

"FISHPOT" IDEA SPREADS

Mandurah started something when its town-folk organised the "Fishpot" scheme last summer. The craze quickly spread to the eastern States where, at Yamba, a small town on the north coast of New South Wales, prizes totalling £14,000 were offered in a similar scheme last May - the first prize alone being set at £10,000. Trout fishing enthusiasts at Cooma, the headquarters of the Snowy Mountain Hydro-Electric Authority, have joined "in the swim" and will be conducting a contest commencing on October 3. A report from Albany advises that the Lower King Progress Association plans a "Fishpool" for January 17 and 18 when two tagged fish will be released at Lower King and substantial cash prizes will be awarded for their recapture. Prizes will also be offered for other angling events and a monster barbecue will probably be an additional attraction. Bunbury also has something similar in mind.

WILD LIFE SHOWS

Departmental exhibits were again entered in the Wild Life Show held at Perth from September 8 - 13 and in the Australian Inland Mission Show held at the Kalgoorlie Town Hall from September 23 - 26.

Mr. A.J. Buchanan and Senior Inspector J.E. Munro once more prepared the exhibits, which received many favourable comments. Due to the pressure of other duties, Mr. Munro was unable to take the exhibit to Kalgoorlie for the first time for a number of years, Mr. Buchanan acting in his place. Once again our thanks are extended to the W.A. Museum for their kindness in making available specimens used in our exhibits.

The Mt. Barker branch of the Tree Society is also conducting a similar show for which this Department is making available some of the materials used in its other exhibits.