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IN THE GUV'S HAND



Murray Broadbent (Manjimup) was one of six young men to receive awards recently in the Safety Apprentice of the Year competition.

The awards were presented by the Governor, Professor Gordon Reid, at the official opening of Work Safety Week.

Murray won the Mt. Newman Mining Company award for the best entry from the metal trades. He won a trip to Mt. Newman's iron-ore operations as well as a certificate.

At the ceremony to watch the presentation were Murray's proud mother and father (Dave also works in the workshop at Manjimup), his supervisor Geoff Pears, Chris Muller, Arthur Kesners and Bruce Beggs.

The competition is run annually to promote safety in the workplace.

Murray Broadbent with the Governor, Professor Reid.

New faces

There are two new faces at the Mapping Branch in Como.

Loretta Nutini is the first arrival from the National Parks Authority, where she has been involved in general mapping, brochure production and drafting for the last four years.

Daryl Peacock has had four year's experience in structures drafting with the B.M.A. and will now be involved with general mapping and drafting.

The Wildlife accounts staff are expected to arrive at Como around mid March.

A LETTER

(Original to the Premier)

I write to pay tribute to the Officers of the Forestry Department of Western Australia.

On the 9th of January, with a shade temperature of over 40°C, a major fire broke out on a farming property between the State forests and our own private pine plantation in the Collie Hills near Burekup. It was extremely worrying, and our plantation came under immediate threat.

Within two minutes of us noticing the fire, the Forests Department spotting plane had radioed in its exact location. We were having a great deal of trouble controlling it when we were joined by major fire fighting units from the Forests Department at Collie under the control of John McKenzie and Jim Raper. It reminded me greatly of how the Department reacted during the Cyclone Alby disaster - effective radio communication was in operation and the units were quickly marshalled into the correct position. In the words of Jerry Rose, the farmer in charge of the local Voluntary Fire Brigade, the men placed themselves in positions of risk beyond the call of duty.

Mr. Raper assessed the problem and immediately instructed his men that the first priority was the pines. Fortunately, the wind dropped and this assisted the operation which had by then been joined by Jim Ponsonby, the District Liaison Officer of the Regional Bush Fire Board and his men and a large number of farmers. The fire was stopped on a creek just below our plantation.

The men showed coolness, courage and excellent organisation in a crisis and the Senior Officers of the Department, the Minister and the Government have every right to be very proud of them.

Yours sincerely

Denis Cullity
CHAIRMAN

WESTRALIAN FOREST INDUSTRIES

MUNDARING CELEBRATION

Forestry in Mundaring is a real family affair, and this was highlighted last week in a safety presentation to celebrate another year's work without a lost time accident.

Of the forty-one employees to receive the Conservator of forests special award, three were married couples and three were fathers with their sons.

When you ask around, it doesn't stop there either. Many of the men had 'forestry' fathers employed at Mundaring and still others have sons in forestry elsewhere in the State. Max Bending and Barry Rhodes belong to 'forestry' families involving three generations.

'Ticka' Trew, whose father was a forest worker at Mundaring until the late '60's this year clocked up 29 years of accident free work in the forest. This achievement rated special attention during the ceremony conducted by Mr. Dave Evans, the Minister Assisting the Minister of Forests.

This is the seventh year in the last ten that the Mundaring Division has worked without a lost time accident.

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At the presentation, Peter Hewett the Acting Deputy Conservator made the following comments on behalf of Pat McNamara.

"This could well be the last presentation of the Conservator's Individual Safety Award in the Forests Department.

"Notalgic as it may be for some of us, however, it is an occasion to recognise a proud achievement. To work for a full year without one single accident is excellent.



'TICKA' and Dave Evans at the Mundaring celebrations.

"To a large degree accidents can be prevented. Prevented by good planning and good management. Prevented by a good safety programme that in essence means a lot of hard work and constant attention to detail. But there remains an element of hazard in forestry work that can not be controlled. Here I am referring to the natural hazards that you encounter in your daily work : insects and debris on the forest floor, falling limbs, fire and the whole range of climatic conditions. Under these circumstances it requires training and discipline to cope.

"I refer to both personal discipline and team discipline. High self-esteem in the team is the first step towards production of consistent excellence in a safety programme.

