

BIOGRAPHIES OF THE PROJECT TEAM

Lyn Chadwick is a wheatbelt farmer and teacher from Wickopin. She has taught full time for six years and part-time for two years. Her life-long interest in natural history and the environment is reflected in her involvement with land care and naturalists' groups. Lyn believes that education is the key to conservation. Her joint interests in both farming and production are shown in 'Uses of Woodlands', the theme she developed.

Justine Harding is from a farming background and in her fifth year of teaching. After two years in the goldfields, Justine has returned to Williams, her home town. During her life Justine has seen great changes in her local environment and has become particularly interested in land care issues. Her role in developing a school nursery to supply trees to local farmers shows her commitment to restoring woodlands. Justine was responsible for 'What is a Woodland'?

Janette Huston has taught for nine years, ^{including} seven in the wheatbelt towns of Mullewa and Katanning. Now living in Gidgegannup, she is teaching in Perth as well as co-writing and environmental package titled *Our Wild Plants* for Greening Western Australia. Her interest and enthusiasm in environmental education developed in Katanning where she was very active with the local land conservation district committee, Ribbons of Green, and Ribbons of Blue. Janette is currently involved with her local land conservation district committee and believes that the future of conservation lies with education. Janette was responsible for co-editing this package and writing the theme 'Woodlands - A Changing Environment'.

David Mayes is the Education Officer at the Narrogin District Education Office. His initial interest in environmental education was aroused during teaching service at Cunderdin Agricultural College. David has spent ten of his fifteen years teaching in rural schools including Newman and Narrogin Senior High Schools. David's role in the project included coordination, liaison and advice.

Jill Nottle has lived in the Narrogin area for many years as a student, teacher and farmer. She has taught full-time for 12 years in both city and country schools. Land care issues, both at the farm and district scale, stimulated Jill's interest in all aspects of land conservation. After coordinating the development of classroom activities with an environmental theme, Jill recognised the need for a more comprehensive approach to environmental education. She sees *Exploring Wheatbelt Woodlands* as an important contribution to improving environmental education in wheatbelt primary schools. Jill was responsible for 'Woodlands as Homes'.

Ken Wallace is CALM's Regional Manager for the Wheatbelt Region. In this role one of his responsibilities is the management of some one million hectares of nature reserves. Ken believes that unless local communities understand and value their native plant and animal communities, much of our wheatbelt wildlife will be lost. Community education is vital to ensure that we don't lose our natural heritage. Ken's role in producing these teaching activities has been as project supervisor, biological information resource and co-editor.

