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NATIONAL PARKS BOARD  
OF  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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**HON. P. V. JONES, M.L.A.,  
MINISTER FOR CONSERVATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT.**

*On behalf of the National Parks Board of Western Australia, I herewith present  
the Annual Report for the year ended 30 June, 1976*

**C. F. H. JENKINS,  
PRESIDENT,  
NATIONAL PARKS BOARD OF W.A.**

## BOARD MEMBERSHIP

At the 30 June, 1976 the Board comprised nine members. The Board meetings are normally held monthly but unfortunately due to illness amongst members there were only eleven meetings held from July, 1975 to June 1976.

Below is a list of members:—

Name	Date of Appointment
C. F. H. Jenkins, M.A., M.A.I.A.S., President	6/11/59
B. K. Bowen, B.Sc.	12/3/76
C. R. Bunning, C.B.E., B.C.E., A.M.I.E.	19/5/61
C. R. L. Gibson, A.A.S.A., J.P.	1/7/69
G. R. W. Meadly, M.Sc.	31/1/75
J. F. Morgan, L.S., F.I.S. (Aust), M.A.I.C.	1/1/67
N. J. Semmens, F.A.I.M.	14/6/74
H. W. Sorensen, A.A.S.A., F.B.S. (Aust.)	12/3/76
D. W. G. Treloar, M.Sc. (Agric.), B.Sc. (Hons.) (Agric)	12/3/76

## ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Director—F. G. Smith, D.Sc., B.Sc. (For.), N.D.B., M.I.F.A.  
Secretary—H. R. Gorringe  
Biologist—A. N. Start, Ph.D., B.Sc. (Zool.)  
Fire Management Officer—R. A. Anderson  
Senior Clerk—G. J. Quin

## AMENDMENTS TO AREAS OF EXISTING RESERVES

Kalamunda National Park increased from 372 ha to 375 ha by the inclusion of Canning Loc. 2711.  
Moore River National Park increased from 17 380 ha to 17 546 ha by the inclusion of Swan Loc. 8833.

Neerabup National Park increased from 1 125 ha to 1 143 ha by the inclusion of Swan Loc. 6270.  
Stirling Range National Park increased from 115 595 ha to 115 671 ha by the inclusion of Plantagenet Locs. 7255 and 7258.

Watheroo National Park increased from 34 920 ha to 43 974 ha by the inclusion of Victoria Locs. 8745, 8749, 10328, 10329 and 10330.

Yalgorup National Park increased from 10 661 ha to 11 181 ha by the inclusion of Reserve C.21271 (Murray Loc. 1014).

Portion of Perth Lot 767 (Reserve A.21054) containing St. Bartholomew's Church was excised from the East Perth Cemetery Reserve and vested in the National Trust of Australia (W.A.).

## NATIONAL PARKS AND RESERVES UNDER THE BOARD'S CONTROL AS AT 30 JUNE, 1976

National Parks								Hectares
1.	Alexander Morrison	....	....	....	....	....	....	8 501
2.	Avon Valley	....	....	....	....	....	....	4 430
3.	Badgingarra	....	....	....	....	....	....	10 285
4.	Cape Arid	....	....	....	....	....	....	259 808
5.	Cape Le Grand	....	....	....	....	....	....	28 000
6.	Cape Range	....	....	....	....	....	....	50 581
7.	Chichester Range	....	....	....	....	....	....	150 609
8.	Cowaramup	....	....	....	....	....	....	879
9.	Drovers Cave	....	....	....	....	....	....	2 681
10.	Drysdale River	....	....	....	....	....	....	424 344
11.	Fitzgerald River	....	....	....	....	....	....	242 727
12.	Frank Hann	....	....	....	....	....	....	49 877
13.	Geikie Gorge	....	....	....	....	....	....	3 136
14.	Gooseberry Hill	....	....	....	....	....	....	33
15.	Greenmount	....	....	....	....	....	....	56
16.	Hamelin Bay	....	....	....	....	....	....	1 334
17.	Hamersley Range	....	....	....	....	....	....	590 206
18.	Hassell	....	....	....	....	....	....	1 279
19.	John Forrest	....	....	....	....	....	....	1 577
20.	Kalamunda	....	....	....	....	....	....	375
21.	Kalbarri	....	....	....	....	....	....	186 623
22.	Leeuwin	....	....	....	....	....	....	1 101
23.	Lesmurdie Falls	....	....	....	....	....	....	56
24.	Moore River	....	....	....	....	....	....	17 546
25.	Nambung	....	....	....	....	....	....	17 332
26.	Neerabup	....	....	....	....	....	....	1 143
27.	Porongurup	....	....	....	....	....	....	2 359
28.	Scott	....	....	....	....	....	....	1 376
29.	Serpentine	....	....	....	....	....	....	635
30.	Sir James Mitchell	....	....	....	....	....	....	1 087
31.	Stirling Range	....	....	....	....	....	....	115 671
32.	Stokes	....	....	....	....	....	....	10 667
33.	Tathra	....	....	....	....	....	....	4 323
34.	Torndirrup	....	....	....	....	....	....	3 906
35.	Tunnel Creek	....	....	....	....	....	....	92
36.	Walpole-Nornalup	....	....	....	....	....	....	17 986
37.	Walyunga	....	....	....	....	....	....	1 790
38.	Watheroo	....	....	....	....	....	....	43 974
39.	William Bay	....	....	....	....	....	....	1 879
40.	Windjana Gorge	....	....	....	....	....	....	2 134
41.	Yalgorup	....	....	....	....	....	....	11 181
42.	Yallingup	....	....	....	....	....	....	1 885
43.	Yanchep	....	....	....	....	....	....	2 790
								2 278 254
<b>Other Reserves</b>								<b>Hectares</b>
44.	Araluen—Canning Dam	....	....	....	....	....	....	20
45.	Badgingarra Ranger's Residential Lots	....	....	....	....	....	....	0·2
46.	Cape Le Grand Ranger's Residential Lots	....	....	....	....	....	....	0·2
47.	Charles Gardner Flora	....	....	....	....	....	....	583
48.	East Perth Cemetery	....	....	....	....	....	....	5
49.	Fitzgerald River Ranger's Residential Lot	....	....	....	....	....	....	0·1
50.	Geekabee Hill Flora	....	....	....	....	....	....	4

Other Reserves	Hectares
51. Haddleton Flora	713
52. Kalbarri Rangers' Residential Lots and Workshop	0.5
53. Keane's Point	2
54. Matilda Bay	23
55. Nambung Rangers' Residential Lots	0.4
56. Nowergup Lake Fauna Sanctuary	117
57. Old Mill, South Perth	0.2
58. Porongurup Range—East of	61
59. Penguin Island	13
60. Walpole Golf Course...	14
61. Walpole Yacht Club	0.8
62. Wolf Creek Meteorite Crater	1 460
63. Yanchep Flora	178
64. Small Portion of King's Park (Bernies)	0.4
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	3 196
Plus Total of National Parks	2 278 254
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GRAND TOTAL	2 281 450

#### CLASSIFICATION OF RESERVES

Of the total area under the control of the National Parks Board, 1 768 755 hectares are classified "A" Class, 424 344 hectares are classified "B" Class and the remaining 88 351 hectares being classified "C" Class.

#### PURCHASE OF PARKLANDS

A further instalment of \$4 587 was met during the year in connection with the purchase of the land acquired for establishment of the Walyunga National Park. The final payment will be made in 1983.

#### FINANCE

A comparative summary of receipts and payments for the past two years follows and it should be noted that those relating to the year under review are subject to audit.

The Board recognises the sympathetic consideration given by the Treasury to its requests for financial assistance which grow each year in proportion to the rising costs of administration and the increasing number of National Parks for which the Board is responsible. However, a considerable increase in finances will be necessary in future considering the rate of increase in areas being placed under the Board's control and if the National Parks service is to be upgraded to perform efficiently the functions expected of it.

