



'Friends of the Porongurup Range' (from left) Ruth Saxon, John Marwick, Geoff Clarke, Mark Saxon, Lloyd Warnock, John Cluett, Brian Hawkins, Royden Clarke and Ray Willia.
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Porongurup Friends

CLEAR skies and a cool breeze were welcomed by the twelve volunteers from the 'Friends of the Porongurup Range' and other Porongurup residents on Sunday November 3, when they rallied to help carry one and a half tonnes of timber to the

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slippery rockface on Devil's Slide where they helped to construct a bridge.

Neil Scott, the ranger-in-charge of the Porongurup National Park, coordinated the mammoth effort of moving the seven

prefabricated support struts, 140 metres of planking, a portable generator and an assortment of tools to the site, 200 metres up the rockface.

With most of the volunteers making the steep climb six times, everything was moved in the remarkable time of just over one hour, and construction of the bridge was begun.

The bridge was designed not only to make the path across the rockface safer for the many people who climb this peak, but also to lessen their impact upon its fragile environment.

The bridge is the first stage in CALM's plan to upgrade the path to the summit of Devil's Slide, and was the first major project the 'Friends of the Porongurup Range' had volunteered to undertake and for which CALM is most grateful.

Social notes

A NUMBER of CALM volunteers have pooled resources (human) to organise a social club so that volunteers from the regions can meet on a social basis to exchange views and experiences.

To start both the new club and the New Year a picnic is planned for noon on Sunday January 19, 1992 at Matilda Bay Reserve (near the tearooms opposite the University of

Western Australia).

It will be a family affair for volunteers and CALM staff. Barbecues have been hired but please bring your own food and liquid refreshments along with suggestions for further activities throughout the year.

RSVP by January 12, 1992 to: Fran Brown on 448 7808 (evenings only), Blair Robins on 344 6180 (after 3.00 pm) or Melita Whately on 341 7522.

