



In addition to his Bush Ranger duties, James has responsibility for the front garden of his family's home. Here, he was checking on the condition of the plants during the March hot spell.

Photo by Verna Costello

One Bush Ranger's story

BY the end of 1999, James Wishart had completed his first year as a student at John Forrest Senior High School, and during that year he volunteered to take part in CALM's Bush Ranger Program.

As a CALM Bush Ranger, James made a commitment that, for one day a week after school, he would take part in nature conservation projects, much of which involved 'hands-on' work in the field.

The main focus for him and his fellow Bush Rangers at John Forrest SHC, was the Eric Singleton Bird Sanctuary, and this will be the topic of a story by James for a future issue of CALM NEWS.

Meanwhile, he has written the following on his and his

fellow Bush Rangers' contribution to the success of last year's Royal Agricultural Show:

"In about June 1999, I decided, as part of my community service, to contact the WA Royal Agricultural Society to find out if CALM Bush Rangers could help at the Royal Show the following September.

"I spoke to the organiser of the Conservation and Landcare Pavilion, who said that the Society would very much appreciate our help. My fellow Bush Rangers agreed to take part and our instructors agreed to help me organise a duty roster.

"I volunteered to work for four out of the six days, while other Rangers contributed whatever time they could spare.

"We did just about everything! We packed Landcare show bags, we talked about our program to other students from all over Western Australia, and were general 'dogs bodies', ready to help at the drop of a hat.

"We also had a very good time, and offered to help organise CALM Bush Rangers from other schools who would like to become involved in helping at the year 2000 Royal Agricultural Show. They can contact me by phoning Mr Gerald Fontaine at John Forrest.SHC on 9272 1255."

Note: *It has just come to our notice that James was a finalist in the recent Youth Environment Category of the Western Australian Youth Awards.*

