

# Nature reserves signed up

**LIKE** most Districts, Katanning is sign-posting nature reserves.

The signs at Katanning are a little different, however, in that they are manufactured by local Nyoongars.

The work is carried out under the watchful eye of supervisor and local farmer Duncan Chadbourne at the Nyoongar work cooperative KAL Services in Tambellup.

During the past three years approximately 12 trainees have been employed at KAL Services on this and other projects.

Funding for this project is provided by Australian National Parks and Wildlife Services and by CALM.

In 1990-1991, 40 jarrah signs were made, 20 for the Merredin District and 20 for Katanning.

In 1991-1992, 30 similar signs were manufac-

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tured for Katanning.

This financial year and depending on availability of funds, we hope to have 40 signs completed for the Katanning District.

Once the lettering is completed the signs are then painted by reserve management assistants Brad Bourke and Des Plumb at the Katanning District workshop.

During the winter and spring months when the ground is a little softer, the signs are erected on the nature reserves needing them.

This project and others like it help to improve work opportunities for local Aboriginal people.

It also helps to continue the close contact between CALM staff and the local Nyoongars.



*Duncan Chadbourne (right) supervises as Tony Farmer works on a nature reserve sign. Photo by Steve Toole*

