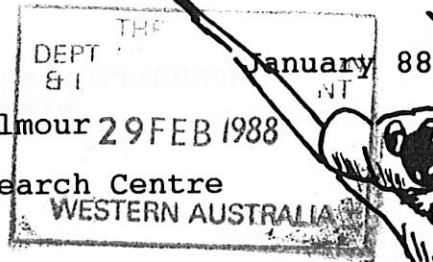


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Editorial

The "Information Sheet" is about to take on a new look. Previous sheets have supplied a summary of information to Research Centres on decisions and discussions that took place at the monthly Research Division Policy Group meetings.

It's a new year and time for expansion.

With the arrival of the Admin Assistant (that's me - the Editor) to the Divisional Manager the sheet will be expanded to provide not only RDPG news but also news from all Research Centres.

The success of the exercise really relies in part on you - the readers, to supply me with topical information every month.

Yes, it will be a monthly publication - aimed at going to press at the end of each calendar month. We're about to have installed here at Woodvale a desk top publishing unit which should make life a bit easier and hopefully promote a deal of creativity.

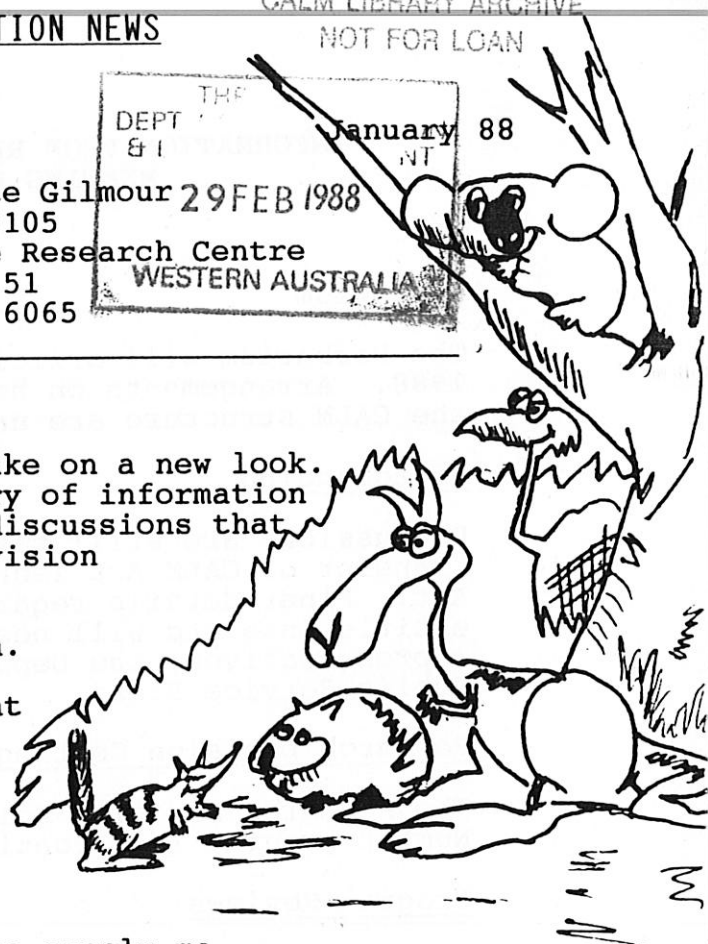
I have written separately to Research Centre Managers to supply me with information no later than the nearest working day to the 20th of each month from their centres so to you others please submit items to RCMs prior to this date. To all those at Woodvale you can submit articles to me directly.

Some of the items that I would like to include in this newsletter are:

- . "Staff Changes" Who's leaving, who's arrived and who's transferring.
- . Congratulations News on research grants from outside organizations etc. Anything else?
- . Computing News including new equipment and recent developments.
- . Conferences and Seminars let everyone know where you're going and what your attending. Reports on attendance.
- . Publications
- . Any other topical information or items of interest you the readers want circulated. Letters to the Editor (only nice ones please!)

Jeanette

PS Any ideas for a "catchy" title for this newsletter would be appreciated.



INFORMATION FROM RESEARCH DIVISION POLICY GROUP
MEETING HELD 28 JANUARY 1988.

. Herbarium

The Herbarium will officially be joining CALM on 19 February 1988. Arrangements on how the Herbarium will best operate within the CALM structure are under review.

