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NEWS

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Whittington Interceptor Sustainable Agriculture Land Treatment Society Inc

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I hope to find you enjoying one of the better seasons that we have had in a long time.

It is with sadness that I reflect on the passing of a great Honorary Life member of WISALTS. Laurie Adamson, fondly known as Mr Wire, contributed so much to the advancement of the Whittington Interceptor Bank system with his knowledge on how to find the natural barriers and breakthroughs that occur in the subsurface area of our soils. Laurie was a man of few words but what he said was very informative and he has taught us much.

Laurie never went anywhere without his rod and investigated so many problem sites in country towns, water supplies and areas forming salt lakes, not only in WA but all over Australia. Laurie was our first Secretary and did a massive amount of work on photos and drawings for Field Days and displays for Shows.

We will never forget his dry sense of humour and his sharp mind, which he had to the very last. May he rest in peace with Pat and Barry. Our sincere condolences to his daughter Prue and Russell, and their families.

Regarding WISALTS: we have been corresponding with the new government to try and get an evaluation of the WISALTS system as it is today; the last was done many years ago. As with any government it is a slow process, thanks Gavin.

We are working on a problem in a vineyard in Denmark, with work scheduled for March, thanks Jim.

As I deliver grain to CBH in Brookton I can't help but think how WISALTS could solve their problems with roads and drainage—at least we tried, thanks Lyn

Finally I thank my committee members for their dedication and hard work, particularly Pam for her tireless commitment to the WISALTS cause.

I would like to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

Noel Powell

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1. You are a financial or honorary life member of the Society (if you have received your invoice and haven't managed to attend to payment, please help the Treasurer by doing so as soon as you can please);
2. You have been a relatively recent member of WISALTS (and if you would like to rejoin, please send \$50 to Treasurer Neville Marsh, P O Box 9, HYDEN 6359 or EFT it to BSB 036 172, Account number 960 168 with your name as the reference);
3. You may be interested in the content which includes tributes to Honorary Life Member Laurie Adamson who died on 30 October;
4. The Society Committee would like to bring the attention of a wider audience of two Trust Funds that have been set up at Murdoch University. See article on Page 3.

Dates for your Diary!

The next **Committee Meeting** will be held on **Monday 20th January 2014** in the Swan View Uniting Church Hall at 9.30 for 10am start. If you have anything you would like the Committee to consider, please contact one of the Committee or the Secretary (contact details Page 8).

The **2014 Annual General Meeting** will be held at the Pig and Whistle Bistro and Bar on **Friday 7th February 2014**; again 9.30am for a 10am start. Please plan to be there as there will be a very interesting guest speaker.

Not a member and don't want to receive the next issue—please tell the Secretary!

REPORT FOR WISALTS NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2013

by Alison Brown & Sue Pike

We have been running this year, over 285 hours at Murdoch, not including many spent at home on the files, coordinating, travelling etc. to complete this interesting Collection to a standard it can be donated and made available on Murdoch University Library webpage. It is anticipated that someone will want to use the material for future research whether it be social history, agri-politics or sustainable farming methods. A trip to Canberra in September was slotted in to visit our great supporter in Ron Dean, Lal Whittington's brother, where we saw the Wisalts Banks at Bungendore holding full to the brim after 70 mls in one day and still raining. We all know the system works and the aim is to get others to have another look at what evolved with WISALTS.

Most important hurdle was for **Murdoch University** to **own the Collection** so it is **preserved and available for study**; this may well be in a very different direction to what we think or know now. For any of that to happen, order and recording is and has been top priority. The WISALTS approved funds were depleted by data entry very early in the year and thank you to our Treasurer, Neville Marsh, for his ability to satisfy everyone in a timely manner. However we still have a box of Correspondence, Photographs and a new box of recently handed in material to enter and fit in the allocated space. See our table below of a summary of the Collection. Not only the recording but checking the entries, particularly the farm plans (see page 5 for the list so far), is going to take considerable time.

