

# Four centuries of forest care



Environment Minister Peter Foss and CALM executive director Dr Syd Shea are pictured here with Certificate of Appreciation recipients: (left to right) John Kruger, Robert Buckley, Peter Rado, Max Bending, Les Robson, Wayne Kitson, Max Rutherford, Mick Golding, Rod Simmonds, Glynn Hughes, Barry Ashcroft, Tom Gillard, Tom Wood and Wally Dunnett. Photo by Ken Mats

**MORE** than 430 years of service dedicated to the responsible management of Western Australia's forests was recognised at CALM's June 9 Arbor Day ceremony on the Swan River foreshore.

Fifteen workers who, between them, have committed 433 years to the ecologically sustainable management of WA's forest resources, were presented with a Certificate of

Appreciation by Minister for the Environment, Peter Foss.

The fifteen recipients were: Wally Dunnett, Alan Hatfield, Wayne Kitson, Peter Rado and Rod Simmonds from the Southern Forest Region; Robert Buckley, Tom Gillard, John Kruger, Max Rutherford and Tom Wood from the Central Forest Region; and Barry Ashcroft, Max Bending, Mick Golding, Glynn Hughes and Les

Robson from Swan Region.

CALM Executive Director, Dr Syd Shea, said the dedication and commitment of CALM staff often went unrecognised.

However, many people have given long periods of service to help ensure that all the values of WA's native forests are managed sustainably. These values include not only tree planting and management

but nature conservation, tourism and recreation, and protection of our water catchments."

Special tribute was paid to Wally Dunnett, who retired at the end of May after 44 years with CALM. Wally has been involved in everything from seed collection and planting, regeneration and rehabilitation work, prescribed burning, survival counts, recreation

site work and roadworks.

Alan Hatfield, CALM's overseer at Walpole, was unable to attend the Arbor Day ceremony but was nevertheless recognised for his 29 year contribution to southern jarrah and karri forest operations and was presented with his certificate by Dr Shea when he visited the southern forests recently.

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Wayne Kitson, a forest workman at Pemberton, has worked in the southern jarrah and karri forest operations for 21 years.

CALM overseer at Manjimup, Peter Rado, has 30 years experience in the southern jarrah and karri forest operations.

Rod Simmonds, senior forester at Manjimup, has 26 years experience in the establishment of pine as well as southern jarrah and karri forest management.

Robert Buckley is CALM's overseer at Nanup. He has 23 years experience in pine and jarrah forest operations.

Tom Gillard, overseer at Busselton, has worked in pine and jarrah forest operations for 25 years.

John Kruger is a forester at Bunbury and has been involved in research and forest operations for 27 years.

Max Rutherford, also a Bunbury forester, has 40 years experience in pine and hardwood management, in the Collie area.

Tom Wood is CALM

overseer at Harvey and has 21 years experience in pine and jarrah forest operations.

CALM's overseer at Dwellingup, Barry Ashcroft, has 33 years experience in forest operations, tending and protection.

Max Bending is overseer at Mundaring with 32 years experience in forest operation including pine establishment and hardwood planting.

Jarrahdale overseer, Mick Golding, has 30 years experience in forest operations, first at Pemberton and recently at Jarrahdale.

Glynn Hughes is overseer at Perth district and has worked for CALM for 12 years at its Woodvale Research Centre, Woodman Point and Wanneroo, working on research projects, recreation management, rehabilitation work and pine operations.

Les Robson is a forester at Swan region, Kelmscott, and has 40 years experience in forest management and more recently in nature conservation.

