

Left to right, Dwellingup forester Mike Tagliaferri, Perth district overseer Glynn Hughes and forest worker Simon Caunter with a truck load of picnic tables. Photo by Tammic Reid

Dwellingup deal does well with its 'green' product

THERE'S a saying displayed in the Dwellingup woodshed that sums up its staff philosophy - 'Do it once, do it well ... safely.'

The Dwellingup woodshed is open for business and supplies quality products made of wood to customers within CALM and outside.

Competitive

The prices are competitive and reflect the pride and teamwork that the woodshed crew bring to their work.

Ten pine picnic tables, all edge-sanded, bolts capped and made of treated pine, have been delivered to Penguin Island.

According to Swan Region's visitor services officer Alan Sands they are the best tables by Tammie Reid

he has ever seen.

"The attention to detail and the care put into constructing them is impressive and for \$700 a unit, who could beat the price?" said Alan.

Woodshed coordinator Peter Burton said that even with overheads they still came out \$300-400 cheaper than private constructions.

No rainforest timber

"We're also conserving our select jarrah and we avoid using rainforest timbers," he said.

"Ours is very much a 'green' product."

Peter attributes the low cost to efficient workshop design and good teamwork. The team at Dwellingup comprises Keith Harris, John Hanel, Alf Allen, Kevin Ashcroft, Kevin Pratt, Alan Clarke and Gunnar Hornum.

Improved design

Improvements to the design and production line were identified, using the Quality Improvement process.

These improvements have been passed on to Alan Mounteney, a project training officer with Aboriginal Economic Development Organisation.

Alan is investigating the feasibility of setting up a sign workshop at Onslow to contract work for Karijini National Park.

Alan had heard about the high standard of work at Dwellingup and was impressed with what he saw. He hopes to continue to use Dwellingup in an advisory capacity if the sign shop gets off the ground.

In the meantime, get your orders in for directional or interpretive signs, tables, information shelters, tea cosies (we're kidding), or anything else that can be made of wood.

Just telephone the new woodshed coordinator Mike Tagliaferri at Dwellingup now.

 The Karijini sign workshop has been awarded a federal grant and woodshed team members are vying with each other for the 'task' of going up to Onslow to train the new operators.