Box No	Subject	No of Envelopes	No of Items
1	Farm Plans A-H	N/A	409
2	Farm Plans I - Y	N/A	543
3	Farm Plans Correspondence	13	405
4	Correspondence Box 1: 1959-1983	18	964
5	Correspondence Box 2: 1984-1990	11	917
6	Correspondence Box 3: 1991-2006	15	-
7	Photo Box	-	-
8	Harry Box	17	137
9	WISALTS Technical Box 1	6	48
10	WISALTS Technical Box 2	7	329
11	Newspaper Articles	19	1,098
12	WISALTS MINUTES	35	475
13	Reference Box 1: 1945-1983	25	121
14	Reference Box 2: 1984-1994	16	77
15	Reference Box 3: 1995 - 2008	11	26
16	Batalling Creek Trial + 3 Original Minute Books	10	121
17	New Box - post July 26th 2013	21	164
		224	5834

The Celebration Event on Friday 26th July 2013, was the signing of the Agreement between WISALTS and Murdoch University which outlines the conditions under which the WISALTS Collection is held and which personnel could work at the Library. An oversight not done earlier in 2002, when the Collection arrived in boxes, bags and even Laurie Adamson's old Secretary case, and these were added to for a number of years. Just as well we went under the radar as it is possible nothing further could have been added!

On the day, all Murdoch Staff, including a couple of vital supporters who had left Murdoch were thanked for their assistance and encouragement as was Sally Paulin, without whose quiet work, professionalism, friendship and achievements none of this may have happened.

Thank you also to Don Woodcock who prepared a DVD on Laurie Adamson's Sunny Brae farm at Dangin which he presented at the Celebration Event tying in the need for further research. How lucky were we all to have shared time with Laurie and can read much of his Technical References in booklets, minutes and reports on file. He was forever imparting his knowledge and findings. Please be generous by donating toward the Funds so this work, of which you are a part, is preserved.

WISALTS FARM PLANS

Many of your farm plans and your neighbours, correspondence or notes in despatches are recorded by Wisalts, and listed below; **you may still like to provide clarification of Location Numbers, Results or Observations which will assist on-ground or GPS tracking. Don't delay—please contact Sue on 9642 1120 or mobile 0488 423 888, or Alison on 0438 877 445—thank you in anticipation!**

Box 3: Farm Plans/Correspondence, Farm Trails, Shire Studies

1	Farm Correspondence A-M		
	Guidelines for Completing Farm Plans Surveyors		
	Properties done. Queries		
2	Farm Correspondence N - Y		
3	Adamson, LG, Laurie	Quairading	Sunny Brae & The Granites
4	Brookton Shire		
	Townsite & Relevant Studies		
5	Drew, GF & SM, Gavin	Gingin	Warrambo
	Beermullah Lake	Gingin	
6	Erskine, JW & MW & Sons, James	Denbarker	Hillview
7	Hardie, AJ, Lex	Narrogin	Aliana
	Reports, Studies, Field Days		
8	Keast, FJ, Dan	Dangin	
	Agriculture Department/Wisalt comparison Field Trial commenced 15 Jan 1976 to 1985		
9	McKay, John	Quindanning	
	Geologist - Involvement with Wisalts		
10	Stevenson T & S	Kojonup	KulaDale
11	Whittington HS & AL	Brookton	Springhill
12	Yenyening Lakes	Beverley	Quairading
	Water Awards 2006 nomination Laurie Adamson noting Yenyening Lakes as one of Laurie's area of expertise.		
13	Unidentified Plans & Directory		

TWO TRUST FUNDS looking for contributions!

Two Trust Funds were created in July 2013 so that anyone can choose to give a tax deductible donation toward either the Project Fund or Trust Fund.

All donations to the **Project Fund** will be used on the **Collection** in completing the collation and storage, including transferring links and summary details onto Murdoch University Library Web pages.

