

## JOHN BLYTH'S RETIREMENT ~ Val English

John Blyth joined the Department of Conservation and Land Management in 1985, as Scientific Advisor to Barry Wilson (the then Director of Nature Conservation).

In 1992, John joined the WA Threatened Species and Communities Unit (WATSCU) which was set up by Dr Andrew Burbidge to coordinate the recovery of the State's most threatened species and communities. John began work on setting up procedures to identify and conserve threatened ecological communities (TECs) and spent several years overseeing the development and application of these procedures. In 2002, John became Acting Manager of WATSCU.

Recently, John spent much of his time dealing with issues surrounding the implications of many development proposals for threatened species and communities.

John will be returning to CALM in his retirement, to spend a few days a week as a Research Fellow working on the things that interest him most, including threatened birds and invertebrates.



CALM's Executive Director, Keiran McNamara with Gordon Wyre, A/ Director of Nature Conservation and Andrew Burbidge (ex Director of WATSCU) now Post Research Fellow, CALM with John Blyth at his retirement Photo: Val English

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The fungi *Colus pusillus* taken in a newly located occurrence of a TEC  
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