

Bridges, Robert (Bob)

BSc Forestry ANU final year 1968.

Worked for Forestry Commission of NSW.

Researched silviculture and management requirements of the forests of south east NSW.

Researched fire ecology of eastern Australian forests.

Involved in environmental assessments and Regional Forest Agreements.

Worked in Eden.

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Robert (Bob) Bridges has been a forester for all 34 years of his working life. His career in this profession has been very productive and worthy of recognition.

Bob gained his NSW Leaving Certificate in 1963, attended Sydney University in 1964/5, then the Australian National University in 1967/8 from which he graduated with a Bachelor of Science (Forestry) degree with Honours.

In 1975/6 he attended the University of Oxford aided by a Russell Grimwade Prize scholarship. From this he gained a Master of Science degree.

Bob pursued a forestry career of research and forest management in the field, particularly in the eucalypt forests of southeast NSW. He began his career with the NSW Forestry Commission at Forbes in 1969. His first substantive appointment in the same year was to Eden as a research forester studying silviculture and fire in the silvertop ash/stringybark forests. After his year in Oxford, he returned to Eden as the Officer in Charge of the Eden Research Centre and continued his investigations into silviculture and fire, expanding into the new fields of wildlife and hydrology research.

In 1992 Bob moved back to Eden, appointed to the position of Southern Region Planning Manager with responsibility for all planning functions over a large native forest estate. After yet another corporate restructure in 1997, he became Planning Manager of the South Coast Region. Finally, for two years prior to his retirement in 2005, he returned to Eden to complete a number of research reports.

