

BUNNING BROS. OCCIDENTAL PLANTATION.

by F. D. Podger.

A further encouraging instance of an increased forest consciousness outside the profession can be seen on Bunning Bros. proposed plantation site near North Bannister some 3 miles West of the Albany Highway.

An exhaustive soil survey has located approximately 1,000 acres of soils considered suitable for *P. radiata*. Already 150 acres have been cleared, and a start with planting is planned for next winter.

The proposed plantation is near Boonerring Hill, and in a rainfall area of approximately 25"-30" per annum. This is nearing the limit for *P. radiata*, but the soils on the current clearing are very impressive and in some places carry *Eucalyptus rudis* amongst the Wandoo. This is generally regarded as an indication of favourable water relations.

The supervisor on the job is Wilf Dwyer, a former mill manager for Bunnings, who is now an enthusiastic convert to the growing side of timber production. The future of this enterprise will be followed with keen interest and good wishes for its success.

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