Previous Year		RECEIPTS		1975-76	
\$	\$			\$	\$
		Opening Balance			
		<b>National Parks and Other Reserves—</b>			
26 010		Rents—General		27 446	
9 375		John Forrest National Park		10 817	
15 073		Geikie Gorge National Park		17 265	
....		Kalbarri National Park		6 435	
3 991		Serpentine National Park		4 896	
5 132		Walpole-Nornalup National Park		6 074	
7 514		Walyunga National Park		9 662	
85 902		Yanchep National Park		97 822	
3 424		Other National Parks and Reserves		2 775	
	156 421				183 192
		<b>Other Receipts</b>			
3 641		Sundry Receipts		7 428	
765		Sale of Surplus Assets		2 041	
19 875		Refunds and Suspense		31 756	
2 000		Wishing Well—		2 000	
	26 281				43 225
		<b>Grants—</b>			
632 250		Treasury		793 000	
	632 250				793 000
	67	Closing Overdrawn Balance			58
	<hr/>				<hr/>
	\$815 019				\$1 019 475

## PAYMENTS

Previous Year		1975-76
\$	\$	\$      \$
	3 309	67
	Opening Overdrawn Balance .....	
	<b>Administrative Expenses—</b>	
14 067	Head Office Expenses .....	23 032
73 186	Head Office Salaries .....	82 009
5 587	Workers' Compensation and Public Liability	
	Insurance .....	11 773
9 155	Contributions to Staff Endowment Fund .....	8 670
16 575	Payroll Tax .....	25 593
	118 570	151 077
	<b>National Parks and Other Reserves—</b>	
356 953	Wages .....	434 658
89 810	Operating and Maintenance Costs .....	177 712
204 801	Improvements, including Buildings, new	
	vehicles, plant, equipment and Bush Fire	
	Control .....	188 513
4 695	Walyunga National Park—Purchase Instal-	
	ment .....	4 587
	656 259	805 470
	<b>Other Payments</b>	
13 902	Sundry Payments .....	18 772
20 979	Refunds and Suspense .....	42 089
2 000	Wishing Well— .....	2 000
	36 881	62 861
	\$815 019	\$1 019 475

### NATIONAL PARKS AUTHORITY

Legislation providing for the establishment of a National Parks Authority passed through both Houses of Parliament in May. The Authority should take over from the National Parks Board early in the coming year.

### POLICY

National Parks should contain representative examples of our country's land, water and natural features and include areas of such scientific, educational and inspirational importance that they merit commitment to Government care. They should preserve for all time scenic beauty, wilderness conditions, native wildlife, indigenous plant life and areas of scientific importance and permit the public enjoyment of these things in such a manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the future.

The Policy of the National Parks Board of Western Australia, in conformity with these concepts has been declared to be:—

“To so administer the reserves and other lands under its control as to ensure the preservation of their natural beauty, the conservation of native flora and fauna, and the protection of geological, physiographical and other features of special interest: and to develop and improve certain areas so as to permit their use and enjoyment by the public.”

The management of National Parks has to reconcile the concept of use by the people with the conservation of the natural qualities for which the park was reserved.

Appropriate use of a National Park is any activity which is inspired by and derives its enjoyment from the natural character and features of the Park. Such an activity can be accommodated without material alteration or disturbance or the introduction of artificial conditions into the natural environment.

In wilderness areas, the only facilities appropriate are primitive narrow foot tracks which blend into the landscape in order that the enjoyment of a completely natural unspoilt environment may be experienced.

### BOARD CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

The National Parks Board of Western Australia was appointed under the provisions of the Parks and Reserves Act, 1895-1973 and its powers are defined in that Act, including the power to make By-laws.

Formerly, the State Gardens Board administered the reserves until it was reconstituted as the National Parks Board of Western Australia as a body corporate by a Proclamation dated 4 April, 1956 and published in the *Government Gazette* of 13 April, 1956.



The current By-laws were approved and published in the *Government Gazette* of 29 May, 1963 and amendments have been published in the *Government Gazette* of 22 December, 1964; 10 June, 1965; 17 December, 1968; 8 May, 1972; 8 December, 1972; 2 March, 1973; 23 August, 1974; 28 February, 1975; 9 January, 1976 and 5 March, 1976.

### **COUNCIL OF NATURE CONSERVATION MINISTERS**

During the year the National Parks Board was represented at Standing Committee Meetings on 28 October, 1975 and 7 May, 1976 in Hobart, in preparation for the Council of Nature Conservation Ministers in Hobart due to be held in August, 1976.

### **RESEARCH**

A biological survey of Drysdale River National Park was carried out by a team from the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, the W.A. Museum, C.S.I.R.O., and Western Australian Herbarium. The Director of National Parks did the vegetation mapping.

A biologist, Dr. A. N. Start commenced duties with the National Parks Board on 16 February, 1976. A preliminary survey of the Karri and Tingle forests of the Walpole-Nornalup National Park provided the basis on which could be drawn up a long term fire protection scheme for the park. Work has commenced on a more detailed survey and the establishment of permanent plots for monitoring changes in the environment. The long term fire protection plan is designed to permit the vegetation within the park to reach a climax community status while ensuring safety from fire entering or leaving the park.

The biologist has visited several other National Parks in connection with short term biological problems. Among these were a visit to Nambung National Park to follow up a reported find of a short-necked tortoise. No short-necked tortoise were found. Another visit was to the Porongurup National Park to investigate the presence of feral silver pheasants and fire damage to Karri regeneration.

He has established liaison with officers and research workers in other Departments.

### **VISITS AND INSPECTIONS**

Members of the Board visited Kalbarri and various South West parks. The Director inspected proposed new areas for National Parks in the Moresby Ranges near Geraldton and adjoining National Parks at Budgingarra, Watheroo and Frank Hann. The Millstream area of the Fortescue River was studied in detail to determine its potential as a National Park.

To develop road improvement plans, the Director with engineers of the Main Roads Department visited Cape Le Grand, Fitzgerald River, Cape Range, Hamersley Range, Chichester Range and Nambung National Parks.

Other parks inspected during the year by the Director included Walpole-Nornalup, Leeuwin, Scott, Hamelin Bay, Cowaramup, Yallingup, Stirling Range, Porongurup, Torndirrup, William Bay, Yalgorup, Serpentine and Yanchep.

The Board visited the Northampton Shire Council, Mandurah Shire Council and Dandaragan Shire Council and the President had discussion with various councillors at Manjimup. The Director had discussions with the Esperance and Ravensthorpe Shire Councils.

### **MANAGEMENT**

The Working Plan for Cape Range National Park was approved in principle by the Board and a Working Plan was prepared for Walpole-Nornalup National Park and similarly approved. A beginning was made on a Working Plan for Nambung National Park.

The Fire Management Officer, Mr. R. Anderson commenced duty on 16 February, 1976.

A fire protection plan has been established for Walpole-Nornalup National Park and the bulk of the field studies have been completed for a similar plan for Yalgorup. Studies have been partially completed on fire damage in the Porongurup National Park.

Brief assessment trips have been made to seventeen other National Parks and the areas which may come under the National Parks Board's control along the Naturaliste-Leeuwin Ridge.

The Fire Management Officer has also attended meetings and seminars with local authorities and Bush Fire Brigade members. Liaison has been constant with the Forests Department, Bush Fires Board and other Government bodies.

Since Mr. J. Hibbs, Drafting Assistant, joined the staff in December, 1975 the Master Plans of seventeen National Parks have been checked against files and Gazette Notices, corrected and redrawn.

Proofs of the brochure, National Parks of W.A., have been amended to the printing stage and the drawings and masters prepared for the Walpole-Nornalup National Park brochure. An up-to-date map of Yanchep has been prepared for a new leaflet and a new map is in preparation for the Annual Report.

