



Dr Ken Atkins

A West Australian, Ken started collecting native plants in his early teens and continued this interest into university where he studied botany at the University of Western Australia. He continued his studies towards a PhD in the Pilbara, investigating the local ecology and developing revegetation prescriptions for a minesite.

After leaving the Pilbara, Ken undertook consultancy work, doing vegetation surveys in the south west of the State. He then joined the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife in 1983 as a Reserve Management Officer based at Pingelly, which began a six year stay in the wheatbelt, during which time he took on the role of District Manager when the Department of Conservation and Land Management was formed, and then Regional Ecologist.

Ken is currently manager of Species and Communities Branch with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, where he has a role in developing and implementing legislation, policy and practices for biodiversity conservation.