



Ray Jarvis and wife Barbara at a recent Dwellingup Log Chop. Photo by Tammie Reid

Family, travel at top of Ray's agenda

DWELLINGUP construction and maintenance worker Ray (Mossy) Jarvis held the champion pine planting record at Lewana settlement in the Blackwood Valley for three years, undisputed.

Planting 2,201 pines in six hours, armed only with a planting spear and a cut-down kerosene tin of seedlings, he walked the steep hillsides near Nannup in all sorts of wintry weather.

That was quite a while ago, and now that he's retired after 33 years' service with the Forests Department and CALM

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he plans to take things a lot easier physically.

"Barbara, my wife, and I plan to go to New Zealand soon. Meanwhile, our life in Mandurah is very comfortable—especially after a lotto windfall a few years ago.

"While I'll miss the bush and the fellas, and the mateship that working together at fires brings, I'll now be better able to enjoy the company of my family.

"Our two daughters live close by, but I'd never been able to take my eldest grandson crabbing

until only a few weeks ago. (How'd he get to be nearly eight years old so suddenly?).

"Forests have been in my family for three generations. My grandfather was among those employed in the State's first employee-owned saw-milling venture that began near Collie and relocated to Holyoake, near Dwellingup.

"I still have the gold watch presented to him for his work as a union representative when he was at the Worsley Sawmill. I also took on the union rep role—an experience that increased my respect for him,

as it's not an easy task.

"I've enjoyed the forestry work, particularly the recreation run at the Murray Valley. I've got to know a lot of people who appreciate the work we do in managing a place like the Lane Poole Reserve.

"I hope some young bloke will have the chance to take my place on a permanent basis. I've certainly appreciated the opportunities I've been given, and the support of the blokes over the years."

Here's wishing Ray and Barbara many years of enjoyable and satisfying retirement.



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Keith Harris & Ray Jarvis

at the Dwp log chop

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