He worked at Gleneagle and Dwellingup (until 1957) on Jarrah growth research, and at Pemberton and Manjimup (until 1967) studying Karri seedling regeneration and silviculture.

- 1 Owen and June unwrap the presentation sandalwood bowls.
- 2 Roger Underwood (L) and Bruce Beggs assisted at the planting of the young sandalwood.
- 3 Andrew Cribb (Publications) and Tammie Reid (Education) line up for a piece of the 'farewell' cake.

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▲ The ceremonial burning of the 'steak' and downing of the 'tinny'.

In 1967 Owen was transferred to the new Como Forest Research Institute, from where he has been involved in sandalwood research, and vegetation studies concerned with the System Six Report and the Conservation of inland woodlands.

One of Owen's last major tasks (with Ian Abbott) has been the assembly and publication of a review of the Department's early jarrah research.

Owen said that he has not, in fact, retired - simply changed the venue for his work. With his particular concerns for people and the environment that is not hard to believe.

## Can you help ?

Mr Robert Kidd of the Pemberton District High School is trying to trace Mr Charlie Hamilton, one time employee of the Forests Department in Pemberton. If you can help please contact Mr Kidd at the High School.

David Rowe at Busselton (F.D.) is researching the early history of the Tuart Forest. If you have any information concerning the early aboriginals' life style, or photographs of the early Forests Department work (the cadet school in particular), please get in touch with David. Phone Busselton (097) 521677.

## RESEARCH & MANAGEMENT GET TOGETHER

Over 140 forest researchers and forest users came together for the Research for Forest Management Conference held in Canberra in May.

The aim was to encourage forest managers to tell forest researchers about their findings and needs, and vice versa, with emphasis on a continuing feedback rather than just for the few days of the Conference.

Organizers at CSIRO Forest Research were disappointed at the poor response from managers in the line up at Registration - the ratio was roughly two to one.

Nevertheless those managers who did come gave some indication as to why their colleagues had stayed away. The gap between the two groups - researchers and managers - emerged as largely sociological, with 'jargon overkill' from researchers not helping the situation. The language barrier is evidently a serious hindrance to dialogue - both in setting it up and continuing it.

In his opening address, Professor Eric Bachelard pointed out that an understanding of the biology of the resource we are working with is fundamental to the long-term management and future health of our forests. This made the Research for Forest Management Conference both timely and important.

Proceedings editors Joe Landsberg and Wendy Parsons aim to have the book of the Conference out by September.

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# Safety

## PEOPLE



June Ellis (R) and Leonie Burns took ▲ time-out this week to check-over the Department's up-dated poster series.

A fresh new face from the Department of Community Welfare, June is taking over Leonie's switchboard duties at Como Headquarters. Leonie will later move downstairs to help Jennifer Burgess at the front counter.

The new posters are now available from the front counter in sets of five (\$10 public, \$7 employees) or on requisition from stores branch.

Printed with a linen finish, the posters (750 x 900 mm) are of Karri at Boranup; Jarrah and Marri near Nannup; Boabs in the Kimberley s; Gimlet at Trayning, and Mangroves on the N.W. coast. They feature the photography of Cliff Winfield.

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Sue and Craig Letica (accounts Como) are proud parents at last. Their baby daughter, Melissa-Sue (7lb 5oz), arrived on 29 June at the Swan District Hospital. Sue and Melissa-Sue are both well and Craig has put a cigar in everybody's pay envelope this week.

A great way to end the financial year !

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And just for the 'Record', Kim and Trevor McGill (Como) also have a new daughter (6lb 7oz). Bella-Amanda was born at the Armadale/Kelmscott Memorial Hospital on Sunday, 1 July, and all's well.

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We heard from Mrs White this week. Barney White is home from hospital and is quietly regaining his strength with walks in the fresh air.

Accident free records are growing as surely as the trees - and that is good news.

Arthur Kesners and Tom Wood are still collecting all the figures together for their annual tally, but three groups have each recently completed another year free of 'lost time' mishaps.

On 10 May Narrogin clocked-up another 12 months, and in late May the Communications Branch and the H.Q. Maintenance Group completed their second successive years within a day of each other.

