

NEW BOATS, MOTORS AND EQUIPMENT

A 15 ft Viking De Havilland aluminium boat equipped with a 33 h.p. outboard motor, and breakback trailer is being supplied to Geraldton District Office for use with four wheel drive vehicle to patrol north and south of Geraldton.

A 15 ft Viking De Havilland aluminium boat equipped with a 20 h.p. outboard motor, and breakback trailer is being supplied to Jurien Bay District Office for use with four wheel drive vehicle to patrol near Jurien.

An 18 h.p. outboard motor has been supplied to the Lancelin District Office and the 9½ h.p. motor from there transferred to Perth District Office for river patrols.

A 3 h.p. outboard motor has been supplied to "Vlaming" and the seagull motor from that vessel passed on to Mr Bowler for his ocean-going patrols.

Three flat-bottom punts being built by Harbour and Light Department - 1 for Mandurah, 1 for Bunbury and 1 for P.D.O.

A pot tipper and winch have been fitted to the P.V. "Dampier."

PESTICIDES

Mr J. Cruger of Broome brought to the attention of this Department the fact that the Broome Shire Council intended to eradicate about one mile of Mangroves in an effort to alleviate the local sandfly problem.

After seeking expert advice from the Government Entomologist it was found that it was very doubtful whether defoliation of the Mangroves would have any beneficial effect upon the situation.

The Department has informed the Broome Shire that it would not be in favour of this project and has gained the Shire Clerk's assurance that no work will be carried out without the prior approval of the Director.