. Broadbanding

Discussions are still taking place regarding the possible transfer of CALM Act Technical Officers to the Public Service Act. Finer details regarding criteria progression, leave entitlements etc will need to be negotiated with technical staff representatives, the Department's Human Resources Branch and the Public Service Board.

. Research Division Contingency Fund

The Research Division Policy Group agreed to fund Tony Friend's Numbat program from contingencies for a further \$4000.

. Program Reviews

All research Program Reviews will now be conducted between 28 March and 27 April 1988. A detailed list of the dates for each review will be circulated to all Program Leaders.

. Research Division Structure

The Public Service Board has requested a copy of the Division's structure. This is currently being modified and a proposal will be discussed with the Department's Human Resources Branch prior to finalizing and forwarding to the Board.

. Performance Appraisal

John Bartle is currently working on modifying the CALM Performance Appraisal and Personal Development Plan forms to suit more readily the needs of the Research Division. The completed draft will be discussed with the Human Resources Branch prior to implementation in order to ensure that all Departmental requirements are met.

. Intellectual Property Rights

Information on the Intellectual Property Rights Policy (W.A. Government) has recently been circulated to all Research Centre Managers. Research Scientists should be aware of this information.

AROUND THE RESEARCH CENTRES

Conferences and Seminars

Andrew Burbidge will be attending World Wildlife Fund Australia's Scientific Advisory Committee meeting in Sydney on 25 February. This will be followed by the Annual General Meeting of WWFA on the 26th.

Census of Australian Plants

Greg Keighery (Woodvale) reports that the West Australian component in this census is almost completed after two years of research. The project organized by the Commonwealth Bureau of Flora and Fauna aims to provide a listing of all named known Australian plants (both native and introduced species) by geographical location. The project has run with the help of a consultant botanist and a \$3 500 grant.

West Australian Chip and Pulp Review

Per Christensen (Manjimup) has been stationed at the Como office recently. Per has been assisting the Environmental Protection Authority with the WACAP review and other related projects (eg review of Road, River and Stream Reserves and a report on areas nominated for the National Estate within the wood chip licence areas).

Per is assisting the EPA to review the ERMP and Environmental Impact Statement. Work on this assessment is due for completion by mid March.

Funds Obtained for Wheatbelt Project at Esperance

The "trees on farms" agroforestry research project coordinated from Busselton Research has had \$140,000 approved from the National Soil Conservation Program for a 3 year research project at Esperance. Richard Moore (Busselton Research) has been working with the Department of Agriculture and farmers since 1980 on the development of farming systems with trees to reduce land degradation on the South Coast.

The aim of the new project is to bring about the implementation of shelterbelts on a broad scale to control wind erosion. the project also has important links with two other new N.S.C.P. projects at Esperance - one to investigate methods of controlling salinity problems and the other to carry out a land capability study. Together, these projects should make substantial progress towards developing a more sustainable method of farming the South Coast - a method in which trees are likely to have a very important role.

The new funds will enable a research officer plus an assistant to be employed full time. David Bicknell, who has been involved in CALM/Agriculture Department agroforestry trials near Manjimup and who has studied shelterbelts in New Zealand, is being seconded to CALM for the project. The project is to start in February 1988.

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW STAFF

Dr Janet Farr: Janet will start with the Manjimup Research Centre as a Research Scientist in mid February. Janet has a PhD from the Waite Institute of Agricultural Research, University of Adelaide. Her tertiary education was in Forest Entomology with her PhD studies being on Gumleaf Skeletonizer. Janet has recently been in Japan doing a Post-Doctorate.

Janet will be stationed at Manjimup studying the Biological Control of the Gumleaf Skeletonizer. As a consequence of this appointment Ian Abbott will be able to concentrate on Jarrah Leafminer in the Collie District.

Jeanette Gilmour: (or yours truly - the Editor) Jeanette has recently joined the Wildlife Research Centre, Woodvale as Administrative Assistant to the Divisional Manager. Jeanette comes to CALM from the Chemistry Centre (formally Government Chemical Laboratories).

She has a Diploma in Teaching and a Certificate in Personnel Management. She is also an interested member of the Australian Institute of Personnel management.

Matthew Williams: Matthew started with the Como Research Centre in mid January as a Biometrician. Matthew comes to CALM from the Heath Department. He has an honours degree with a double major in Mathematics and Botany from the University of Western Australia.

Matthew's work will primarily involve pulling together past information on ecosystem models.

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