

BANDING OF WILD DUCK

With the onset of winter rains and the dispersal of ducks, banding operations were finalised at Queen's Gardens on May 12, 1953. The total of ducks banded since June 4, 1952, and recoveries made, are set out hereunder -

	<u>Banded</u>	<u>Recovered</u>
Black Duck	749	16
Grey Teal	205	4
Mountain Duck	15	-
Coot	12	-
Mallard Duck	8	-
Moor Hen	5	-
Blue Bald Coot	2	-
Maned Goose	1	-
Totals	<u>997</u>	<u>20 (= 2%)</u>

During May three more recoveries of black duck were reported, as follows -

No.	Date ringed	Place where ringed	Date recovered	Place where recovered	Distance travelled
1305	30.1.53	Yanchep	2.5.53	Wanneroo	10 miles
1793	21.4.53	Queen's Gardens	4.5.53	Hyde Park, Perth (found dead)	1 "
1917	30.4.53	Karinyup Lake	17.5.53	Boyanup	110 "

CONFERENCE OF FISHING INDUSTRY

The Minister for Fisheries (Hon. L. F. Kelly, M.L.A.) has expressed his desire to meet as good a cross-section of the fishing industry as possible, to allow the various interests concerned to place before him their views on any subject connected with fisheries, and generally to inform himself in relation to the problems confronting the industry.

A conference has accordingly been arranged for Monday, June 8, 1953, in Perth, and invitations have been sent out to all professional fishermen's associations, to canners, freezer-boat operators, crayfish processors and fishermen's co-operatives, to C.S.I.R.O. Division of Fisheries and members of the Fishermen's Advisory Committee. Departmental officers who will be present are Messrs. Fraser, Saville and Bramley.