

# Overalls say it all

DWELLINGUP health and safety representative Peter Jones and protection officer Peter Burton have become a great hit with fire crews by organising eye-grabbing CALM identification for their overalls.

This was achieved with the use of 100 mm high CALM identity lettering in 50 mm reflective strips and all CALM Dwellingup fire-fighters who wore the uniforms at a recent burn stood out, day and night, with striking colours — a great safety and welfare innovation for all men and women at the fire front.

It all began a couple of years ago when Peter Jones noticed that fire crews from other organisations wore distinctive overalls, making it easy to see who they belonged to (Bush Fires Board, State Emergency Services, and so on).

Peter also noticed that the media often reported those organisations whose names were displayed on overalls and CALM was

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missing out on an opportunity for a high community profile, particularly via television.

"A lot of people have no idea that CALM plays a key role in protecting the community from fires; they just think this role is carried out by local brigades and town fire departments," Peter said.

## Safety aspect

"More importantly, there was the safety aspect because the lettering stood out a mile in the dark and was highly visible during the day."

It took Peter about two years to get something in place for CALM, and it needed quite a few trips to Perth in off-duty hours.

"It had to meet departmental standards and be approved by the uniform committee," he said.

"Then Jasons, the company that supply the

day-night reflective tape, had to track down a new supply of ink that could be permanently stencilled onto the tape.

"This ink had to come from the USA and there were problems in getting air freight clearance because it was listed under hazardous chemicals.

"There's no problem, however, with the ink reacting to heat or being a hazard to wearers.

"It's been worth it and we've now got exactly what we want — even the mechanics are covered except they have 'MECH' under the CALM name.

"And for the people who choose not to wear the overalls we put the green and white reflective strips on their safety helmets."

The plan now is for all future departmental fire overall issues to include this identification.

For further information, please phone Peter Jones or Peter Burton on (09) 538 100 or fax (09) 538 1203.

Great going, guys!



With backs to camera to show off the eye-grabbing CALM name on their overalls are Peter Jones (left) and Kevin Ashcroft. With them, left to right, are: Terry Glidden, Jim Pratt, Barry Ashcroft, Keith Harris, Merv Burt, Ray Jarvis, Alf Allen and Lloyd Wren.

Photo by Taryn Linning

# Foxes wait while bush blazes

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AS THE sun rose over the jarrah forest surrounding Dwellingup a few weeks before Christmas, CALM's local office staff awoke knowing that within hours Environment Minister Kevin Minson would arrive to announce the expanded Operation Foxglove.

fire had escaped.

The flames zipped over the bark and into grass on the edge of the mill site.

Within 40 metres, the flame height raced from half-a-metre to almost the tops of 10 metre high

damage was restricted to a mill landing loader and 80 cubic metres of stockpiled second and third grade jarrah logs.

Meanwhile, pilot Russell Palmer radioed a smoke report in Lane Poole Reserve.

A heavy duty unit was on patrol to keep watch on the area of the reserve that

break and a drop in wind to just 8km/h allowed them to tackle the head fire.

Units came from CALM Dwellingup, Harvey and Jarrahdale with heavy machinery from Alcoa.

The SES gave catering support and set up roadblocks. Bibbulmun track was closed.

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