

Controlled strip burning had to be carefully carried out having in mind the different ages and associations of plants required by the animals, and realizing full well that a mistake could be calamitous because another area such as the Tuttanning reserve was not available.

The President of the Pingelly Shire, Mr. I.A.C. Stewart, thanked the Minister for his attendance and for opening the research station. He also expressed pleasure over the construction of the research station and development of the reserve, and thanked those associated with the project. He said the undertaking had already provided favourable publicity for the area.

Among others present at the opening were Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Higham, Dr. and Mrs. D.L. Serventy, Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Milesi, Dr. and Mrs. W.D.L. Ride, Mr. and Mrs. A.H. Robinson (members of the Fauna Protection Advisory Committee and their wives); Mr. W.A. Manning, M.L.A., Mr. R.D. Royce (Curator, State Herbarium) and Mrs. Royce, Dr. N.H. Brittan (Acting Head, Department of Botany, University of W.A.), Mr. B. Clay (Zoology Department, University of W.A.), Mr. T.L. Riggert (Wildlife Research Officer, Department of Fisheries and Fauna), Mr. H.B. Shugg (Fauna Officer, Department of Fisheries and Fauna) and Mrs. Shugg.

OPEN SEASONS

Wild Ducks -

The 1964/65 season will open at 6 p.m. in the evening of Saturday December 19 in the south-west corner of the State from Harvey to Manjimup, and at 5 a.m. in the morning of Sunday, December 20, in the remainder of the South-West and Eucla Land Divisions.

Full details of the open season, of the restrictions which apply, and of the areas closed to shooting are set out in the duck shooter's guide, a copy of which is attached to this issue.

Quail -

A four months' open season for Stubble Quail commences each year, on December 1, in all that part of the State north of the 31st parallel - that is north of a line drawn from Lancelin Island through Coolgardie. South of that line the season is from March 1 to June 30 in each year. There is no bag limit for the species.

Marron -

The annual marron season will open on January 1, 1965, and continue until midnight on April 30, 1965. The following restrictions will apply:-

- * Legal carapace length is 3 inches from a point between the eyestalks to the end of the carapace, measured down the mid-dorsal line.
- * The use of unattended traps is prohibited at all times.
- * The taking of females in berry is prohibited.

NEW PORT TITLE

The attention of staff members is drawn to the new title of the Fremantle Harbour Trust. The new name is the "Fremantle Port Authority" and in future all business of the port will be carried out under that name. The address and telephone numbers of the authority are unaltered.