

Department of
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SAFETY
DWELLINGUP DISTRICT



WORKING DAYS SINCE LAST LOST TIME ACCIDENT

DISTRICT TARGET 11279 DAYS

PRESENT FIGURE 1107 DAYS (21-94)

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT FOR

SAFETY IS A TEAM EFFORT



Accident-free 3 years by 60 staff = award

STUART Hunter, the mechanic-in-charge at Dwellingup is pictured above as he updates the safety statistics recording more than three years worked by more than 60 people without a lost-time accident.

Stuart and his staff at the workshop were recent monthly award winners in recognition of their undertaking, without incident, a heavy workload of maintenance and repairs.

Ready for anything

This meant machinery and vehicles were kept in readiness for any fire situation that occurred - and there were many!

Stuart said he was proud of the workshop team's performance.

"It's been more than 15 years since we had an accident in our work environment," Stuart said.

"We make sure we maintain good house-keeping; all gear and equipment in its place and in top working order.

"Motor mechanic John Downey and I are volunteer ambulance officers so we're both trained and able to assess likely risks and hazards.

"We are always communicating with each other and watching out for hazardous situations."

At present, John Chapman completes the workshop team, working as a trade assistant to Stuart and John, at other times carrying out forest workman duties at fires.

John has been a safety representative for six years and also maintains the fire equipment and services all vehicles, pumpers, portable pumps and generators.

Stuart also pointed out that only CALM staff, trained in using the

equipment, are based at the workshop.

"By maintaining a safe work environment, we reduce the pressure on ourselves when there's an emergency," Stuart said.

Commitment

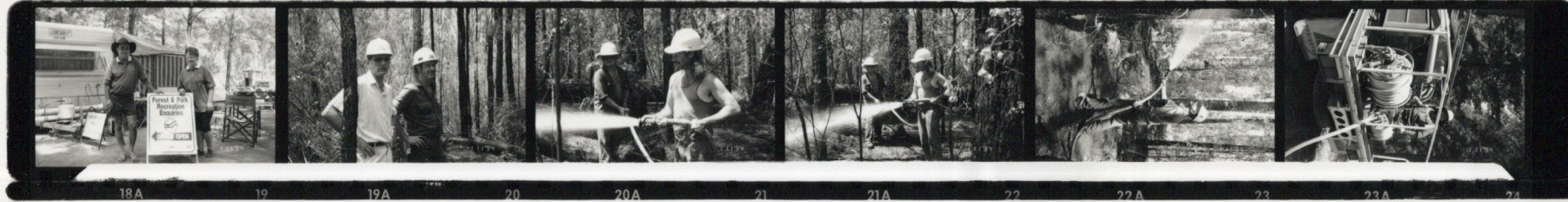
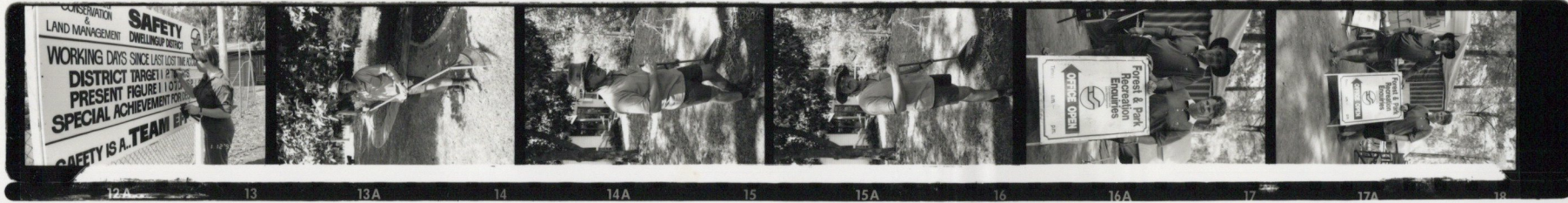
"Sometimes we must provide workshop services out in the forest but we have the same totally committed attitude out there as we do back at Dwellingup Headquarters.

"We also rely on the experience and knowledge of the overseers and crews, because they know the forest situation - it's their working environment - and they help us by being on the lookout for hazards.

"I firmly believe in the team approach to safe working conditions."

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