Display boards for Yanchep and Head Office have been completed and one is in preparation for Walpole-Nornalup.

Fire Control overlays have been prepared for Porongurup, Walpole-Nornalup, Yalgorup and Yanchep National Parks and existing plans for Stirling Range National Park amended.

A contoured plan with development detail has been prepared for Yanchep National Park.

National Parks Administered by the Board 1976	SCENIC ATTRACTIONS						VEGETATION FORMS					ACTIVITIES								NEARBY FACILITIES									
	Mountain	Coastal	River	Lake	Gorge	Moorland	Rock Forms	Forest	Woodland	Scrubland	Heath	Grassland	Hiking	Camping	Horse Riding	Mountain Climbing	Swimming	Boating	Fishing, inland	Fishing, ocean	Barbecue Sites	Hotel	Motel	Guest House	Chalets	Restaurant	Caravan Park	Coach Tours	Vehicle Access
Alexander Morrison						●				●																			●
Avon Valley			●				●	●					●	●					●										
Badgingarra						●				●																			●
Cape Arid	●	●				●	●			●	●		●	●		●	●			●									
Cape Le Grand	●	●				●	●			●	●		●	●		●	●			●	●	●	●				●		●
Cape Range	●	●			●					●		●	●	●	●	●				●	●	●	●	●			●		●
Chichester Range	●			●	●		●			●		●	●	●		●					●								●
Cowaramup		●								●	●		●					●		●									●
Drysdale River			●		●		●		●				●	●															
Drovers Cave						●	●			●			●									●	●				●		
Fitzgerald River	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●			●	●		●	●			●	●	●	●				●		●
Frank Hann						●				●	●		●	●															●
Geikie Gorge			●	●	●				●	●				●							●						●	●	●
Gooseberry Hill								●													●								●
Greenmount								●													●								●
Hamelin Bay		●				●				●	●		●	●		●				●	●						●		●
Hamersley Range	●		●		●	●			●	●		●	●							●	●	●	●				●	●	●
Hassell										●	●																		●
John Forrest			●					●	●				●		●					●	●		●			●	●	●	●
Kalamunda								●	●				●								●								●
Kalbarri		●	●		●	●				●	●		●			●	●			●	●	●	●			●	●	●	●
Leeuwin		●				●				●	●		●							●		●	●		●	●	●	●	●
Lesmurdie Falls			●							●																			●
Moore River						●				●	●																		●
Nambung		●				●	●			●	●		●							●							●		●
Neerabup				●					●				●								●								●
Porongurup	●						●	●	●				●		●						●			●				●	●
Scott			●					●					●						●	●									
Serpentine			●				●	●					●	●		●					●								●
Sir James Mitchell								●																					●
Stirling Range	●			●		●	●	●	●	●			●	●	●	●					●						●		●
Stokes		●		●		●				●	●		●						●		●								
Tathra						●				●	●																		●
Torndirrup		●					●			●	●		●		●						●	●	●				●		●
Tunnel Creek							●			●																			●
Walpole-Nornalup	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●			●	●		●	●			●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Walyunga			●				●	●	●				●	●							●								●
Watheroo						●				●	●																		●
William Bay		●				●	●			●	●		●				●			●									●
Windjana Gorge			●		●		●		●	●			●	●															●
Wolf Creek Meteorite Crater							●			●		●																	●
Yalgorup		●		●		●	●		●	●			●				●			●	●	●	●			●	●		●
Yallingup		●				●	●	●	●	●			●							●									●
Yanchep				●				●	●	●			●				●	●			●	●	●			●	●	●	●

## **PUBLICITY**

A brochure giving information on all National Parks in Western Australia and a map showing their whereabouts has been prepared and is being printed.

Another brochure, updating the original on Walpole-Nornalup National Park is in production.

Various articles, press releases and radio broadcasts concerning National Parks and conservation were prepared by the President and the Director addressed a number of conservation groups and interested bodies including the Annual Conference of the Australian Institute of Parks and Recreation in Perth.

## **DOGS**

After a number of distressing incidents, and complaints from the public about dogs in National Parks, the Board made a decisive ruling that dogs would no longer be permitted in National Parks. An exception was made for guide dogs accompanying a blind person.

## **ROADS**

The routing and design of roads in National Parks is a continuing problem. Special studies in conjunction with the Main Roads Department and the Local Authorities were carried out in Cape Le Grand National Park near Esperance, and in the Fitzgerald River National Park near Hopetoun.

Roads in National Parks should never be considered a part of overall highway systems. Within parks, no road should be designed simply as a connecting device to link points of interest. Every segment of every park road should relate to the environment through which it passes and should constitute an enjoyable and informative experience in itself.

Roads should lie lightly on the land, conform to the topography and not disfigure the landscape.

For the visitor to obtain benefit from a National Park, he has to slow down from his highway driving attitude to a leisurely contemplative pace which will enable him to absorb the natural atmosphere of the park.

Small parking areas, scenic lookouts and footpath connections should be provided to encourage visitors to leave their vehicles and more thoroughly appreciate and enjoy the natural features for which the park was reserved.

## **OPENING OF HEAD OFFICE BUILDING**

The new two storey Head Office building was opened formally by the Premier, Sir Charles Court on 8 October, 1975, in the presence of a hundred guests.

## **COMMUNICATION**

A radio communications network between National Parks and Headquarters has been started. Rangers in six parks and three Mobile Rangers have been equipped and the base station has been set up.

## **MINERAL CLAIMS**

The National Parks Board is opposed to the granting of mineral claims or miners' rights over National Parks or Reserves under its control and will resist the granting of such where possible.

Problems do exist in connection with certain mineral claims, in reserves granted before control was gained. e.g. Hamersley Range National Park.

The National Parks Board has co-operated with established mining concerns in this area in relation to ore transport, however, it is reluctant to accede to mining which will be a threat to the existing boundaries of the park.

## **ADMISSION AND OTHER CHARGES**

The standard fees and charges in National Parks and other Reserves are as follows:—

<b>Vehicle Entrance Fees</b>	<b>\$</b>
Motor Cars, Utilities, Motor Trucks and Motor Cycles, each ....	0.50
Motor Cars, Utilities, Motor Trucks and Motor Cycles, each Season Ticket ....	5.00
Omnibuses with seating for not more than 12 passengers ....	2.00*
Omnibuses with seating for more than 12 passengers but not more than 24 passengers	4.00*
Omnibuses with seating for more than 24 Passengers ....	8.00*

\*Amended—9 January, 1976

<b>Camping Permits</b>	<b>Daily \$</b>
Caravan Sites—	
(i) to which electricity is connected	2.50*
(ii) to which electricity is not connected	2.00*
Camp Sites	1.00

\*Amended—5 March, 1976

#### **Boating Charges**

<b>Geikie Gorge—</b>	
Boat trip (Adults)	2.50
(Children under 15)	1.00
Reduction for more than one trip—	
(Adults)	1.50
(Children under 15)	0.50
Boat Hire (half day)	10.00
(full day)	16.00
Launching Fee	2.00
<b>Yanchep—</b>	
Launch trip (Adults)	0.30
(Children)	0.10
Boat Hire (per half hour)	0.50
(plus deposit on oars)	1.00

#### **Cave Entry Fees**

<b>Yanchep—</b>	
Crystal Cave (Adults)	0.40
(Children)	0.20
Yonderup Cave (Adults)	0.40
(Children)	0.20
Two Cave concession (Adults)	0.60
(Children)	0.30

#### **Hiring Fees**

<b>Yanchep—</b>	
Ovals	15.00
Tennis Courts (per hour)	0.50
Hall	5.00
Green Fees (Golf Course)— 9 holes	1.00
—18 holes	2.00

#### **Commercial Fishing Permits**

(includes entrance of vehicles to National Parks, transport of Produce and siting of caravan and equipment)

Annual Permit—6 months or more	50.00
Per month of 30 days—less than 6 months	10.00
Per night—periods less than 1 month	1.00

### **NEW PROJECTS**

During the year under review the following new projects were commenced and in some instances finalised:—

#### **Matilda Bay Reserve—Reticulation**

The Public Works Department supervised the installation of the 2nd and 3rd Stages of the reticulation along this Reserve.

