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### **Mature skills to help out bush**

Baby boomers can not be ignored. We need their skills for the future.

In Australia today, there are several proposals in the pipeline to help utilise the talents of the 5 million Baby boomers aged from 44 to 62 currently. Bonza is involved in them all.

- A partnership between the CWA (Country Women's Assoc) and a not for profit SEQld Employment Service to data base the needs of the bush so that Baby boomers can take time out during their travels around the nation and help out the bush. The proposed data base will be compiled by local CWA branches and list Bush Australia's skill needs plus contact numbers so that travelling Baby boomers- the future Grey Nomads- can camp, work and stay as long as it suits their needs.
- A Sydney based not for profit group who are to use the skills of Baby boomers for mentoring in sustainability and making business and individuals aware of the effects of climate change. Ex managers who can be offered redemption for their role in messing up our world.
- Focusing mature age on new careers at 50 so we don't think old. Current practise for that age group is to think only about the negatives of old age and retirement funds. We want mature age policies in the workplace that recognise the fact that we are all living longer and need to keep working to sustain that and concentrate on reskilling and financial planning but still allow them more time out to travel and have a balance in life.

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