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## Blakey hangs up his Hi-Vis for the last time.

Brian Blake has served the Circular Head Community for almost 49 years in civil maintenance and construction with Circular Head Council.

Brian has seen many changes in the region during his long career at Council, which began with the water team in March 1972, a day he said he “can recall like yesterday”.

“We used to pick up chlorine bottles from the train, but then of course the treatment plant was built and (later) extended to Stanley. It opened up the place for all sorts of development and a better living standard.”

Reflecting on his career saying he was very proud of the fact that lost time injury at Works Plus was “extremely low and we never had major accidents.”

Brian was Works Plus Manager for 25 years before handing over the reins in 2018 and spending the past 3 years using his considerable knowledge of Council’s infrastructure to develop asset management tools which will continue to return value to Council long after his retirement.

Brian admits he will miss his colleagues a great deal but he is looking forward to travelling with his wife, who he met when they worked together at the old council depot in 1975.

“Circular Head Council wish Brian a very happy retirement and on behalf of the community we would like to thank him for his dedication to Council and the community, and the outstanding job he has done for us,” said Mayor of Circular Head, Daryl Quilliam.

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