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★ BELOW: No more perspiration and puffing in tree pruning, thanks to this ingenious tree bicycle.

Bark-peddalling to the top →

★ GETTING to the top in the forestry business was pretty tough before some Swiss genius invented a tree-climbing bicycle.

Western Australian Forests Department worker Tony Ayling demonstrated one the other day at the opening of the \$200,000 Institute of Forest Research and Protection at Como.

Treading on foot-plates gripping the trunk of a pine tree, Tony pedalled 40 feet up, cut off a branch, and was back on the ground in a few minutes.

He found it safer and more comfortable than the old extension-ladder method—even though the bicycle had no seat.

Forest workers will use the device when pruning pine trunks to produce straight, clean timber.

Dolphin on the line

★ A PHONE call to Los Angeles, USA, the other day saved the life of Spotty, a dolphin who "dances the hula" for visitors to the Southport Seaquarium on the Gold Coast. Spotty had swallowed 2 ft. of nylon fishing line.

Seaquarium proprietors phoned Mr David Brown, curator at Pacific Marineland in Los Angeles. Mr Brown told them to slide plastic tubing over the fishing line (which was caught in Spotty's throat) and to remove the line by pulling it through the tube. He also suggested doses of antibiotics to prevent infection.

Seaquarium directors followed the Los Angeles



"hips" in a watery hula.

Cook sets snail pace

★ YOU can get a licence for just about anything these days, but Monsieur Claude Roger, a French-born restaurant owner of Sydney (NSW), has come up with a new one — he wants a licence to establish a snail farm.

M. Roger has had to be satisfied with canned frogs and snails so far. He says that with Sydney people eating more and more unusual dishes, now is the time to establish a farm to supply fresh, succulent frogs and snails.

The farm, near Sydney, will also grow French-type frogs for eating.

Belles go for bells

★ TOOWOOMBA claims to be the "wedding bell capital" of provincial Queensland. Latest statistics (for the three months to last September) show that Toowoomba had 184 weddings — 59 more than tropical Townsville to the north, which has a bigger population.

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