

Date	Defendant	Court	Charge	Result
6.3.56	Francis, R.J.	Harvey	Undersize Marron	Fined £2
15.2.56	Burrowes, B.	Perth	Undersize Crayfish	" £2
do.	Byllemos, L.P.	do.	do.	" £2
do.	Wilson, R.	do.	do.	" £3
do.	Hugill, D.	do.	do.	" £3
7.3.56	Brown, J.	Pinj'a	Undersize Fish	" £2
do.	Watts, E.L.	do.	do.	" £2
do.	do.	do.	do.	" £2

PROPOSED NATIONAL PARK

The Chief Warden of Fauna (Mr. A.J. Fraser) accompanied by the Chief Vermin Control Officer (Mr. A.R. Tomlinson) and the Fauna Protection Officer (Mr. H.B. Shugg), left Perth on March 20 for an inspection of the country surrounding Lakes Clifton and Preston, and to attend meetings with local authorities to discuss a suggested national park and flora and fauna reserve between Mandurah and Bunbury. Mr. Tomlinson, besides attending as a member of the Fauna Protection Advisory Committee, was also interested in obtaining the reactions of the local vermin boards to the proposal.

After meeting the Mandurah Road and Vermin Board the party was taken on an inspection of the recently subdivided areas known as Dawesville and Miami beaches.

An inspection was made of the area between the old Fouracre property (in the Drakebrook district) and Leschenault Inlet. Diversionary trips were made to

Preston and Binningjup Beaches on the coast between Lake Preston and Leschenault Inlet.

A meeting was held with the Harvey Road and Vermin Board. Members expressed interest in the proposed park.

The visitors attended a lively meeting at Waroona called by the Drakesbrook Road Board at which interested farmers were present.

After a discussion with representatives of the Murray Road Board the party returned to Perth on March 23.

The Chief Warden explained to each board concerned that at the present no definite plan had been formulated, but that what the Department had in mind was to amalgamate existing reserves and, as the opportunity arose, to repossess undeveloped contiguous areas so that a national park of a large area could be set up representative of the types of country, flora and fauna to be found in the area, for the enjoyment of future generations and for scientific soil, botanical, zoological and allied research.

The only opposition was expressed at the meeting at Waroona and even then it appeared that most of the objections were raised by a minority group, albeit a vociferous one. The other three boards supported the scheme in principle.

If Governmental approval is obtained, a detailed plan will be drawn up and submitted to each board for its constructive criticism.