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Hello Greg

I read with interest the webpage about the people who have worked in the field for the Forests Department Western Australia and the reunion in 2013.

I joined the Forests Department in Kalgoorlie as a 14 year old in November 1952 and was employed at the tree nursery. Phil Barrett was the DFO with Bill Brennan and ? Donovan were the Assistant Foresters in Kalgoorlie at that time.

In August 1954 I was transferred to Dryandra (near Narrogin) to help John Currie set up a new tree nursery in Dryandra.

In January 1955 I commenced the Forest Guard program at Dwellingup. The DFO was Bruce Beggs. I note you mention that there were 20 trainees/cadets. I do not remember that many but the ones I do remember were: Frank Vince, Les Robson, Eric Jenkins, Max Rutherford, Arthur (Dutchy) Holland, Jim Chandler and myself. To the best of my knowledge we were all appointed Forest Guards on 18<sup>th</sup> January 1957.

I kept a record of where I trained during the period January 1955 to January 1957 as not all the training was done at Dwellingup. About 6 months was at Dwellingup at the commencement of the training and then six months to conclude the program. The places I undertook training were:

<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Location</b>
8 Jan 55	22 Jun 55	Dwellingup
23 Jun 55	9 Jul 55	Mundaring Wier
10 Jul 55	8 Jan 56	Glen Eagles
9 Jan 56	1 Mar 56	Manjimup
2 Mar 56	15 May 56	Heartlea
16 May 56	15 Jun 56	Shannon River
16 Jun 56	10 Jul 56	Gnangara
11 Jul 56	30 Jul 58	Yanchep
31 Jul 56	2 Jan 57	Dwellingup

On being appointed as a Forest Guard on the job training continued and between Jan 57 and Jan 58 I worked in the following places: Mundaring Weir, Shannon River, Walpole, Myalup, Nannup, Willcock, Dwellingup, Tallanalla and Harvey. After spending some time with Bill Redman, as his survey assistant, I applied to transfer to Head Office, Barrack Street, Perth and became a trainee Photogrammetrist and Cartographer in Jan 58.

I resigned from the Forest Department in Jan 60 and went to the Army Officer Cadet School, Portsea, Victoria. I retired from the Army as Lieutenant Colonel in Nov 1981.

Between 1981 and 1990 I worked for Target Australia Pty Ltd as their General Manager Planning and Distribution and was appointed to their Board in 1985. I resigned in Jan 90.

Established a business consultancy practice in 1989 and retired from the workforce in 2010 and closed the consultancy.

I live in Point Lonsdale where I have been since 1979.

I hope this helps to add a little to your web page.

If you do decide to have another reunion, please let me know,

Have fun, keep smiling and enjoying life to the full.

Fred

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