#### **Serpentine National Park—Rangers' Residence**

Due to the increased visitor pressure on this National Park it was decided to employ a Ranger full-time to supervise the park. A site for a Ranger's residence was chosen and work has commenced on the establishment of a house. It is expected that a Ranger will be stationed within this National Park by the end of July, 1976.

#### **Yanchep National Park—Cave Lighting**

A grant received from the Commonwealth Department of Tourism enabled the satisfactory installation of an improved cave lighting system within Crystal Cave and portion of Yonderup Cave.

### Yanchep National Park—Koala Enclosure

A grant was also received from the Commonwealth Department of Tourism for the establishment of a new and improved koala enclosure which is proving to be a popular attraction amongst visitors.

### RENTALS

Annual rentals for leased premises being paid as at 30 June, 1976 are as follows:—

	Per Annum \$
Bernies Kiosk .....	4 420
Yanchep Inn—Yanchep National Park .....	4 173
Gloucester Lodge—Yanchep National Park .....	1 352
McNess Guest House—Yanchep National Park .....	1 040
Tearooms—John Forrest National Park .....	520
Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club—Keane's Point .....	1 700
Royal Perth Yacht Club—Matilda Bay Reserve .....	900
Mounts Bay Sailing Club—Matilda Bay Reserve .....	360
Perth Dinghy Sailing Club—Matilda Bay Reserve .....	120
Cygnets Hall—Matilda Bay Reserve .....	317
University Boatshed—Matilda Bay Reserve .....	2
Sea Scouts—Matilda Bay Reserve .....	2
*El Sombrero Restaurant—Matilda Bay Reserve .....	1
Penguin Island .....	4
Hamelin Bay .....	50
Walpole Yacht Club .....	10

\*This building was built at no expense to the National Parks Board on condition that it enjoyed a peppercorn rental for a period of 21 years after which time it reverted to the ownership of the Board. The period of 21 years extends to the year 1988.

### DONATIONS FOR WISHING WELL

During the year an amount of \$2 000 was collected and distributed from the Yanchep National Park Wishing Well. Institutions which benefited from these donations were as follows:—

	\$
National Heart Foundation .....	143.18
Diabetic Association of W.A. ....	142.80
W.A. Epilepsy Association Inc. ....	142.80
Torchbearers for Legacy of W.A. ....	142.80
Cancer Council of W.A. ....	142.80
Royal W.A. Institute for the Blind .....	142.80
St. John Ambulance Brigade (Wanneroo) .....	142.80
St. John Ambulance Assoc. ....	142.80
Slow Learning Children's Group of W.A. Inc. ....	142.80
Paraplegic-Quadriplegic Association .....	142.80
Muscular Dystrophy Research Association of W.A. ....	142.80
Australian Red Cross Society .....	142.80
The W.A. Deaf Society Inc. ....	142.80
Spastic Welfare Association of W.A. Inc. ....	142.80
	\$2 000.00

### STAFF

To control and manage 2 278 254 ha of National Parks, the Board has a staff of 68 comprised as follows:—

Director .....	1
Secretary .....	1
Biologist .....	1
Fire Management Officer .....	1
Drafting Assistant (seconded from Lands Department) .....	1
Senior Clerk .....	1
Clerks .....	3
Typists .....	3
Superintendents .....	2
Rangers (including 6 Mobile Rangers) .....	51
Female Field Staff .....	3
	68

To be included in the United Nations List of National Parks and equivalent Reserves, an area must, in a country with a relatively low concentration of population, have a minimum of 1 person per 10 000 ha working full-time on management and supervision. To meet this criterion, the Board would need a staff of at least 228.

In practice, small National Parks near centres of population, or on main tourist routes and having areas of very great attraction, need staffing at a higher concentration, while large areas, and those which are remote from visitor pressure, can be controlled with a lower concentration of staff. It is estimated that, to provide control of the present area of National Parks at existing or immediately anticipated rates of visitor pressure and to provide essential ecological management, the Board should be employing double the present staff.

#### **Head Office Staff**

Head Office staff was strengthened by the appointment of a Biologist and a Fire Management Officer, a Senior Clerk, a Drafting Assistant and a Stenographer/Receptionist. In the field, three Mobile Rangers and one Resident Ranger were appointed.

The appointments of the Biologist and Fire Management Officer enable ecological management of parks to be planned on a sound basis, the effects of management and park use on the flora and fauna to be monitored, and fire protection and control plans to be drawn up with an appreciation of the effects they will have upon the ecology.

#### **Ranger Staff**

The following is a list of Superintendents and Ranger Staff employed by the National Parks Board as at 30 June, 1976.

##### *East Perth Cemetery*

E. N. Irons, Ranger-in-Charge, Grade 4.

##### *Cape Le Grand National Park\**

B. L. Warren, Ranger-in-Charge, Grade 2.

##### *Cape Range National Park*

M. Batchelor, Ranger-in-Charge, Grade 2.

(Ranger's residence situated within the Exmouth Townsite—Lot. 745 Nimitz Street)

##### *Fitzgerald River National Park*

J. H. Hill, Ranger-in-Charge, Grade 1

One Ranger, Grade 3

(Ranger's residence situated within the Jerramungup Townsite—Lot 106 Kokoda Road)

##### *Hamersley Range National Park*

R. Chandler, Ranger-in-Charge, Grade 2

(Ranger's Residence situated within the Wittenoom Townsite—Lot 274 Fifth Avenue)

##### *John Forrest National Park*

G. R. Edwards, Superintendent

Seven Rangers, Grade 4

##### *Kalbarri National Park*

C. Cockman, Ranger-in-Charge, Grade 1

One Ranger, Grade 3

(Ranger's residence situated within the Kalbarri Townsite—Cnr. Clotworthy and Smith Streets)

##### *Matilda Bay Reserve*

D. R. Hill, Ranger-in-Charge, Grade 3 Leading Hand

Two Rangers, Grade 4

##### *Nambung National Park*

R. L. Harris, Ranger-in-Charge, Grade 2

One Ranger, Grade 3

(Ranger's residence situated within the Cervantes Townsite—Drummond Way)

##### *Stirling Range National Park\**

T. F. Hales, Ranger-in-Charge, Grade 1

One Ranger, Grade 3

*Torndirrup National Park\**

J. Andrews, Ranger-in-Charge, Grade 1

*Walpole-Nornalup National Park\**

L. G. Gunson, Ranger-in-Charge, Grade 1  
One Ranger, Grade 3  
One Ranger, Grade 4

*Walyunga National Park\**

A. D. Jarvie, Ranger-in-Charge, Grade 2

*Yalgorup National Park*

K. Mucjanko, Ranger-in-Charge, Grade 2  
(Ranger's residence situated within the Mandurah Townsite—53 Churchill Avenue)

*Yanchep National Park\**

P. Congreve, Superintendent  
One Ranger, Grade 1  
Two Rangers, Grade 4 Leading Hands  
Fourteen Rangers, Grade 4

*Mobile Rangers*

C. W. Pearson, Ranger Grade 1  
N. Walmsley, Ranger Grade 1  
I. Gogler, Ranger Grade 2  
M. Kosorotov, Ranger Grade 2  
D. Owen, Ranger Grade 2  
F. C. Walker, Ranger Grade 2  
\*Rangers' residences located within their respective National Parks.