Donations to the **Trust Fund**, where the **interest only** will be used, is for Research as more research has always been on members' lips as being required.

A donation form is enclosed.

Should anyone be interested in the Trust Funds, please contact Dr Peter Elliott, Manager Development, Murdoch University Foundation direct on 08 9360 6749 or email: P.Elliott@murdoch.edu.au

WISALTS 2013 AGM

As well as dealing with the necessary aspects of an Annual General Meeting (election of committee, financial report, election of office bearers and appointments as required), there were several presentations of interest and note.

Darrell and Suzanne Turner from Brookton gave a very informative talk on yield mapping for their property, showing the increase in yield and general improvements on land formerly degraded which had had Interceptor Banks installed. And this was despite a run of bad seasons.

Don Woodcock showed a computer generated programme of the work done at Sunny Brae (the late Laurie Adamson's farm) and how that programme could be used to assist planning.

Then Sue Pike and Alison Brown (two of HW's daughters) reported on the progress made with the cataloguing etcetera of the WISALTS Collection at Murdoch University, and plans for an agreement with the University to hold the collection secure. (*That took place on 26th July 2013.*) A very interesting and happy day!

And on a different note:

Too bad all the people who know how to run this country are too busy driving taxi cabs and cutting hair.

If you want to feel rich, just count all of the things you have that money cannot buy.

Your mind is like a parachute—it only functions properly when open.

Five Year plan—as at 27 July 2007!

The WISALTS Committee plus a few extra members met at Bassendean Bowling Club for a strategic planning meeting facilitated by Sally Paulin.

Sally had prepared the background of the Society to start the day and as the day progressed, those present analysed our strengths now, then developed what our Issue Statement, our Mission Statement, our Purpose and our Primary Focus would be—until the next review!

There was—perhaps the inevitable—discussion about changing the name of the Society. What started off as the Whittington Interceptor Salt Affected Land Treatment Society became the Whittington Interceptor Sustainable Agriculture Land Treatment Society some years ago—still WISALTS in many minds so no suggestions to change was made then.

Our Mission was defined as “Balancing the landscape to facilitate sustainable agriculture” and the primary focus was “Informing the community about the long term benefits of balancing the landscape through demonstrating and installing the WISALTS system”.

The strategic plan then went through a number of issues and developed means to deal with them, with each issue having what do we want to achieve, how are we going to do it, what action is required, how do we evaluate it and who does it with over four pages of deliberations recorded. When the Committee discusses the whole plan at their January meeting, I have no doubt that they would welcome input from anyone interested—either by attending in person or by contacting me or any committee member with your input.

Pam McGregor, WISALTS Secretary

WISALTS Committee Meetings

Since the AGM, two Committee Meetings have been held—one on Friday 26th July at Murdoch University, and a very short one in Quairading on Thursday 7th November after the funeral service for Honorary Life Member Laurie Adamson.

In July, one of the main discussions was about the letters sent by Gavin Drew to the two farming papers (both papers published this letter in June) and to several Members of the WA Parliament, outlining concerns about land degradation and requesting a re-assessment of WISALTS work.

As well as including many facts in his letter, Gavin had pointed out that in March 2013, Premier Barnett stated that in forming the new Government (as opposed to a continuation of the previous one) he would take a bigger role in agriculture and would be assisting farmers to look after their land. Gavin also pointed out that until two years ago, both State and Federal Governments funded research into overcoming salinity; after 60 years of failure, both Governments have withdrawn funding for this research.

From replies thus far received, Gavin has been writing more letters to clarify the points he initially made and inviting on-site visits so that MP's can see for themselves the effectiveness of the system when properly planned and installed. This is still an ongoing process in November but is so important if our agricultural land is to be healed.

An interesting follow-up from the farming paper letters came from a farmer at Piawanning who thought he had WISALTS banks which weren't working. Gavin and Noel visited, inspected the banks and were able to prove that they were not. Two less detractors in that area.

