

Vale - James 'Bede' Foley 1942 - 2008

It is with much sadness that CSIRO Property Services advises the passing of Bede Foley from cancer on 14 January 2008. Bede spent over thirty years with CSIRO as both an employee and a contractor and touched the lives of many people.

Bede commenced with CSIRO in 1971. From 1971 to 1986, he worked in a number of positions in the Division of Land Research and Site Services Group, Black Mountain; Regional Administration Office, Canberra; Division of Soils, Black Mountain; and Divisions of Horticulture and Soils, Adelaide.

After a two and a half year hiatus when Bede operated a delicatessen in Adelaide, Bede rejoined CSIRO at the Division of Human Nutrition, Kintore Avenue, Adelaide in 1988. He transferred to Canberra with short stints in the Property Unit and the Corporate Audit Group prior to his appointment as Office/Administration Manager for the new CSIRO Head Office at 407 Royal Parade, Parkville in 1992.

In 1996, the Organisation relocated its Head Office back to Campbell resulting in Bede being contracted by CSIRO Property as a Liaison officer for the development of CSIRO Riverside Corporate Park. Bede played a key role in the development of the various CSIRO facilities at North Ryde and the CSIRO Energy Centre at Newcastle. In recent years Bede worked with Property Services on a variety of tasks including office relocations; site contract management; refurbishment and fitout projects at Pullenvale, Lindfield and Clayton and the 'cleaning up' of vacated buildings and/or sites at Port Melbourne, Indooroopilly, Syndal, Maribyrnong, O'Halloran Hill, Glen Osmond, Mt Gambier and Woodville.

Bede's easy going nature, loyalty, good humour and 'I can fix anything' attitude endeared himself to many staff across the Organisation in ACT, NSW, QLD, VIC and SA. He was a genuine 'good guy' and will be sadly missed. Our sincere condolences go out to Mary and the family.

