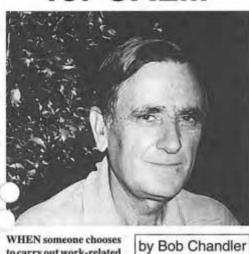
Don's re to volunteer



to carry out work-related activities while on leave, we say he or she is 'taking busman's holiday,' but ALM Central Forest Region manager Don Spriggins has taken this to a new level — he has embarked on a 'bus man's retirement'. After nearly 33 years of

service, Don has retired from the paid workforce to naintain his links with CALM as a volunteer, and a forester who cannot keep away from his beloved e widely re

cted for his knowledge and enthusiasm, first for forestry profession, with the Western Austral-Forests Department, d later within its wider abit after CALM was

med. He is a forester to his el-capped bootstraps and

has a highly evident love of all aspects of forest custodianship. Don ne ver

impress his colleagues with his sound, funda-mental forestry skills, and is recognised as a great ambassador for forests and forestry

He has promoted these interests throughout his long career that began for him as a young operations forester in his n ative Victoria, then at Dwellingup, Kelmscott, Harvey and Collie.

In the last decade, as regional manager of the Central Forest Region, he been a driving force behind the development of stry.

He had a particular in-rest in pine nutrition and had encouraged boosting production through fertilisation.

As a long-standing member of the Forest Production Council, Don was able to advise on strategic policy for the timber industry and other aspects of for-

est production Don is a keen member of the Institute of Foresters and regularly wears, with pride, the Institute's em blem on his chest.

His contribution has now been recognised with his appointment as a Felthe Institute. low of

He was an active participant in everything the Western Australian Branch of the Institute did whether it was as a major office

bearer or planting trees in Foresters Wood, near Man-

His love of forestry has in recent years, focused on the need to educate the public who suffer from a velter of misinformation on forest management issues. To this end he has been

e driving force behind the Wellington Discovery For-est development near Wellington Dam to provide visitors with an objective and well-informed experience of forest values and man agement.

Gottstein Fellowhsip to the United States in 1989 gave Don the opportunity to study the overseas approach to forest education

He followed this with a holiday to the United Kingdom, and, judging by his extensive library of home videos, it seemed to consist entirely of forest visitor centres.

In retirement, Don is continuing to promote this activity as a CALM volun-teer and is so attentive to the task at CALM Bunbury that we have not even bothered to take his name off his office door!

As regional manager, Don endeared himself his staff with the gentle manly and considerate relations he extended to all.

He is a dedicated citizen the deep South West, throughout which he is well known to the wider community, and where he in-tends to continue to live -Bunbury in particular, be-ing his favoured place of

residence. Like most male forest-in CALM, Don is ers in blessed with an inordinately patient and understanding wife, Judy, who is well known in the Department for these sterling virtues — no doubt tried by years of fire duty, travel away from home and regular shifts of

domicile Their son Pete and daughters Catherine and Julie will, no doubt, be able to think of plenty of impornt projects for their re

tired parents. We all wish Don and Judy a wonderful and fulfilling retirement and we are consoled by the expectation that we will see them both regularly around the forestry beat.