**Honorary Rangers**

The following is a list of Honorary Rangers as at 30 June, 1976 whose help in assisting the patrol and supervision of the National Parks concerned is greatly appreciated.

W. Kirwan, Cape Le Grand National Park  
D. Bathgate and C. R. Scott, Cape Range National Park  
C. Bell, D. Bell, R. Bell, and B. McGaffin, Geikie Gorge National Park  
D. L. Serventy and T. E. Hennessey, Gooseberry Hill National Park  
E. M. Johnson, Hamelin Bay National Park  
E. G. McGuire and G. Binstead, Hamersley Range National Park  
L. Thompson, Fitzgerald River National Park  
A. Dennett, John Forrest National Park  
B. J. McCarthy, Lesmurdie Falls National Park  
W. J. Bradley, Nambung National Park  
B. W. Embleton, M. G. Foster and D. Wachmer, Penguin Island Reserve  
R. White, Serpentine National Park  
E. T. Hancock, Stirling Range National Park  
R. H. Freeman, Torndirrup National Park  
J. Boyd, Walpole-Nornalup National Park  
R. Spencer and J. Spencer, Watheroo National Park  
A. Barker, J. Callegari, G. P. Harris and L. F. W. Vickridge, Yalgorup National Park

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

The Board records its thanks for the professional advice and practical help given by officers of various Government Departments and organisations including the Agriculture Department, Bush Fires Board, Department of Conservation and Environment, Crown Law Department, Fisheries and Wildlife Department, Forests Department, Government Printer, Government Stores, Department of Labour, Lands and Surveys Department, Main Roads Department, Mines Department, Public Works Department, Town Planning Department, W.A. Museum and others. Also for the co-operation and help given by local Shires, Town Councils, Bush Fire Brigades and the Zoological Gardens Board.

The Board also records its appreciation for the efficient way in which the Director and his staff have carried out their duties during the year.

C. F. H. JENKINS,  
President,  
National Parks Board of W.A.

# APPENDICES

## National Parks and Reserves

National Parks and other Reserves are listed hereunder in alphabetical order.

### APPENDIX A

#### NATIONAL PARKS

##### **Alexander Morrison National Park**

Class "A" Reserves of 8501 Hectares comprising Reserves A.29800, A.29803 and A.29804 located north-west of Jurien Bay and controlled by the Ranger-in-Charge of Nambung National Park.

##### **Avon Valley National Park**

An "A" Class Reserve of 4 430 hectares which came under the control of this Board in August, 1970. It is the intention of the Board to restrict access to this park until full-time supervision of the area can be provided.

##### **Badgingarra National Park**

Situated north-east of the Cervantes Townsite and Nambung National Park, this area of 10 285 hectares was reserved mainly for the preservation of Black Kangaroo Paws.

##### **Cape Arid National Park**

A Class "A" Reserve of 259 808 hectares placed under the Board's control in August, 1969. Owing to the lack of good access and its isolation the Board does not intend to develop this area for the time being.

##### **Cape Le Grand National Park**

An "A" Class Reserve which came under the control of this Board in February, 1966. It consists of 28 000 hectares on the South Coast about 32 kilometres east of Esperance. It has magnificent coastal scenery with granite peaks and swamps rich in birdlife. The area is popular for summer camping and fishing holidays

The Ranger is resident in the park.

##### **Cape Range National Park**

Placed under the Board's control in October, 1965. The park was extended to include a part of former Yardie Creek Station and was classified "A" Class Reserve in 1974. The park consists of 50 581 hectares situated on the North West Coast near Exmouth. It contains rugged mountain scenery with deeply eroded gorges and a coastline well patronised for camping and fishing during the winter months. The park is controlled by a Ranger located in Exmouth.

##### **Chichester Range National Park**

This "A" Class Reserve placed under the control of the Board in November, 1969 comprises 150 609 hectares of great scenic beauty, including the well known Python Pool. The area is located south of Roebourne and is serviced by a Ranger appointed in May, 1971 to control the Hamersley Range National Park and by a Mobile Ranger.

##### **Cowaramup National Park**

"A" Class Reserve comprising 879 hectares placed under the control of the Board in February, 1971 for the protection of caves and flora. The addition of a further "A" Class Reserve vested for National Park purposes added to the number of caves in the area under the control of the Board. The area is north, east and south of the Gracetown Townsite.

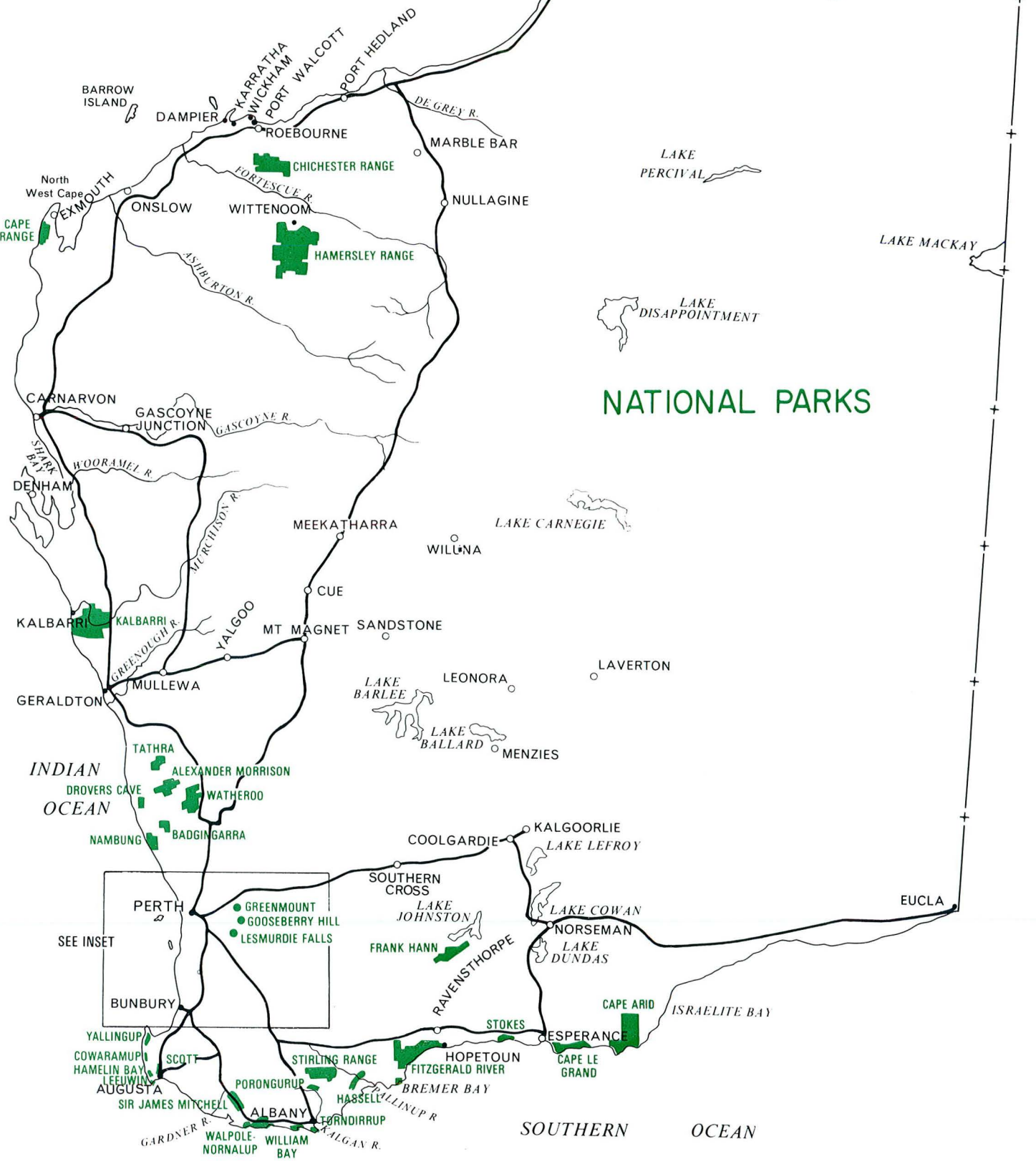
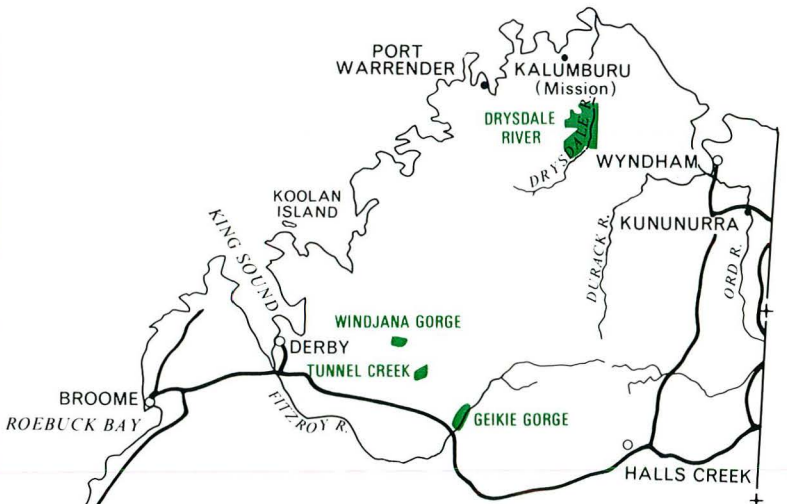
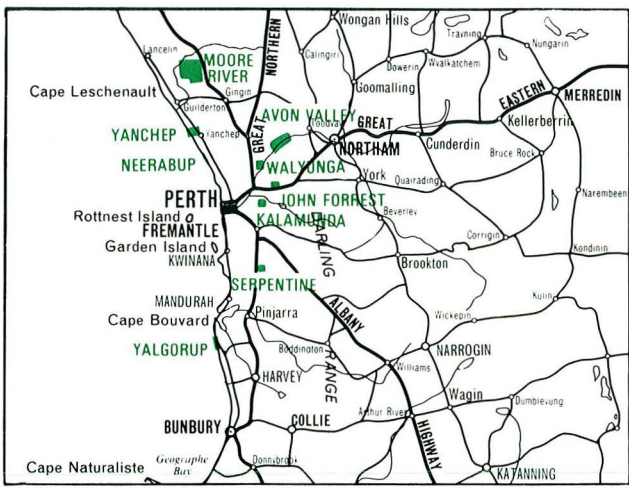
##### **Drovers Cave National Park**