"This then brings me to what I said earlier about the possibility of this being the last safety award presentation in the Forests Department. Whilst this could be so, it will also be a fore-runner to a new era in modern occupational safety and health endeavours in the new Conservation and Land Management Department.

"The creation of the new Department will mean that before long you will be asked to work together with the staff and employees of these two bodies. When it comes to safety, the other groups are not as far progressed in their accident prevention efforts as we are. I therefore want to ask you and put it to you : accept them as you would any other new workmates, take them under your wing and help them to become members of the club. The SAFETY CLUB.

"Safety is an area which stands above industrial boundaries and beyond factional interests. Safety is a round table, if you like. We can all sit around it and there is nobody at the head of the table. We are all equal - equal in our desire to work in a show in which people are not injured on the job.

"Over a period of almost twenty years the Forests Department has established itself as a leader in industrial safety, not only in this State but also in the whole of Australia. We took off the prestigious State and Australian C.M.L. safety awards in 1978 and 1979. We also were the recipients of the Premier's Safety Award in 1983, and amongst other Government Departments we have consistently been showing the way in safety - all this in spite of the wide geographical distribution of our work force. Our structure certainly has not lent itself to a central safety administration by one or two safety officers, and to me this is proof that the "Safety Message" has penetrated throughout all ranks. It has become part of our daily working practice.

"I invite you to carry on this commitment and play your part in convincing your new workmates of the rewards of a successful safety programme : healthy staff and employees enjoying their work and eager to share and to contribute towards a satisfying team achievement."

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All enquiries and comments should be directed to Ian Kay, the editor, phone Como HQ ext. 327.



FAREWELL FORESTS DEPARTMENT



Manjimup Welcome

Three new people have been taken on in Manjimup to assist with the further development of the Shannon Forest Park and the D'Entrecasteaux National Park.

John Goodlad will undertake the completion of display material for the Shannon Information Centre and finalize the production of selected brochures, and Chris Greenacre will collect and write the information required.

Andrew Russell will assist in a survey and evaluation of road access in both parks.

Tasmanian School

A FORMER employee of the Queensland Department of forestry has been appointed head of the new Tasmanian School of Forest Industries at the Devonport Technical College.

An experienced forester with the Queensland department for the past 23 years, Mr. Richard Gould, will be the first head of the new school which has been designed to assist in training skills for Tasmania's forest industries.

At the same time, Mr. Ross Andrewartha, a technical officer with the Forestry Commission, will head the school's special mobile training unit.



HELLO D.C.L.M. ----- A BIT OF BOTH AT SHQ



..... **ESPERANCE WORKSHOPS**

Departmental foresters have completed three workshops on Esperance farms to demonstrate windbreak management.

The workshops were in response to increased requests for advice by farmers about how to best use the pines for shelter and to improve sawmilling potential.

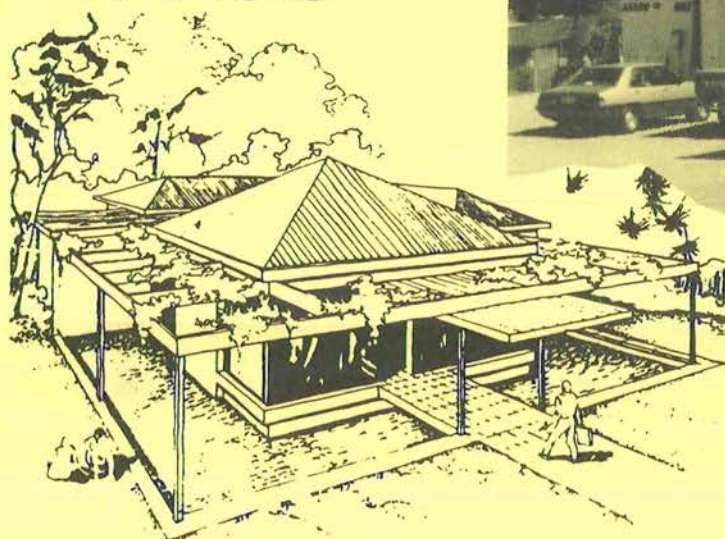
Workshop participants discussed windbreak planting objectives. In all cases the main aim was protection and wind erosion control. Secondary aims were for stock and crop shelter plus commercial timber production.

Department officers Klaus Tiedemann, Peter Richmond, Richard Moore, Paul Brown and Ian Kealley have developed a management strategy including tree selection, pruning methods and thinning unwanted trees and they plan to publish a pamphlet.