The web site needs updating and Don Woodcock is working in that. **To that end, if you have any (preferably positive) stories about your experiences with WISALTS banks, please tell them to us so that they can be shared—thank you in anticipation!**

Many of Laurie's papers will be digitised so that they will be available from the web site and through the WISALTS Collection at Murdoch.

Still on IT matters, Don Woodcock has offered to hold a training workshop to show how Google Earth can be of assistance in planning and in knowing your farm from a different perspective—watch this space! If you are not a WISALTS Consultant or on the Committee and you would be interested in attending, please contact the Secretary and you will be kept informed about date and place in due course—likely to be March 2014.

Documentation of work done with, for example, soil test results and fertiliser and seeding history is essential in proving the worth of the Interceptor Bank system—follow-up being undertaken on some important sites.

Some years ago—2007 to be exact—the then Committee prepared (after a full day's workshop) a strategic plan.

Copies were handed out at the November meeting for Committee members to review and that item will be front and centre of the January Committee Meeting with a report prepared for presentation to the AGM on 4th February.

At the November meeting also, Treasurer Neville Marsh reported that subs were coming in; a donation of \$1550 will be made to the Project Fund at Murdoch; current account is \$2045 and the Term Deposit \$12,208.

Several matters will be followed up after some consideration by the Committee in January.

Memories of Laurie from Jim McGregor

I first took notice of Laurie's work (in addition to his support of H.W., as WISALTS Secretary and a committed supporter of the cause) when, at a gathering of many of the consultants in the early 1980's at our Denbarker farm. The aim of the gathering was to try to work out what was going on in that our banks were not performing to expectation.

While most of us were focusing on the trench Lyndon Henning had dug with his backhoe, revealing a very porous sand seam below the clay layer with which the bank was sealed, Laurie was wandering about upslope with a piece of bent wire. That I believe was one of the pivotal moments in the evolution of the Whittington Interceptor Bank System. I personally spent many hours learning about the responses from a piece of bent wire, and on the acquisition of a backhoe, put lots of plastic into existing banks. On one of our farms, with the aid of a ripper (driven by my father) behind me, I mapped out, walking with the wire, the throughflow system on much of that farm.

Following a course in Radionics I attended at Toodyay, I spoke to Laurie about the technique the presenter used to neutralise the effects of a vortex (the point where two ley lines cross) that was making a few of the attendees quite uncomfortable in the meeting room. That must have clicked with some of the concepts Laurie was working with, as he delved deeper into energy fields and associated phenomena his dowsing skill revealed.

Laurie and HW were, I believe, true scientists who were open to concepts normally dismissed by conventional reductionist science. By challenging us to think beyond conventionality and logic, they helped many who met them to think outside the square and to become better people. Laurie and HW were a great team.

Tribute to L.G.A. from Jim Sorgiovannie

I first met Laurie at Koorda in 1978 at a WISALTS Field Day at Claire's property. From then, we were in contact through schools, demonstration days and me asking Laurie many questions many times over. Laurie patiently answered until I basically understood it.

Laurie also sent explanations on his research and trials to me, which he then had to do a lot of explaining over the phone and next time we met. He always explained that Mother Nature never had anything in a straight line and only had right angle (90 degrees) bends where throughflows and main waterways joined. Learning to use the wire was a challenge but Laurie persisted and I finally got the hang of it.

He was a generous person in a lot of ways. When I went to demonstrate WISALTS at Quairading, he insisted I stay at his house; while there for two days, he explained his towers which eliminated the static and electromagnetic field for some 200 metre radius. Laurie would phone me when he did other research and then emailed the explanations. I am now filing all his correspondence over the years.

I am already missing not being able to give Laurie a call to ask how he is and have a chat about our common love of the land, and how we can reverse the degradation.

Press release sent to the Farm Weekly and the Countryman, November 2013 and printed in both.

