

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article, recently published in Tasmania's *Forest Practice News*, is reprinted below, with permission. I particularly liked the cartoon, and the accompanying photo of Kevin "when he was young"! The photo is with the compliments(?) of Greg Middleton...

Kevin Kiernan exits the Forest Practices System

Kim Evans, Chair, Forest Practices Board

In November 2002, after 15 years with the Forest Practices Board, Kevin Kiernan left to take up a lecturing position at the School of Geography and Environmental Studies at the University of Tasmania.

Kevin's contribution to the Forest Practices system has been immense. He is perhaps best known for his karst expertise and raising awareness within the forest industry of the values and sensitivity of karst environments. To concentrate on karst would be unfair though, as Kevin, almost in spite of karst, also worked on mass movement, aeolian, coastal and volcanic processes. His love of cold climate processes encouraged his studies on the legacy of glaciation in our forests and ultimately led him to pursue research on the Antarctic mainland and Heard Island.

Kevin will be sorely missed. Not just for his fondness of cakes, Bob Dylan's music, midnight grovels in mud filled caves and practical jokes, but as a staunch defender of natural places that deserved the highest level of protection.

I am sure that all forest practices officers join the Board and its staff in thanking Kevin for his outstanding contribution to forest management and conservation. We wish Kevin all the best in his new position with the university.

