

THE ROACH BROTHERS FAUNA RESERVE

In January 1967 it came to the notice of this Department that a Mr. W.A.J. Roach, of Narembeen, wished to donate an area of land for the specific purpose of a sanctuary for fauna and flora. The Department commenced negotiations with the owner and made inspections of the area to be relinquished.

Subsequently, the Governor in Executive Council approved that Avon Location 28317 be set aside as Class "A" Reserve No. 29885 for the purpose of "Conservation of Flora and Fauna" and vested in The Western Australian Wild Life Authority. Notice to this effect was published in the Government Gazette on August 22, 1969. The area vested comprises a total of 637 acres and is located about 6 miles north-west of Narembeen. It will be known as the "Roach Brothers' Fauna Reserve".

Reserve 29885 could be described as "break-away country" and contains a number of different species of fauna, including the Echidna, Mallee-Fowl, Port Lincoln Parrot, Crested Pigeon, Mulga Parrot, Pipit, Red-tipped Pardalote and a good variety of plant species. It is comprised mainly of sand plain areas, gravel laterites and timbered bushland areas containing Mallee, Morrel and Dryandra.

The Department is most appreciative of the generosity extended by Mr. W.A.J. Roach in having this land set aside in perpetuity. This gesture is greatly appreciated now and will be by many conservationists and biologists in future years.

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