

Gum leaves for Japan



Forester Kevin Pollock up to his elbows in gum leaves.

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WHEN Forester Kevin Pollock was asked recently to provide half a tonne of eucalyptus leaves and litter it was seen as 'no big deal' - Mundaring staff being accustomed to strange requests.

The leaves were for part of the Australian display at an international building exhibition held in Japan in November.

The display featured mostly Western Australian products with the leaves being used to re-create the atmosphere surrounding our jarrah forests. Kevin said that before despatch, the litter had to be fumigated by the Department of Agriculture to ensure it did not contain insects.

"The consignment was

very bulky, taking ten wool bales to make up the half tonne," Kevin said.

On the lighter side, Kevin said we may have a solution to an occasionally controversial issue.

"Maybe we could rake up the litter and send it to Japan instead of carrying out controlled burning to reduce bushfire risks," he said.

The exhibition featured 250 displays from around the world and was expected to attract over 120 000 visitors a day, including Japan's foremost architects and designers.



