

# Volunteers save forest from fire

**QUICK** action from CALM's Lane Poole volunteer campground hosts Ron and Kaye Cameron saved the day and a lot of forest going up in smoke when they spotted a deliberately lit fire near the Baden-Powell camp site on the Murray River recently.

Ron radioed the Dwellingup CALM office and then with other campers began a bucket brigade to stop the running fire.

CALM forest workers

by Tammie Reid

Bill Plenderleith and Kevin Pratt were working nearby with the grader and armed with a pack spray and a rakeho, they worked hard to contain the fire.

Meanwhile, other CALM staff arrived, taking up pack sprays and hoes, as the fire had been lit well into the forest where the country was very steep, surrounded by pine plantations, and out of

range of fire hoses.

Fire controller Mike Tagliaferri said winds and weather were light and mild, so the fire behaviour was not fierce.

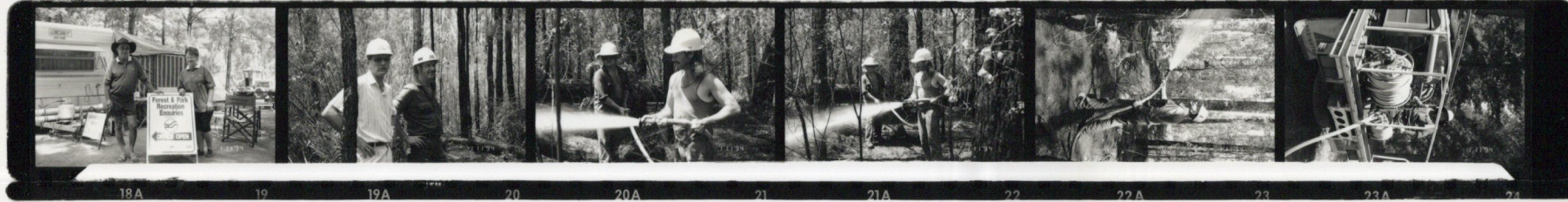
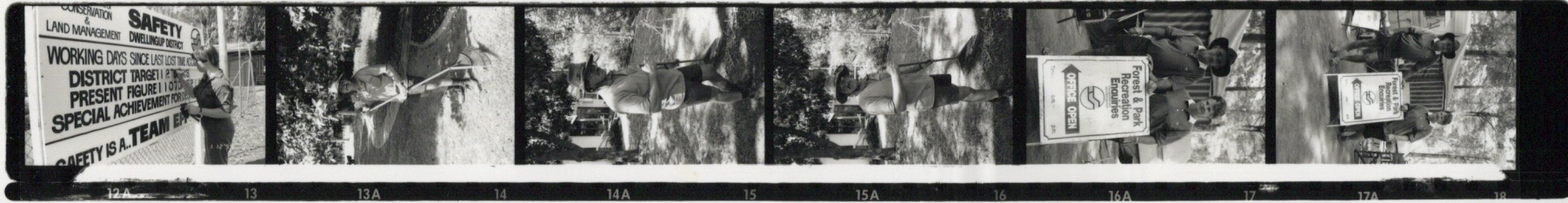
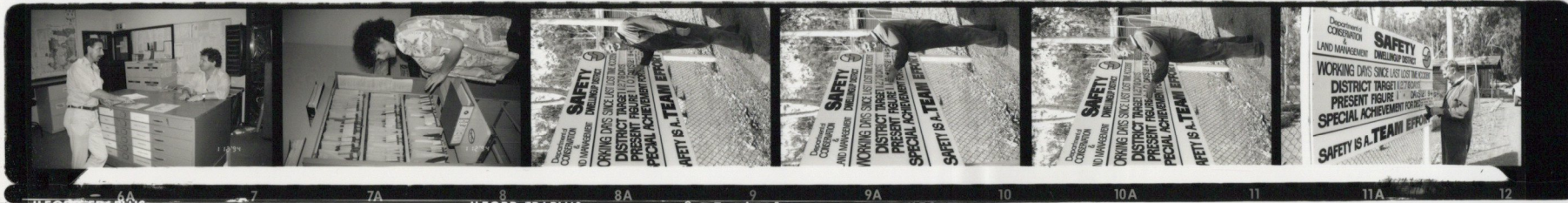
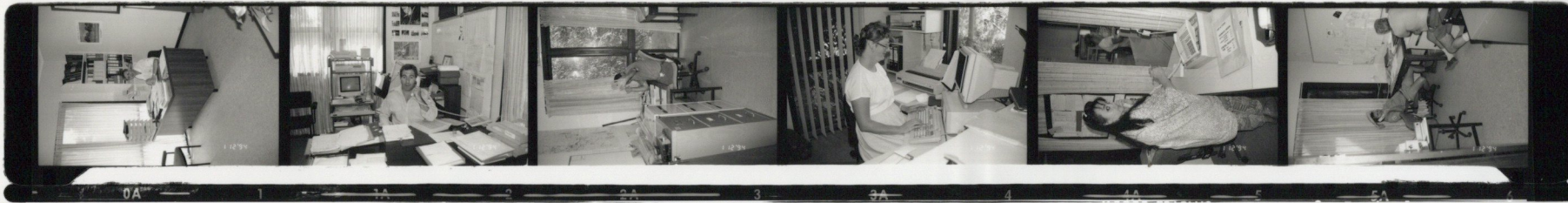
"Thanks to prompt action by Ron, Kaye and the campers, the fire reported at 11.30 am was extinguished by 12.15 pm, after burning only half a hectare," Mike said.

CALM crews spent several hours mopping up and ensuring there was no risk of re-ignition.



*Volunteers Ron and Kaye Cameron. Photo by Mike Tagliaferri*

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