

On Friday August 13 the party returned to Perth via Dandaragan and Caro and Mimegarra Stations.

OPEN SEASON FOR KANGAROOS

The Lieutenant Governor in Executive Council recently proclaimed an open season for grey kangaroos in the following road districts:

Gingin, Preston, West Arthur, Busselton, Balingup, Upper Blackwood, Kojonup, Augusta-Margaret River, Nannup, Manjimup, Cranbrook, Plantagenet, Denmark, Albany and all that part of the Woodanilling district west of the Great Southern Railway.

The duration of the season is from August 1 to November 30, 1954. During this period kangaroos will not be protected in those areas but anyone desiring to sell the skins will require a license. A farmer whose property is being damaged can obtain the usual license for 5/-d but a hunter's license is £2. Anyone desiring to take a few kangaroos for food during this open season can obtain a food license for 5/-d which would authorise them to sell 52 skins per year.

The value of the open season to the farmer lies in the fact that he need not bother to secure a license himself; instead he may call in a licensed hunter who could shoot on his property or on vacant Crown land. The declaration of the open season was delayed for consideration of an objection that indiscriminate shooting flourished during such a period. Any reports received by Inspectors of such occurrences should be relayed on to Head Office.

The open season does not affect the protection of kangaroos in flora and fauna reserves, timber reserves, State Forests and National Parks in the above mentioned districts nor any other reserves for which by laws have been gazetted protecting fauna. It remains an offence to take or attempt to take kangaroos from such places without written authority.