



*Left to right, volunteers Geoff Burrow, Jan Gray and Britt Angwin, CALM's David Mitchell and Brad Bourke, Dryandra's Stephanie Alcock, research scientist Graeme Smith, CALM's Paul Blechynden and Program coordinator Terri Lloyd.*

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## Way beyond the call of duty

**WHETHER they are on duty or off, there is a number of CALM Katanning district staff who can be found actively involved in helping local volunteer groups with a variety of wildlife programs.**

One of these activities is the Wildlife Monitoring Program at Dongolocking which is about 25 km north of Dumbleyung and 230 km south-east of Perth.

The program is expected to run over the next three years and has been organised by Greening Australia and coordinator Terri Lloyd, (ably assisted by her CALM colleagues

Dave Mitchell, Brad Bourke and Paul Blechynden). It also involves research scientist Graeme Smith of the CSIRO.

Recently, trap lines were placed throughout the wildlife corridors, nature reserves and remnant vegetation.

### Hole digger

The provision of a post-hole digger for the 180 pit-fall traps by adjoining landowner Mr Britt Angwin was greatly appreciated.

The wildlife corridors are the remains of roadside reserves that were fenced and replanted two years

ago. These areas are intended to serve as fauna paths linking the various nature reserves of the area.

Monitoring will be undertaken during the summer months to determine the type and numbers of fauna using the corridors.

The information will be collected by local volunteers from both the pit traps and other fauna observations.

This will help determine the effectiveness of the corridors as well as providing useful information about the fauna of the area.

Katanning staff have also donated their own time to lead groups of volun-

teers on regular bird counts and advise on survey techniques and bird identification.

These trips are greatly appreciated by all who attend, and also provide useful biophysical data for fauna management in the district.

As well, staff have also cared for a selection of fauna, including the recovery and care of four injured wedge-tailed eagles, with much appreciated help from the Katanning and Mitchell Veterinary Hospitals, whose staff donated their time and expertise to the recovery of the eagles and other native fauna.