Dave Evans and Peter Hewitt presented the Como Awards at a small celebration on 21st June.

Jarrahdale and Kelmscott I & P worked together to complete three 'free' years on 16th of June. There are 51 people in the group and their awards will be presented as soon as the arrangements can be made.

Who's next ?

## SEE YOU BILL

William Henry is the name  
Though it gets cut down to Bill  
And Forestry has been his game  
But now he's had his fill  
We're going to see him off with class  
To Retirement - he can't wait  
So come on down and lift a glass  
To Bill Tame, our noisy mate

The Sunklands just won't be the same  
It's going to be so hush  
No more to hear the voice of Bill  
As it echoes from the hush  
Come-on now, don't let it pass  
That sure would be a shame  
Join us all down at the Vasse,  
To say, 'Farewell Bill Tame'

(D.A.B.)

Date: 17.8.84 Time: 5pm  
Venue: Vasse Hotel - Timbertop (Duchess Street entrance. )  
Cost: \$6 per head - covers some drink, some tucker and gift.  
Dress: 'Tame'd Ties' A La Xmas 1978 (optional).  
R.S.V.P. to D. Bottrill, Busselton by 14.8.1984.

THE BILL TAME RETIREMENT PARTY

I will be attending this function on August, 17th 1984.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
Please detach and return to D. Bottrill, Forests Department, Busselton.



# PINES FOR FARMS



Neil Barr

A New Zealand farmer will be guest speaker at a public seminar on pine planting at Manjimup on Wednesday, 11 July.

In a statement to the Press last week, the Minister assisting the Minister for Forests, Dave Evans, said Neil Barr was a founding member of the New Zealand Farm Forestry Association with 40 years' experience in growing trees.

Mr Barr is visiting Western Australia at the invitation of the Forests Department who had support from the W A Chip and Pulp Co. and the Rural and Allied Industries Council.

Mr Evans said the Government had decided to hold a seminar because of the continued controversy over the proposed planting of pines in the District.

He said the seminar was not intended as a forum to debate policies but as a briefing to the community on the benefits and effects of pine planting.

Economic studies at the University of Western Australia have shown that growing pines in the Manjimup District could be more profitable in the long term than grazing sheep or cattle.

Mr Evans said that because of a lack of experience in growing pines, Manjimup farmers were understandably concerned about how growing trees for profit could be integrated with existing farm practices.

He said the seminar would outline such aspects as agroforestry, growing and marketing pines, livestock management under pines, and fire control management.

The seminar will be held at the Manjimup Hotel from 9.30 am to 5.00 pm.

# TERMINAL TALK

The following major events occurred in Computer Services during May.

The Perkin Elmer computer was available for 98.0% of the attended time in May. This was only just adequate. The majority of the down time was caused by a scheduled 3 monthly maintenance check.

The data communications network suppliers have continued to work on the network problem that occurs when terminals are operating at full speed. No solution has been identified as yet although several alternatives have been investigated. The network is being 'tuned' to run the terminals as fast as possible without the problem occurring.

The first computer awareness training session was conducted in Busselton Division and was very well received. This session will be repeated in other Divisions and at Headquarters in the coming months.

Several meetings were held to discuss work required to improve the Weather Forecast/Fire Behaviour and Fire Suppression systems. The first of this work began in May.

Mr P Rebakis has concluded an examination of several "Fourth Generation Language" products to improve the productivity of Computer Services staff and Research staff writing programmes. The Perkin Elmer Reliance system was chosen and training courses are being organized.

The availability of Reliance on the Forests Department computer was increased from 2/4/84. It is available from 8.30 am to 4.30 pm on Mondays and Fridays and all day and night after 8.30 am on Tuesdays to Thursdays.

The MTM system is normally available at all times except for Monday 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm. Every 6 weeks it is not available 4.30 pm to 9.00 pm on Mondays.

Users wishing to use Reliance or MTM on Monday night should check with the computer operators beforehand.

The computer may not be available at some other times due to special maintenance. Users will be advised in advance, but if the timing is particularly inconvenient contact the computer operators to see if it can be changed.

Trevor Morgan.