



**Mr P J McNamara —
Acting Conservator of Forests**

Mr Patrick John McNamara was born in Newark, Nottinghamshire, on 10 November 1926.

He was educated in England and graduated with an Honours Degree in Forestry in 1950 at Oxford University where he attended Brasenose College in 1943/4 and 1947-50.

Between 1944 and 1947 he served with the Royal Marines.

In 1950 he worked with the British Forestry Commission (North East England Conservancy) and he joined the Forests Department of W.A. in 1953.

Mr McNamara's early service with the Department included a short period on research and duties as Working Plans Officer at both Manjimup and Perth. In 1959 he became Divisional Forest Officer at Pemberton and moved again to Manjimup in

1961. In 1964 he became Working Plans Officer at Head Office.

Following promotion to Superintendent, Northern Region in 1967 he subsequently became Chief of Division, Operations, 1969; Assistant Conservator, Operations, 1973; Deputy Conservator, 1976.

On 22 March 1983 Mr McNamara assumed his responsibilities as Acting Conservator.

His main professional interests are forest planning and management.

Mr McNamara is an occasional lecturer in forest management at the Australian National University and is also a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Management.

His spare time activities include farming, woodwork and community affairs.



The Honourable Brian Thomas Burke, M.L.A.

Premier and Cabinet

Treasurer, Minister Co-ordinating Economic and Social Development, and Minister for Forests, Tourism and Women's Interests.

Western Australia's twenty-third Premier, the Honourable Brian Thomas Burke, M.L.A., was sworn into office on 25 February 1983 — his thirty-sixth birthday.

Mr Burke's interest in politics developed at an early age. He joined the Western Australian Branch of the Labor Party when he was sixteen and subsequently occupied various senior positions including those of Trustee, member of the State Executive, member of the Administrative Committee and member of the Electoral Committee.

Brian Burke was born and educated in Perth. He matriculated in 1964, and later studied Law and Economics part-time at the University of Western Australia.

In 1969, he joined commercial radio station 6PM Perth as a journalist and then embarked on a career in television journalism with the commercial station TVW Channel 7.

Mr Burke extended his interest in politics when he decided to contest a by-election for the seat of Balcatta in the Legislative Assembly of the Western Australian Parliament on 28 July 1973. He won the by-election by only thirty votes, but retained the seat easily in subsequent State Elections in 1974, 1977, 1980 and 1983.

Mr Tonkin's Labor Government was defeated in the 1974 election and, in 1976, Mr Burke was appointed a Shadow Minister. In this role he was Opposition spokesman at various times for Housing, Water Resources, Consumer Affairs and matters relating to the office of Chief Secretary.

On 18 September 1981 he was elected Leader of the State Parliamentary Labor Party, succeeding the Hon. Ron Davies, M.L.A., and at the State Elections on 19 February 1983 led the Australian Labor Party to Government in Western Australia.

An accomplished speaker and a skilled debater, the Premier is a dedicated Parliamentarian and has represented the Western Australian Parliament at meetings of the British Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

He and his wife, the former Susanne May Nevill, whom he married in 1965, have three sons and two daughters. They live in the Perth suburb of Balga in the Premier's electorate.

Mr Burke is actively associated with many of the State's ethnic groups and organizations.



The Honourable Hywel David Evans, B.A., M.L.A.

Minister for Agriculture, and Fisheries and Wildlife and Minister assisting the Minister for Forests.

The Hon. David Evans was born in South Wales on 20 December 1924 and migrated to Western Australia with his parents when he was two years of age.

After service with the Royal Australian Airforce during World War II, Mr Evans entered Claremont Teachers' College, graduating in 1946. He gained his Arts Degree from the University of Western Australia after part-time study while employed as a teacher.

He was Deputy Headmaster of Pemberton Junior High School 1958-63, and Senior Master at Manjimup Senior High School 1963-67.

From 1956 to 1962 he was President of the Pemberton Branch of the Australian Labor Party and was a member of the State Executive of the A.L.P. from 1967-71, and convener of the Labor Party's Rural and Agriculture Committee 1968-71.

Mr Evans was elected to the seat of Warren in the Legislative Assembly at the 1968 election and has held the seat continuously since then.

Following the election of the Tonkin Labor Government in 1971 Mr Evans was elected to Cabinet and was allocated the Lands, Agriculture and Immigration portfolios.

In the October 1971 re-allocation of portfolios, he was given the additional Ministry of Forests.

Mr Evans was Deputy Leader of the State Parliamentary Labor Party in 1979-80 and 1981-82, and was Opposition spokesman on Agriculture from 1974-1983.

Following the 19 February 1983 State Election Mr Evans was again elected to Cabinet, with the Ministerial portfolios of Agriculture, and Fisheries and Wildlife, and Minister assisting the Minister for Forests.

Mr Evans was married in 1951 and lives with his wife in Manjimup. They have one adult son and two adult daughters.