A "C" Class Reserve of 2 681 hectares was placed under the control of the Board in May, 1972. Located north of Jurien Bay this area is under the supervision of the Ranger-in-Charge of Nambung National Park.

##### **Drysdale River National Park**

This reserve consists of 424 344 hectares of wooded country in the North Kimberley. The Drysdale River flows through the middle of the reserve and it includes the Ashton Range and the Carson Escarpment. Owing to the lack of any roads and its isolation the Board does not intend to develop this area for the time being.





## NATIONAL PARKS

SEE INSET

- GREENMOUNT
- GOOSEBERRY HILL
- LESMURDIE FALLS

### **Fitzgerald River National Park**

A major reserve of 242 727 hectares, situated on the South Coast between the Gairdner, Fitzgerald and Phillips Rivers, west of Culham Inlet and Hopetoun Townsite, which was placed under the control of the National Parks Board on 19 January, 1973. The most interesting features are the Fitzgerald and Hamersley River Gorges with spectacular cream coloured spongolite cliffs. It has magnificent coastal and mountain scenery and unique flora and fauna. The area is serviced by a Ranger resident in Jerramungup and an Assistant Ranger at Knalup.

### **Frank Hann National Park**

Placed under the Board's control in May, 1970 this area of 49 877 hectares comprises a strip of land one mile wide on each side of the Lake King-Norseman Road. It represents a cross section of the heath flora of the inland sand plain east of the wheatbelt.

### **Geikie Gorge National Park**

Placed under the Board's control in June, 1967 this area of 3 136 hectares about 16 km from Fitzroy Crossing contains a beautiful gorge where the river cuts through an ancient limestone barrier reef. A campsite and river trips are operated by a Ranger during the dry season.

### **Gooseberry Hill National Park**

Placed under the Board's control in February, 1970 it is a scenic lookout of 33 hectares located on the western edge of the Darling Range escarpment a few miles from Kalamunda.

### **Greenmount National Park**

An area of 56 hectares placed under the Board's control in April, 1959 for its panoramic views of the coastal plain, Swan River and Perth and its suburbs.

### **Hamelin Bay National Park**

This "A" Class Reserve consisting of 1 334 hectares is situated in the south-west of the State 16 km from Augusta. This area includes a popular camping area providing good fishing and swimming. Part of the Reserve, 4 hectares, is leased as a holiday centre. An item of interest is the remains of an old jetty which was constructed for the loading of timber in the days of sailing ships. Recent additions to this Reserve, bringing it to its present area, have provided an area for the protection of flora and fauna.

### **Hamersley Range National Park**

Placed under the Board's control in October, 1969. This is the largest single National Park under the Board's control comprising an area of 590 206 hectares. The area is one of spectacular mountains, gorges, water courses and plateaux. Scenic points are Fortescue Falls, Circular Pool, Dales Gorge, Joffre Falls and Red Gorge. A Ranger is in charge of this National Park with his headquarters at Wittenoom. Camping is permitted in designated areas in this park.

### **Hassell National Park**

This "A" Class Reserve comprising 1 279 hectares was placed under the control of the Board in April, 1971. It is situated along the main road from Albany to Bremer Bay and was vested in the Board for the protection of its flora and fauna.

### **John Forrest National Park**

This National Park is an "A" Class Reserve of 1 577 hectares situated in the Darling Range about 27 km from Perth. It is the original National Park in Western Australia declared in 1895. It contains open forest and woodland and has outstanding displays of wildflowers during the Spring. There is a natural swimming pool for the enjoyment of the public. It is serviced by a Ranger staff of 9.

### **Kalamunda National Park**

An "A" Class Reserve of 375 hectares placed under the Board's control in February, 1964. This area is rich in wildflowers particularly Blue Leschenaultia and it has been the Board's policy to leave it mainly undeveloped.

### **Kalbarri National Park**

Placed under the Board's control in November, 1963. This "A" Class Reserve of 186 623 hectares is quickly becoming one of the State's most popular National Parks. Located some 644 km north of Perth near the mouth of the Murchison River, the park has outstanding gorge scenery along the river, and the limestone and sandstone cliffs provide magnificent coastal scenery. Good accommodation including hotel/motel, camping and caravan parks, swimming, surfing and fishing facilities are available at the Townsite of Kalbarri.

### **Leeuwin National Park**

This "A" Class Reserve of 1 101 hectares was placed under the Board's control in December, 1973. It is located north and east of Cape Leeuwin and includes rugged coastline, natural forest and favoured fishing spots.

### **Lesmurdie Falls National Park**

A small "A" Class Reserve of 56 hectares which gives good views of the coastal plain. This area is a popular spot for picnicking situated 24 km from Perth.

### **Moore River National Park**

This area of 17 546 hectares located about 113 km north of Perth is outstanding for its wildflowers. It is the Board's intention to leave this area undeveloped.

### **Nambung National Park**

A National Park of 17 332 hectares situated south of Jurien Bay, this area is becoming increasingly popular because of its wildflowers and strange natural formations "Pinnacles". A number of caves in the area are being kept sealed to protect them from vandalism. Two Rangers are resident in Cervantes Townsite.

