



Role-playing Nyoongar past

PICTURED are Kyle Morrison (left) and Kevin Hill, with Armadale Pioneer Village School students Angela Becker (kneeling) and Courtney Johnston.

Readers may remember Kyle as one of the actors in the Channel 7 series *The Adventures of the Bush Patrol*, filmed at John Forrest National Park, and reported in the May-June 1996 issue of *CALM NEWS*.

Kyle played the part of Gully, a young Aboriginal boy, who is a firm friend of the Katta Moornda Park ranger's children Tracey and Ben.

He is currently gaining work experience with CALM.

Kevin Hill recently joined CALM's Aboriginal Tourism,

Education and Training Unit and is helping Aboriginal heritage officer Trevor Walley lead the students in one of The Hills Forest Aboriginal Culture Programs.

Here, the girls, along with about 25 fellow students, were led through the forest, where they acted out the roles of a group of Nyoongar people travelling over the land during the six Aboriginal seasons of the year.

- Bunuru February and March
- Djeran April and May
- Makuru June and July
- Djilba August and September

- Kambarang October and November
- Birak December and January

This 'six-season walkabout' is condensed into one morning and each stop represents a different season, with the activities related to sources of food and shelter.

The party is pictured with their digging sticks at the site of a mia mia—a traditional Aboriginal shelter—where they acted out preparations for the Djeran season (or winter), when kangaroo skins were donned and repairs were carried out on the mia mias against the coming cold and wet weather.

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In the last few years I've been preoccupied pretty well with finance and staff issues.

I'm pleased to have worked in this area at the end of my formal career, and to have put in place some processes which I hope will make life easier for my successor.

It was also satisfying to become involved in forestry again. There was a time when I doubted I'd ever be welcome in forest management again; but then the South-West and the Northern Territory are like chalk and cheese.

I see a great future for the balanced and sensible use of our native forests, and for the exciting new projects CALM is doing, combating salinity and restoring the critical weight range animals through fox and cat control.

These are bold projects which will in my opinion make Syd Shea one of the greatest visionaries of our time. It's been an extraordinary privilege to work with him.

I'm looking forward to the next phase of life when I'll be

able to undertake some projects for CALM, pursue some business interests, get back into languages and writing, and eventually to travel a bit more.

We'll probably stick to the South-West for quite a while, and, in fact, I may not get more than a few kilometres from Fremantle, which is a great place to live.

Although Julia is now in Sydney and Sarah in London, we've made WA our home, and I thank you all once again for making us so very welcome.

