

Ashcroft, Arthur J (includes information from Roger Underwood)

Following war service in the RAAF, Arthur joined the Forests Department field staff. He was stationed at Dwellingup for several years and then promoted to Assistant Forester at Gleneagle. However, he resigned in the 1950s and moved to Bunbury. Re-commenced on staff 17.7.1961. Appointed regional Fire Control Forester for the northern jarrah forest, stationed at Como. Later a Senior Forester. He was a key figure in the post-1961 prescribed burning revolution, including the development of aerial burning. During those years he played an enormously valuable role in mentoring, training and guiding young foresters. Worked for Forests Department for over 30 years. Retired in 1979/80. Died 22.12.2013.

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ASHCROFT (Arthur Joseph):

Loving husband of Val, father of Noel, Janice (dec), Keith (dec), Colin and families. Step-father of Barry, Stephen, Raeleen (dec), Peter, Michelle and families. Much loved grand father and great grand father.