

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN WILD LIFE AUTHORITY

Since the Inaugural meeting of this statute body in July 1968 it has held a total of seven meetings of the Authority, four of its Reserves Committee, and two of its Game Management Committee.

The Authority under the Chairmanship of the Director, Mr. B.K. Bowen, has, among other matters, prepared a number of management programmes for sanctuaries. It has also classified, in accordance with Section 12A of the Fauna Conservation Act, a number of sanctuaries. Under this section the Authority may classify areas of land comprising the whole or part of a sanctuary as follows:

- a) prohibited areas;
- b) limited access area;
- c) Shooting or hunting areas;
- d) unlimited access areas;
- e) such other classes of areas as the Authority thinks necessary for the purpose of giving effect to the objects of the Fauna Conservation Act.

Classification of sanctuaries by the Authority are made effective with the approval of the Minister for Fisheries and Fauna, by publishing a notice in the Government Gazette. Such a classification or reclassification of an area shall not be made unless the Minister first approves in writing that it may be made or that the occupier of the land approves in writing, and if the occupier is not the owner of the land, the owner has also to approve in writing to the making of the classification.

News items—

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Mr. T. L. Riggert, Research Officer, Fauna Research Branch, will be proceeding on Annual Recreation Leave as from September 29. During his period of leave Mr. Riggert will make a private visit to the U.S.A. Whilst there, he intends to visit a number of leading waterfowl research centres.

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