

## Meeting with retired Forests Commission Victoria Peter McHugh Saturday 20 October 2018



In pouring rain, on the morning of Saturday 20 October Alfred and Ursula meet Peter McHugh at Kurth Kiln. Peter was a forester with the Forests Commission Victoria from the late 1970s and has recently retired. His early postings with the Forests Commission Victoria was to Kallista District and he lived at Gembrook in the house which is now the Parks Victoria Office.

He was involved with Frank May and Bob Ferris in some of the early works at Kurth Kiln to create the picnic facilities. The huts were then occupied, but very dilapidated. The big shed was still enclosed and used mainly for storage. Motorbikes and vandals were a big problem.



Since retiring he became a member of the Forests Commission Retired Personnel Association and has begun the daunting task of recording some of Victoria's more interesting forest history. Peter mentioned that it is a boundless project.

Even though it rained heavily Peter and his family looked around the kiln site and we had an interesting talk. He remembers many things from his days working at Kurth Kiln and promised to send some of his research and photos. We gave him books and the latest calendar, which will go into the Forests Commission Retired Personnel Association Museum in Beechworth.

Peter said he will be coming back for a longer visit one day, when it isn't raining.

