

TUTTANNING RESERVE INCREASED IN SIZE

The Department's wildlife sanctuary at Tuttanning, near Pingelly, has been increased in area by the acquisition of 1,600 acres. This brings the total acreage to about 4,900. The amendment of area was brought about by the cancellation of three timber reserves 19125, 19126, 19127 and the purchase of Avon Location 6931, on Lands and Surveys Plan No. 378B/40.

Avon Location 6931, of 160 acres, was purchased from an adjoining land holder for the sum of \$4,000. The block is uncleared and contains a good quality bush, the main tree species being Jam (*Acacia acuminata*), She-oak (*Casuarina huegeliana*) and White Gum. Good populations of Tammar (*Macropus eugenii*) and Woylie (*Bettongia penicillata*) are present as well as other sorts of animals. The expenditure of this sum of money to purchase land for inclusion in the Wildlife Sanctuary reflects the importance the Government places in this area.

By notices in the *Government Gazette* of 2nd October, 1970, the purpose of the reserve was changed from "Protection of Fauna" to "Conservation of Flora and Fauna", classified as "Class A" and vested in the Western Australian Wild Life Authority.