### **Neerabup National Park**

Class "A" Reserve of 1 143 hectares placed under the Board's control in July, 1965. This area located on the Perth-Yanchep Road a few kilometres north of Wanneroo, is being maintained in its natural state.

### **Porongurup National Park**

An "A" Class Reserve of 2 359 hectares between the Stirling Range National Park and Albany. It incorporates granite peaks of the Porongurup Ranges, the slopes of which are heavily forested with Karri *Eucalyptus diversicolor*. Accommodation is available at the nearby Karribank Motel/Guest House.

### **Scott National Park**

An "A" Class Reserve of 1 376 hectares situated 6.4 km north-east of Augusta townsite originally created in 1959 to protect the waterways at the junction of the Scott and Blackwood Rivers and the Jarrah, Marri, and Karri forests existing in the area. Named after Robert Scott who first selected land in the southern portion of the Reserve in 1871.

### **Serpentine National Park**

A Class "A" Reserve of 635 hectares. This park is popular for picnicking and is noted for its waterfall. There is an area designated for camping.

### **Sir James Mitchell National Park**

An "A" Class Reserve, placed under the Board's control in August, 1969 and consists of an area of 1 087 hectares stretching along the South West Highway, for a length of 64 km. As its width is 100 metres on each side of the road it ensures that this stretch of road will remain a drive displaying natural flora.

### **Stirling Range National Park**

An "A" Class Reserve of 115 671 hectares. This is a major National Park under the Board's control and is situated 322 km south-east of Perth. This park is noted for its wildflowers and mountain peaks, the highest of which is Bluff Knoll rising 1 073 metres above sea level. In order that the surrounding farmland may be protected from bush fires escaping from this rugged park, an extensive system of firebreaks has had to be cut. There is a commercial caravan park on the northern boundary of the park opposite the Bluff Knoll turn-off, and overnight camping is permitted at Moingup Springs. Two Rangers are resident in the park.

### **Stokes National Park**

An area of 10 667 hectares adjoining Stokes Inlet and Lake Cobinup reserve, to preserve the foreshores of these waterways.

### **Tathra National Park**

An "A" Class Reserve of 4 323 hectares, placed under the Board's control in July, 1970. The area is noted for its wildflowers and for the present is being maintained in its natural state.

### **Torndirrup National Park**

This Reserve comprises an area of 3 906 hectares and is located south-west of the town of Albany. It is noted for its flora and fauna and rugged coastline. Particular tourist attractions being known as "The Gap" and "Natural Bridge". This area is maintained by a Ranger situated in the Park.

### **Tunnel Creek National Park**

This Reserve comprises an area of 92 hectares and was placed under the Board's control in April, 1974. Situated about 184 km east of Derby and 29 km south-east of Windjana Gorge National Park, Tunnel Creek is a stream which flows through the Napier Range and cuts a large natural tunnel eroded through the limestone by the creek itself.

### **Walpole-Nornalup National Park**

This reserve of 17 986 hectares is located on the South Coast of Western Australia some 418 km south-east of Perth. It is an area of great scenic beauty noted for its flora, fauna, fine stands of Karri and Tingle forest, coastal views and enclosed inlets. The establishment of a camping and caravan park at Coalmine Beach by the Board has resulted in the area being a popular resort noted for its swimming, fishing and yachting. There are three resident Rangers.

### **Walyunga National Park**

A further instalment of \$4 587 was paid through the year in respect of the purchase of the Walyunga National Park, which consists of an area comprising 1 790 hectares, located approximately 37 km north-east of Perth. It is noted for its scenic views and flora and the fact that it was a large camping area formerly used by Aborigines. The establishment of picnic facilities at Walyunga and Long Pools and the rapids that occur during the winter have resulted in its becoming one of the most popular picnic spots adjacent to Perth. There is a Ranger resident in the park.

### **Watheroo National Park**

This "A" Class Reserve of 43 974 hectares was placed under the Board's control in October, 1969. This area is under the control of the Ranger stationed in Cervantes and is considered valuable in the preservation of native flora and fauna.

### **William Bay National Park.**

Placed under the Board's control in February, 1971 an "A" Class Reserve consisting of 1 879 hectares. This area is noted for its flora, fauna and coastal scenery.

### **Windjana Gorge National Park**

This "A" Class Reserve of 2 134 hectares was placed under the Board's control in December, 1971. Situated in the Kimberleys it contains a remarkable gorge where the Lennard River cuts through an ancient limestone reef. The gorge is 4 km long and has nearly vertical walls up to 76 metres high.

### **Yalgorup National Park**

The land portion of this "A" Class Reserve of 11 181 hectares was placed under the Board's control in January, 1968. The lakes were added to the park in September, 1971. The park is located on the coastal plain south of Mandurah and contains a system of parallel lakes which are noted for their birdlife. It possesses delightful heath and woodland scenery, interesting geological features and also is noted for its flora and animal life. The Ranger for this park is resident in Mandurah.

### **Yallingup National Park**

These "A" Class Reserves containing an area of 1 885 hectares were placed under the Board's control in January, 1971. These reserves are located near Yallingup and have been vested in the Board for the protection and preservation of a number of caves in the area. It has fine coastal scenery and a wide range of interesting vegetation types.

### **Yanchep National Park**

This "A" Class Reserve comprises 2 790 hectares located 51 km north of Perth, was established as a park in 1905. It is a noted tourist attraction containing caves, swimming pool, golf course, boating, ovals and picnic grounds (barbecues, picnic tables provided, etc.) together with fauna exhibits of koalas, kangaroos, emus and bird aviaries. Accommodation is provided by the Yanchep Inn (Licensed) and McNess Guest House.

Development around the entrance to this park may suggest that large areas have been given over to tourist facilities, but in fact 90 per cent of the Reserve is still maintained in its natural state. Loch McNess provides a haven for a large assortment of water fowl and other birdlife whilst the surrounding bushland is rich in native flora and fauna. This park with its many facilities for the public is maintained by 18 Ranger staff.

## APPENDIX B

### OTHER RESERVES

#### **Araluen-Canning Dam Reserve**

A small strip of land of 20 hectares, the area lies between the Canning River and McNess Drive and extends from the vicinity of Araluen to the boundary of Canning Dam Water Reserve.

#### **Badgingarra Ranger's Residential Reserve**

Placed under the Board's control in November, 1974 for the purpose of a Ranger's residential site.

#### **Cape Le Grand Ranger's Residential Reserve**

Placed under the Board's control in June, 1974 for the purposes of Ranger's residential site.

#### **Charles Gardner Flora Reserve**

A Class "A" Reserve of 583 hectares, placed under the Board's control in August, 1969. It is an area of outstanding botanical interest and is located south of Tammin.

#### **East Perth Cemetery Reserve**

A Class "A" Reserve of about 5 hectares, placed under the control of the Board in April-May, 1934. This area is situated on high ground at the eastern end of the City of Perth and is the last resting place of many of the State's early pioneers.

#### **Fitzgerald River Ranger's Residential Reserve**

This Reserve was placed under the Board's control in November, 1973 for the purpose of Ranger's residential site.

#### **Geekabee Hill Flora Reserve**

A small area of 4 hectares reserved for the protection of flora (Lambstails).

#### **Haddleton Flora Reserve**

An area comprising 713 hectares, placed under the control of the Board in January, 1970 for protection of Boronia and other flora. It is located south of the Wellington Dam Catchment area in the south-west of the State.

#### **Kalbarri Rangers' Residential Reserves and Workshop Reserve**

Two Reserves were placed under the Board's control in November, 1967 and June, 1969 respectively for housing purposes. Rangers' residences have been built on both sites. A further Reserve was placed under the Board's control in March, 1974 for the purpose of a workshop site and an additional two Reserves for future housing purposes were added in October, 1971 and March, 1974 respectively.