Family and friends gathered in Quairading in early November to celebrate the life of Mr Laurie Adamson, the "Mr Wire" of the Whittington Interceptor Sustainable Agriculture Land Treatment Society (WISALTS).

Laurie was the inaugural Secretary of the Society when it began in 1978 to promote the use of the Whittington Interceptor Bank System to alleviate increasing waterlogging and salinity in agricultural areas. Over the years, Laurie contributed much to the development of the system and his skill with the divining wire in ascertaining what lay beneath the ground soon became a "must have skill" for the Society consultants. He introduced the use of plastic sheeting to help control underground throughflows, a technique used today to great advantage in planning the system. Laurie became an Honorary Life Member of the Society in 1989.

However, WISALTS did not take up all of Laurie's very full and varied life. A successful farmer in the Dangin area, he was unstinting in his help to others, encouraging involvement in agriculture and was always a gentleman sharing his knowledge and was a mentor to many.

According to a former Principal of Quairading District High School, Mr Rowlie Mellor, Laurie was a constant thinker and problem solver, a scientist through his reading and research and publications. He never ever gave up and would always pursue what he felt was a 'cause' and write to anyone whom he thought could help.

Laurie's daughter Mrs Prue Frame pointed in her eulogy to her Dad that he was a very generous man. He loved meeting and helping people and enjoyed trying to solve problems related to the land. She often received a call after a 'Catalyst' programme to help Laurie find contact details of various doctors and professors involved in the programme so he could help put them on the right track!

Laurie's research projects included soil conservation, soil wetting properties and radiation controls and many people now have bits of PET card attached to phones, microwaves and computers to reduce the chance of radiation waves causing harm. Laurie was involved in several community organisations including the Dangin Masonic Lodge where two years ago, he was proudly presented with his 65th year Jewel. He and Pat had been married for 58 years when Pat died in late 2006; Laurie was a treasured Pop to his grandchildren and Great Grand Pop to three great-grandchildren.

At the burial, Laurie's favourite song was played – Slim Dusty's "Looking forward, looking back, I've come a long way down the track" – a very apt description of a man who lived a full and meaningful life who will be missed by the many folk whose lives he touched. Vale, Laurie.

Laurie Adamson remembered by Lyn Messenger

Note: For some reason, Lyn was only given 20 minutes to prepare the eulogy he gave at the service, so this is what he would have liked to say that day.

As a consequence of short notice to partake in his eulogy at his funeral, I didn't elaborate enough on Laurie's stories, so I would like to tell some of these now. I first got to know Laurie at Lodge meetings and when I was invited to a South Caroling Farmers Union Meeting in about 1974/5 to discuss and show photos of a 25 bag/acre crop of oats grown with Harry Whittington's concept of water control. This meeting led to the formation of WISALTS in 1978. In later years, I met Laurie in Beverley and drove him to WISALTS meetings in Perth. These journeys would allow us to discuss all sorts of issues and solve the ills of the world.

Laurie was Harry Whittington's and WISALTS research man, and he and Harry travelled widely, looking at and solving problems. It was Laurie's dowsing ability to locate the 'barriers' and 'throughflows' and the use of builders plastic that helped perfect the WISALTS system.

Trips with Gordon Taylor and his aeroplane over east and locally were a regular occurrence—Gordon would land somewhere and take them to their destination. For all we know, these aviators are soaring around checking things out at the present moment.

Laurie's dowsing ability goes back several generations that I am aware of. His and my great grandfather was a water diviner and well sinker at Melrose in South Australia. I noticed in recent years, Laurie had become a bit cynical of what he had discovered when people weren't taking notice of his insights. Helping was Laurie's "modus operandi". In one case, a local authority replied to his submission saying they didn't want to enter into any further correspondence. That was a bit hard on Laurie and the problem he was trying to help with still exists. I think it is par for the course for all "Masters of Innovation" when people become "deniers to preserve their own ignorance". I always enjoyed dropping in to see Laurie's latest investigation and had a hand in some of them.

