

# Dwellingup hosts Como and Crawley staffs

ON one of those very hot days in summer, above the 40-degree mark, a bunch of brave and inquisitive staff from Como Information front counter, Records, Accounts, Marketing and Sales Section, and Crawley Admin set off for the best jarrah forests in the world.

Dwellingup was their destination and their purpose was to inspect the newly opened Forest Heritage Centre, see jarrah forest harvesting operations, and meet some of the hard-working, dedicated people based at CALM's Dwellingup office.

Forester Bill Towie of Forest Resources and Corporate Relations community education officer, Tammie Reid were tour guides for the day.

Highlights at different forest stops were provided by forester Ian Freeman, who focused on silvicult-

by Tammie Reid

ture and explained how CALM decides what the forest will look like, plus an introductory lesson on using a basal area prism.

Ian was on a recruitment drive and keenly expounded on the attractive and challenging life of a tree marker. (There were no takers!)

## Tree hollows

Kim Whitford, from the Sustainable Resources Group of the Science and Information Division, provided an insight into the importance of tree hollows as habitat for native animals.

He explained the basis of CALM's new guidelines, designed to help tree markers assess quality and quantity of habitat trees for present and projected animal needs.

Kim used the forest as his classroom and did re-

markably well, competing with passing log trucks and without overheads, making do instead by using enlargements of his graphs nailed to a tree.

According to gastronomic gourmet Denise Hamilton of CALM's Tourism and Recreation Branch, the highlight of the trip was the fire fighters' lunch, put on by the DWELLFED catering team involving storewoman Taryn Linning, with a little help from Corporate Relations administration assistant Deborah Greaves.

Deborah was there in a training capacity, as she plans to help in future catering duties at large fire incidents.

Although a scorcher of a day, the trip went well, with an air-conditioned bus making it infinitely more bearable.

It was an important event for both groups. For many

Como- and Crawley-based staff, the forest is a long way from their desks, and seemingly, from their tasks, so the tour provided a meaningful link between the two, while meeting the Dwellingup staff brought their reality and that of their work into sharp focus.

Dwellingup people, on the other hand, were able to showcase some of their current work and recent achievements, and enjoyed showing the visitors the beauty of the Dwellingup jarrah forests.

## A common purpose

Above all, awareness was raised in hosts and guests alike, that they and the rest of the CALM staff, while engaged in diverse occupations, were all toiling to conserve and manage the wildlife, lands, water and resources entrusted to the department for present and future generations.



Back in Como, Marianne Lewis, Barbara Moss and June Ellis don hard hats to remind themselves of their 'Dwellingup experience'. Inset: Part of their experience was sampling Deborah Greaves's cooking. Photo by Verna Costello



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