

Area	Mileage Rates			
	1-5,000		5,000-10,000	
	Pence	Cents	Pents	Cents
Metropolitan	10.9	9.08	7.7	6.42
South-West	12.7	10.58	9.5	7.92
Other areas	13.6	11.33	10.4	8.67

Where the total amount due contains a decimal figure of .5 of a cent or more, the amount paid shall be the next whole cent.

Where the total amount due contains a decimal figure less than .5 of a cent, such decimal figure shall be disregarded.

These equivalents should be used for the whole of the month of February.

PRACTICAL AWARDS

An interesting and notable example has been set by the Australian Fisheries School in the awards given for success in the course it conducts for Field Officers.

Prizes took the form of free subscriptions to Fishing News International; a three-year subscription for first prize; a two-year subscription for second prize; and a one-year subscription for third prize.

Mr. I.L. Cardon of this Department was awarded third place and will receive a full year's free subscription to this journal, which is now published monthly instead of quarterly.

WILD DUCK OPENING DAY AT TAARBLIN

The Fauna Officer, Mr. Shugg, reports that sportsmen enjoyed good shooting at Taarblin, east of Narrogin, on opening day last December. Shooting commenced as early as 4 a.m. and by 9 a.m., he says, those interviewed had averaged 8 ducks per gun. Most birds were in good condition. Freckled ducks, which are considered to be one of our rarer species, were more frequently bagged than usual but grey teal predominated as the following summary shows:-

Species	Number Shot	Percentage of Total Bag
Grey Teal	279	74.4
Mountain Duck	34	9.1
Black Duck	27	7.2
Freckled Duck	15	4.0
Pink-eared Duck	12	3.0
Blue-wing Shoveller	5	1.3
Wood Duck (Maned Goose)	3	1.0