#### **Keane's Point Reserve**

A small Class "A" Reserve of about 2 hectares, leased to the Royal Freshwater Yacht Club Inc., which has established excellent aquatic facilities there.

#### **Matilda Bay Reserve**

Class "A" Reserve of about 23 hectares situated about 5 km from Perth. This Reserve now contains the Administrative Headquarters of the National Parks Board. Improvements to access roads, parking area and public boat launching ramps in recent years have enhanced the appearance and utilisation of this Reserve by the public.

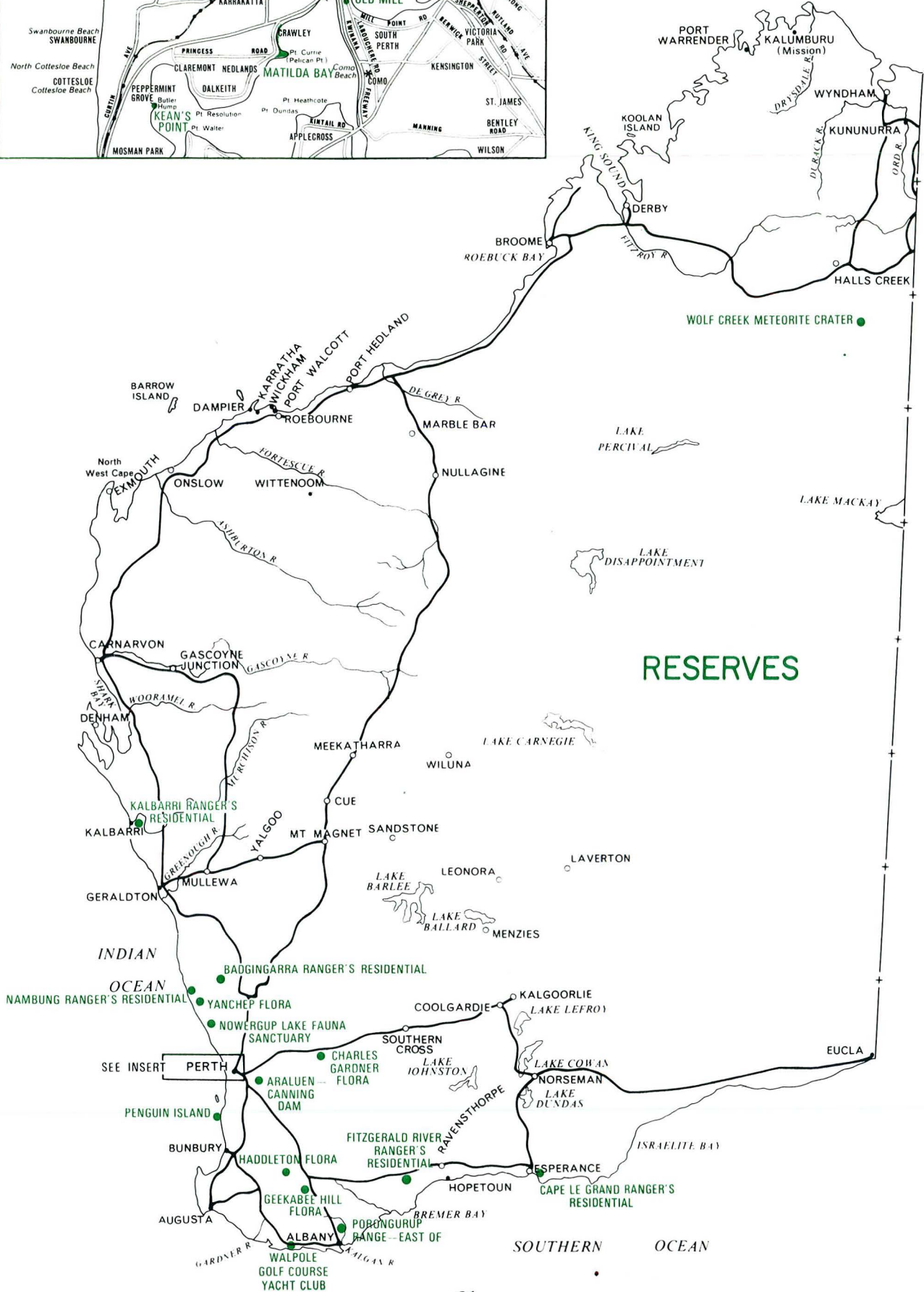
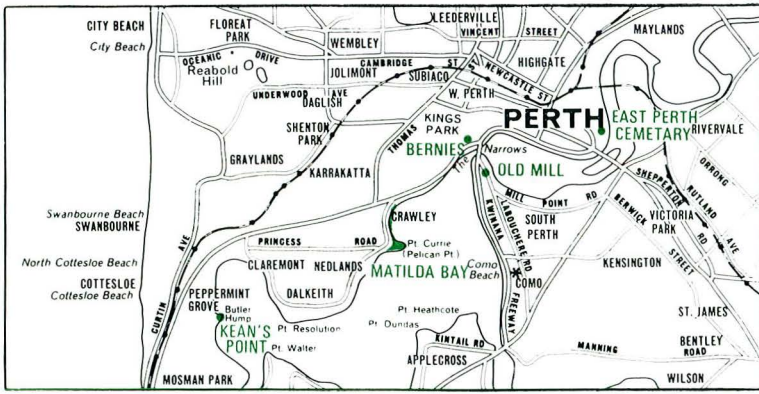
The Royal Perth Yacht Club Inc., Mounts Bay Sailing Club Inc., Perth Dinghy Sailing Club Inc., the Governors of Hale School and the 1st. Pelican Point Sea Scouts Group lease sites on this Reserve whilst the University of Western Australia Rowing Club occupies a boatshed on the foreshore. These Clubs and the Sea Scouts are making worthwhile contributions towards providing facilities for the enjoyment of aquatic sports on the Swan River.

#### **Nambung Rangers' Residential Reserve**

This Reserve was placed under the Board's control in June, 1970 for the purpose of Rangers' Headquarters.

#### **Nowergup Lake Fauna Sanctuary**

An "A" Class Reserve of 117 hectares placed under the Board's control in October, 1963 as a sanctuary for fauna.



**Old Mill Reserve, South Perth**

A small Reserve of about 0.2 hectares located at the South Perth end of the Narrows Bridge. The area is leased to the firm of H. L. Brisbane and Wunderlich Ltd., who arranged restoration of the Old Mill and cottage and established a historical museum on the site.

**Reserve East of Porongurup Ranges**

An "A" Class Reserve placed under the Board's control in May, 1970 comprising 61 hectares and is located 40 km north of Albany. This Reserve was vested in the Board for flora protection.

**Penguin Island Reserve**

A Class "A" Reserve of 13 hectares which is situated about 48 km south of Perth and 1.6 km offshore near Safety Bay. It is a sanctuary for penguins and a portion of the Island is leased as a holiday centre.

**Walpole Golf Course Reserve**

A Reserve of about 14 hectares, this area was excised from the Walpole-Nornalup National Park in February, 1964 for a local golf course.

**Walpole Yacht Club Reserve**

An area of about 0.8 hectares excised from the Walpole-Nornalup National Park in February, 1964 for a Yacht Club Site. Leased to the Walpole Yacht Club.

**Wolf Creek Meteorite Crater Reserve**

A Reserve of 1 460 hectares situated 104 km south of Halls Creek. This Reserve was placed under the control of the Board in July, 1969 for the protection of a meteorite crater. This crater is 800 metres wide, 49 metres deep with an area of 1 296 hectares.

**Yanchep Flora Reserves**

Comprises all Class "A" Reserves, total area being 178 hectares, situated 48 km north of Perth and placed under the Board's control for the protection of flora they have been left in their natural state.

**Small Part of Reserve A.1720 King's Park**

An area of 0.4 hectares, this site is leased for the purpose of a refreshment kiosk, "Bernies".