I will try to explain some of them:

* Better germination using a magnet on the grain shute feeding the seeder;

* Neutralising EMF radiation from TV's, microwaves, mobile phones, computers, radio clocks, water moving under houses etcetera;

* Energising a sand coated playing card and later on emery board to prolong the life of food (I use mine all the time and I wonder how many packs of cards Laurie gave away).

* I remember going to a day at David Whyte's using pendulums to investigate various things and the workings of cosmic pipes.

I think Laurie was proud that I found a 50,000 gallons/day water supply for a friend east of Brookton (who had been carting water for some time) just by using a pendulum over a coloured aerial map.

I also used the same method to find the energy spot to place a cosmic pipe (or Power Tower) to farm the atmosphere.

One of these with coils made with many windings is able to cover 4,000 acres with various preparations. I planned to make another one for him; he proceeded to make mini-towers—energising to cover smaller areas. One of the experiments was using weedicide targeting weeds without spraying them—another was projecting various solutions over non-wetting soils—I saw both of these ideas work.

Another was the topic of carbon pollution and a solution.

We had been talking about conducting an experiment on a coal fired power-stations chimney—it seemed that might be a bit of a problem so we thought to replicate it but needed some Collie coal first.

I was at the Wandering Fair 2 or 3 years ago, and there was a chap there who had made a Model Ride-on Steam Traction Engine using coal.

So I got a shopping bag of Collie coal, took my blacksmith's forge with an improvised chimney over to Laurie's driveway, got that beautiful smelling smoke going and with Laurie's energised band of material at the top of the chimney, we found it had neutralised the smoke.

We conducted the same test on the exhausts of his petrol car and my diesel ute and collected the gas to test.

The collection container Laurie had made out of two one litre milk bottles with the bottoms cut out, joined together so he had a cap at each end to trap the gas, and the energising band worked and neutralised the emissions.

Laurie wrote to various leading people in Canberra etcetera with little or no response.

The same applied to his correspondence to the Brisbane ABC office with the solution to protecting women from breast cancer by neutralising the electro Magnetic Radiation from their computers.

Another serious and amusing incident was when Laurie prepared a solution and taped two bike spokes either side to absorb the X-Ray effect and protect the solution and posted it to a certain Northern Territory doctor.

A Federal Police Officer paid Laurie a visit to discuss the situation and advised him to not do it again! Laurie had a smile and said that he could have been doing time!

Laurie had an enquiring mind and was stimulated by the hidden mysteries of nature and science.

For all those interested in his work, he's left an enormous legacy.

I, and many, will miss his company, and feel enlightened and honoured to have known him.

Laurie Adamson—Extraordinaire from Gavin Drew

Laurie was very gifted in a number of areas, but his success was obtained principally because of his persistence and love of research to further what he had learned over many years.

My first clear memory of Laurie and his skill with the divining rod was at a Field Day on a property in Hayes Road, just west of Quairading in the mid 1980's.

On this occasion Laurie had marked out some through flows, cut them off using plastic sheeting "for the first time" to overcome any soil breakdown.

While Laurie was demonstrating his capacity to intercept water and deliver it to a safe place, the Department of Agriculture was demonstrating their methods of control, as well as using piezometers placed to demonstrate rising water in the landscape.

We were clearly able to see from this small trial that Laurie had controlled water whereas the Department had not.

Again, Laurie took us to view the water above ground level in the piezometer and explained that this was not water coming up under pressure but demonstrated the weight of water required to flow through the collapsing soil.

Unfortunately, the trial was discontinued as the Department's trial was a failure and, I believe, the farmer was not really looking for a solution.

From this time onwards, the use of plastic sheeting gradually increased and was mainly responsible for overcoming leaky interceptor banks. However, Laurie's skill with the divining rod was passed on to the WISALTS consultants and became an important tool in planning the interceptor bank system. Some consultants gave up their licences when they could not use the divining rod.

