

## **Ovington, John Derek (Derek)**

Educated in UK. In 1964 he was appointed as the first Professor of the new School of Forestry at the Australian National University in Canberra. The new buildings were ready for use in the 1968 academic year. The Forestry students were enrolled at ANU for the 1965, 1966 and 1967 academic years. The 1967/68 students were the first Forestry students to be trained at the ANU campus. Professor Ovington was the Head of the ANU School of Forestry from 1964 to 1978, when he was replaced by Eric Bachelard.

Professor Ovington was appointed (as Director) to head the newly created National Parks and Wildlife Service – the first federal body dedicated to managing Australia's national reserves system.