Another field day will be held on April 23, at Helms Aboretum, to discuss and demonstrate farm windbreak design and management.

The field day will include guest speakers from the D.C.L.M. and Agriculture departments. There will be demonstrations on techniques and equipment at the agroforestry trials.

UPGRADE AT W'ROO



SKETCH PERSPECTIVE

Stage One of the redevelopment of Wanneroo office has been completed, with the relocation and refurbishing of administration accommodation in Dundobar Road.



Stage Two involves the building of a public reception area (sketch) within the elbow of the existing building (photo). Work is expected to commence soon.

Once the Woodvale Research establishment has been completed, the forestry research branch at Wanneroo is expected to move across and their 'historic' school house will be pensioned off as a local tourist attraction elsewhere in the town.

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In the recent shift of files at Wanneroo Alan Briggs unearthed "the saga of the signs" (names withheld by request).

Oct, 1975.

ACCIDENT REPORT

LOST TIME INJURY ACCIDENTS
PER MILLION HOURS WORKED
FOR 12 MONTHS TO 20th FEB' 1985

NARROGIN	0
KIRUP	0
BUNBURY	0
CADETS	0
KIMBERLEYS	0
KALGOORLIE	0
PILBARA	0
MUNDARING	0
HEAD OFFICE	10
PEMBERTON	11
MANJIMUP	13
WALPOLE	16
DWELLINGUP	21
BUSSELTON	23
JARRAHDALE	24
NANNUP	27
HARVEY	44
WANNEROO	44
COLLIE	48

To Forester

SUBJECT: Visitors Parking Sign

Special project requiring artistic eye

- I would like to replace the existing sign with one like this:-



Could you locate a suitable log of dead jarrah which can be 'faced off' with chainsaw?

Branches on log desirable.

I will arrange lettering etc.

O.I.C.

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Feb, 1976.

To Forest Ranger

Re: Visitors Parking Sign

Please keep your eye open for a tree - marri or jarrah - which has both the physical structure and artistic appeal necessary to accommodate two parking signs and encourage people to park on or near the area indicated by the sign.

The signs will be in both English and Italian for obvious reasons, and also be sufficiently alluring to attract those people who are neither English or Italian, or who cannot read, and shall bear the words "VISITORS PARKING".

The tree shall ideally be like this:-



However, as trees do not usually grow like this, it would be wise to ignore them, as it is probably a trick.

My mind's a blank - try to think of something.

Forester

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The final result was the installation of standard rough sawn jarrah planks bolted to uprights, suitably engraved

"PARKING AREA"

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Editor

Nearly 10 years later, Alan is going through the same exercise, after the relocation of the Wanneroo Office.

At least now he has some guidelines.

FIRESTUDY TOUR

Superintendent Smart of the Protection Branch has been chosen to represent the Department on a two month study tour of the United States and Canada, commencing in mid July 1985. This is the third such tour since 1970.

The first fire study tour of Australia involved US foresters in 1970. It was sponsored jointly by the Australian Forestry Council and FAO, and a recommendation was later made that Australia and the United States periodically and alternately conduct fire study tours.

In 1971, eight Australian and New Zealand fire control officers from State and Commonwealth fire services toured the USA. Frank Campbell represented W.A. in his capacity as Superintendent Fire Control. The introduction of spotter aircraft and the Large Fire Organization procedure both resulted from Mr. Campbell's observations during the tour.

In 1975, a return tour was made by eight US foresters, and considerable interest was generated in fire retardants. Since then, a full retardant programme has been introduced to our ground tanks, bringing with it a real improvement in fire fighting capability.

In 1978 Australia and New Zealand foresters again toured the USA and George Peet represented W.A. Following that trip, Interagency Fire Agreements were introduced, as well as staff uniforms, computer techniques and fire ploughs.

