

Gunnar's gunna do what he's gunna do

MOST people in Australia who are nicknamed 'gunna' are so named because they are always 'gunna' do something but seldom get around to it.

Not so, it seems, if you were born in Denmark (the one in Europe) and named 'Gunnar' as was forest maintenance worker Gunnar Hornum of Dwellingup Science

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and Information Division.

Gunnar began his working life on a ten-acre farm in Hinnerup, a small village in Denmark, where he worked a parcel delivery service, gained experience in carpentry and building, and worked for a time in the slaughter yards.

He joined the Danish Grenadier Guards and became a crack rifle shot - a skill that has stood him in good stead whenever Science and Information Division needed branches to be brought down in order to sample jarrah tree seed production.

In 1958, Gunnar responded to an invitation to experienced farmers - issued by his local Australian consulate - and landed in Melbourne with absolutely nothing - a fire on the ship had burnt all his belongings.

Emigrating to Australia was the beginning of Gunnar's plan to work a farm of his own.

After working in quarries, dairies and building sites, he and his wife Lily and family settled at Unicup, in uncleared karri country near Manjimup, where he ran a sheep cattle and vegetable farm for 23 years.

Gunnar and Lily now live in Dwellingup, while their five children have spread out over Western and Southern Australia with families of their own.

In Dwellingup, Gunnar is active in local volunteer community projects.

He is president of the Progress Association, building co-ordinator and management committee member of the Dwellingup Tourist Centre and Museum, a member of the Forest Heritage Centre Board and was recently approached to consider a position as a Peel Development Commission Board member.

His attention to detail and methodical approach to any project are qualities he brings to his work at CALM, and his volunteer work in the community.

If this Gunnar's gunna do it - it gets done!



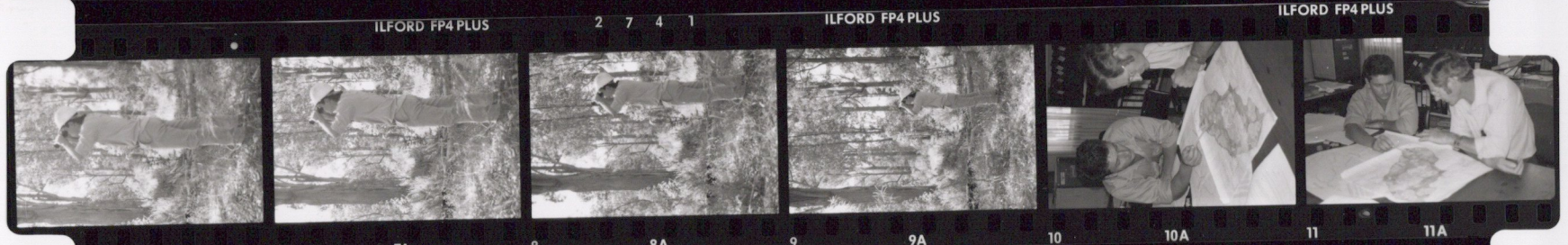
Gunnar Hornum shows us one of the jarrah seed collection trays he designed.

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