

## **Campbell, Francis (Frank) John** (notes mainly from Bush fire Front website)

At Australian Forestry School 1954-55. Over 40 years experience of bushfire management in Australia. Formerly Assistant Conservator of Forests in WA, Chairman of the WA Public Service Board and innovative Fire Operations Officer. Represented the Minister for Forests on the Bush Fires Board of WA for 15 years and was responsible for the rewriting of the WA Bushfires Act in the 1970s. Experienced the 1961 bushfire disasters and the subsequent Royal Commission.

In January 1961, Frank Campbell had been four months in the job as Divisional Officer with the Forest Department in Dwellingup. Frank joined in 1956 and worked in the planning section. His training for fire fighting? "Very little for that sort of experience," he says. "I attended one fire as a driver. So I knew very little about fires in general and severe fires in particular." From interview by Sharon Kennedy, ABC South West WA 2011.

In Harvey in late 1960s. Promoted to Fire Control Superintendent at Como in 1969.