To this time, soil barriers on which the interceptor banks were placed could only be found by using a steel probe to push into the soil and encountering the harder soil of the barrier. This entailed a lot of work and it was still difficult to differentiate between the numerous small barriers and Nature's "Field Barriers" required on which to place the interceptor banks to assist nature's disposal of excess water.

The divining rod enables the consultant to find and measure the depth of throughflows which needed to be cut off in the interceptor bank.

Just as crucial is the use of the divining rod in the trench to ensure the machine has in fact got to the bottom of the water before installing the plastic.

This procedure gave consultants an opportunity to guarantee 100% control.

Unfortunately, because these procedures were ignored by farmers and some people who 'knew better', there were a lot of failures in the early days which went against WISALTS.

Harry Whittington and Laurie Adamson worked together to improve the technique of controlling water and delivering excess to a safe place. This co-operation was never more evident than when, at the request of the Gingin Shire, they joined me in overcoming the pollution in Beermullah Lake.

The interceptor banks put in today by now only a small number of approved consultants can be guaranteed as a result of Harry Whittington's understanding and of Laurie's wizardry with the divining rod.

In recent times, Laurie had gone further and researched the effects and control of radiation which exists even in the home. Laurie came up with a simple method of controlling this radiation and so overcoming a number of health problems. More recently again, using his knowledge in this field, he appeared to be on track to control autism in children. Laurie was always conscious that if he could get scientists to examine what he had found, or if they worked with his, many ills could be overcome.

Asked before his death, what he considered was important to be done, he hesitated, then said "too much to contemplate!"

May Laurie, a very good friend and talented man, now rest in peace. He will be sadly missed.

. . . and from Pam McGregor

Since Jim and I joined WISALTS in 1978, Laurie has been part of our lives, especially when Jim became (for some years) a consultant, and I served on the Committee. And perhaps more especially in recent years as he delved into health matters and controlling the many sources of radiation. Sitting in front of our computer, I wear a PET card round my neck (same as he sent to those ABC girls in Brisbane) and there's a mini-tower on my desk. Down the farm laneway under the 132,000 volt power line are rinsed out 20 litre spray containers with PET cards (from Laurie's Meals on Wheels) stuck to the sides. Jim and I were honoured to be invited by the Brethren of the Dangan Masonic Lodge to be present when Laurie was presented with his 65 Year Jewel.

Laurie never stopped thinking, assessing, working things out—he will not be forgotten!

Vale Laurie

Anyone who came into contact with LGA, or Laurie, or Mr Wire could not remain untouched by that encounter—or encounters! All of us who knew him will have many memories and those thoughts will make us smile as we begin to appreciate just how many discoveries he had made in his never-ending finding things out way, and how much we will all miss him. As time goes by, we will also appreciate all the more how fortunate we all have been in knowing this very special man.

WISALTS Committee 2013—2014

(Five of the Committee of 10 retire each year and are eligible for re-election; from these 10, the President and other officers are elected.)

Elected at the AGM in February 2013 were Gavin Drew (Gingin), Jim Sorgiovanni (Geraldton), Brian Whittington (Bakers Hill), Don Woodcock (Quairading) and the late Laurie Adamson.

Elected in 2012 (and eligible for re-election is 2014) were Noel Powell (Leschenault), Tony Ruse (Perth, Dandaragan and Denmark), Neville Marsh (Hyden), Lyn Messenger (Brookton) and Phil Surtees (Muclea).

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WISALTS Consultants

In addition to
Gavin Drew
Noel Powell
Jim Sorgiovanni
Lyn Messenger and Brian Whittington,
Darrell Turner is also a WISALTS approved consultant. His phone number is 9642 6014
If, after a good harvest (which hopefully this one is being for every cropper), you would like a chat about solving some land degradation problems, contact one of the consultants

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