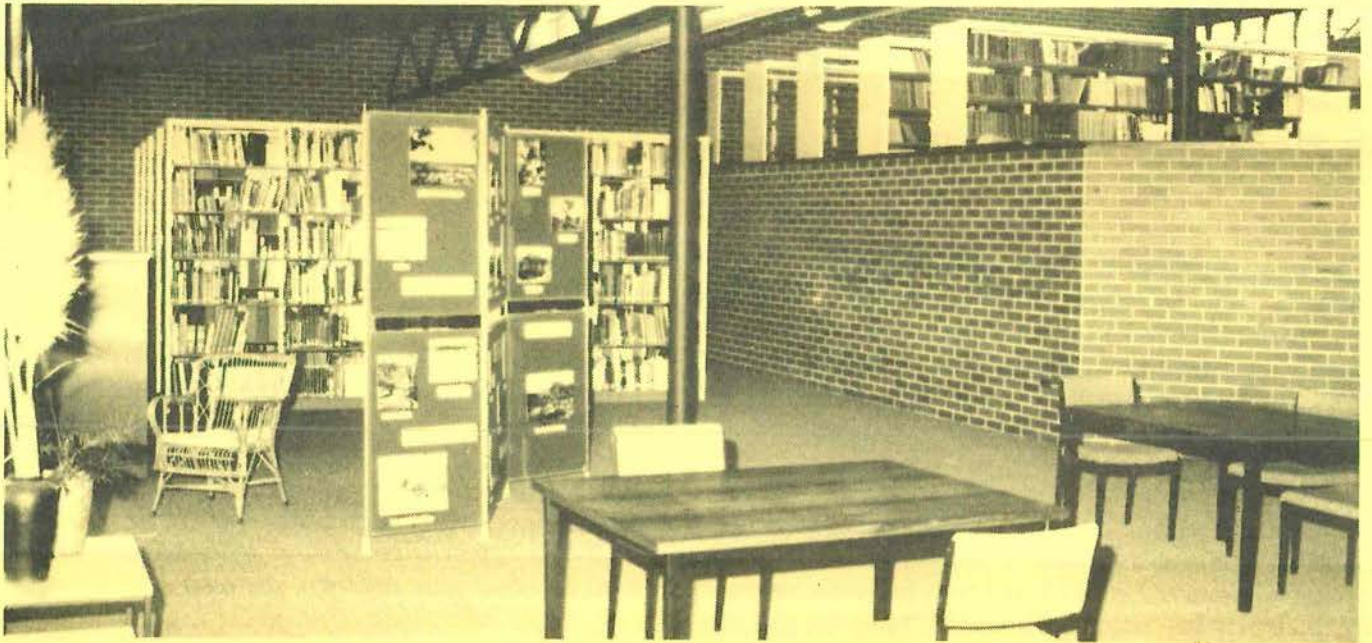
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NOTICED

Des Muir (Mapping Branch) parking his battered, overworked 1976 Dodge Utility complete with drum of creosote, secondhand roofing iron and a couple of Dombakup pine poles, between a Rolls Royce and a 350 SL Mercedes Sports at the recent London Philharmonic Orchestral Concert at Leeuwin Estate Winery.

Des, a few other F.D. employees and another 4,494 people enjoyed a stunning evening.

R.M.P.



An interior view of the new library at Woodvale.

MOVING BOOKS

The main libraries of the Wildlife Division and the Forests Department get together at Woodvale this month.

Elizabeth Laczo completed the transfer of the Wildlife Library from town in December and Jenny O'Neill, Marie Dumitro, Bev Anza* and Carole Irwin are right in the middle of the Forests Department's move.

By mid March some 500 boxes of forestry books, journals and pamphlets are expected to be back on the shelves in the new Woodvale library - to be joined very quickly by the National Park's contribution.

The new library building is only just completed and landscape work is still required to repair its bushland setting.

The first major task inside will be the standardization of the classification systems, so if you need a book in the meantime please be patient.

Eventually the Woodvale Research Centre and Library will be virtually on the junction of the Mitchell Freeway and Ocean Reef Road. If you need to pay a visit before Americas Cup Day the best approach is via the freeway to Karrinyup Road. Dog-leg to the left, via Marmion Avenue and Craigie Drive, and look for the

Woodvale sign on Ocean Reef Road, on your right, before Joondalup Road.

Because the complex is located within a wildlife reserve, special care is required.

Driver's need to approach the gate slowly on the 'wrong' side of the road to activate the 'opening' button.

Woodvale's phone number is 405 1555.

FOOTNOTE:

Bev Anza and Ellen Molyneux have changed duties to assist travelling arrangements. Carole is employed temporarily to assist with the relocation of the books.



Marie (L) and Jenny packing up the books.