

# 'Bilby' Buchanan retires again to travel around Oz



Just a few of the many colleagues and friends who farewelled Bill Buchanan, seated with his wife Berry. From left they are: Clerical officers Viona Cleggett, Lisa Proctor, Sue Howell, Karen Price, Anne Watts, Debbi Italiano and Carmel Baggetta. Photo by Steven Gunn

**MORNINGTON**  
District administration officer Bill Buchanan, retired recently—for the second time.

Ten years ago, Bill retired from the department in Manjimup after 23 years' service, only to find re-appointment two years later in Collie.

Bill was one of CALM's true gentlemen. He was highly professional, intelligent, capable, obliging and totally dedicated to his job.

His attention to detail was both exemplary and necessary, given the complicated nature of administration roles these days.

Bill was liked by everyone, although he often said of himself that he was a 'hard-man' when he became angry with people who did the wrong thing.

On the contrary, he was the very definition of self control, and would always react as appropriate to the circumstances.

Bill kept the district's budget under tight control and, under his administration, potential problems were frequently averted before they became an issue.

Even up to his last hour at work—and while his wife Berry waited in the office to set off for his farewell luncheon—he was putting the finishing touches to an important issue.

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His loyalty to his staff was exemplary, and all feel a great sense of loss at his departure.

They nicknamed him 'Bilby', based on his email name 'billb', and presented him with a beautifully framed photo of a 'Native Bilby'.

Bill claimed an aversion to, and an ignorance of computers, having probably been out of the workforce at a critical time when they were just becoming more widely used.

If his claim was true, there was no evidence of it; Bill produced reports and analyses second to none. Of course, he'd check the arithmetic in his head; sometimes he would even use a calculator!

'Bilby' will be sorely missed by everyone in the Mornington District.

At the time of writing, Bill and Berry had already set off to see again some of the places they enjoyed when they 'motored and caravaned' around Australia during Bill's last 'retirement'.

They also look forward to returning, so they can spend more time with their three children Sue, Bill and Peter, and their eight grandchildren.

## Granite outcrops book out

LAND for Wildlife has published its second booklet — *How to Manage your Granite Outcrops*.

The booklet has been written by Penny Hussey, with help from many CALM staff and Wheatbelt landholders.

The Minister for the Environment, Mrs Cheryl Edwardes, launched the booklet

informally, when she presented a copy to Warwick Senior High School (a Land for Wildlife school).

The booklet, which makes liberal use of colour photographs, is a practical guide to assessing, managing and revegetating rock outcrops in the South West of Western Australia.

It will be useful to all land-

holders and managers with rock outcrops on their properties.

A copy of *How to Manage Your Granite Outcrops* has been distributed to relevant CALM Regions and Districts. Further copies can be obtained for \$10.00 from Land For Wildlife, Wildlife Branch, Como.





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