

HAMER OPENS NEW GAME RESERVE

A NEW game reserve was opened in Victoria yesterday. Tower Hill — once an active volcano — is already luring the wildlife.

The 1500-acre reserve near Warrnambool, 170 miles from Melbourne, was opened by the Chief Secretary, Mr Hamer.

He said this was only the beginning.

"Victoria must have more such conservation projects," he said. "The world must have more."

Today, under the restoration and management of the Fisheries and Wildlife Department, the re-

serve is starting to show signs of life.

In the past seven years more than 80,000 trees have been planted. Next year 20,000 more will be planted.

Mr Hamer praised the work of architect Robin Boyd in creating the natural history centre.

"He has magnificently achieved what he set out to do," said Mr Hamer.

He added: "This building fits in with the nat-

ural background. It does not look artificial."

[Boyd, architect and author, died last month aged 52.]

The director of the Fisheries and Wildlife Department, Mr A. D. Butcher, described the project as a landmark to conservation.

"It is a community project," he said. "We want people to come and see what is taking place here."