

# Volunteers check in their 50,000th plant

CALM WA Herbarium volunteer and amateur botanist, 86 year-old Barbara Evans was given the honour recently of preparing the 50,000th specimen mounted by volunteers—a water plant *Nymphoides quadriloba*.

The plant was collected by Andrew Mitchell at Kalumburu Mission, and has brought the total number of specimens at the herbarium to 371, 203, all of which have been mounted on cards, labelled, data-based and incorporated into the collection.

At a celebratory morning tea, Herbarium Director, Dr Neville Marchant congratulated the volunteers, who had drastically reduced the backlog of specimens waiting for processing.

The herbarium is now almost up-to-date with processing material so that information about the flora is readily available.

Helping the volunteers



*Cutting the celebratory cake is Gwen Abbott, with the encouragement of fellow volunteers Harry Bennett, Nora Best and Barbara Evans. Behind them (left to right) are visiting volunteer Robin Campbell, WA Herbarium senior WA Herbarium director Neville Marchant, volunteers Kim Macey, and Kim Spence, visiting volunteer Mary Hancock, CALM technical officer Phil Spencer and volunteer Brian Best. Photo by Verna Costello*

celebrate were visitors Robin Campbell from the Corrigin Land Conservation District Committee and Mary Hancock, a volunteer

from the New South Wales National Herbarium, who was using the Herbarium to identify specimens they had recently collected.

## Children's conservation activities

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teachers and students, but can be adapted for other

'First Steps' and 'Stepping Out' concepts had also been used within



