

It came to our notice last year that application had been made to the Irrigation Commission for permission to install a pump on a lagoon that is a sanctuary (one of the oldest in the State) in order to irrigate certain holdings. The branch made representation to the Department in protest, and we are now happy to be able to advise that the request was not entertained. We also learned that great destruction of Ibis and their nests was occurring at a lake near Charleville, Western Queensland, and we are advised that this water is to be declared a sanctuary and policed.

It is fitting that in this report mention should be made of the loss sustained by the passing of our member, Dr. Spencer Roberts. His attainments and activities have already been acknowledged in *The Emu*, but, as he is particularly missed by workers in his own State, we here place on record our sense of personal loss in his death.

The Council in Queensland has been strengthened by the addition of Mr. D. S. A. Drain, Inspector of Schools and Director of Nature Study in this State. Mr. Drain's experience in New Guinea will be of great assistance to the Union and its discussions.

Before concluding this report I would like to urge again that the Union make some serious effort to limit the distribution of the pea-rifle and similar arms. Apart from the danger to human life, depredations occur among our useful birds by the urge to fire at a live target and the temptation should never be placed in youthful hands.

The following sanctuaries have been gazetted; the figures representing the areas in acres:

Mundoolun, Baudesert, 195; Lakeside Lagoons, Mungore, 115; Obi Obi Creek, near Maleny, 4,000; Air Base and Pilot Station, Karumba, 9,942; Stanley River Catchment and Mount Brisbane, 46,720; the summit of Mount Glorious and the head of Cedar Creek and its tributaries, 4,740; properties in the parishes of O'Connell, Rodd's Bay and Polmailly, Shire of Miriam Vale, 15,240; Upper Numinbah and Spring Brook, 4,500; timber reserves at Paluma and Mount Spec, Cardwell, 65,000; portion of Noosa Shire, 115,200; Bauple Sugar Mill and Tiaro Swamps; camping and water reserve, Baffle Creek, 90; the property of E. G. Lawrence, "High Tor," 83; portion of Nogoa River, near Emerald; portion of Ross River, Townsville—a total of more than 265,825 acres.

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The fourth-last line on page 127 of the October *Emu* should refer to specimen B 21980 as being immature, not B 21979.