

The Witchipool Workers

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Greetings Comrades.

Works Continue at Kil mihil

Another productive weekend on the 5th and 6th of October at Kilmihil has seen the following works undertaken:

Fencing Works

The fencing of the Laen-Litchfield road from the main gate to McNamaras Road is now largely complete. The steel posts were driven on Saturday and Sunday and the cyclone attached on Tuesday. This completes the first section of fencing with only the new gap to be installed.

The fence line in the Old Paddock along the Laen-Litchfield Road has been graded and the stays and blocks installed. The next works weekend will initially concentrate on fencing this section with the installation of the barb, steel posts and cyclone remaining.

A path through the remnant vegetation was cleared in the Old Paddock and the Paddock Behind the Dam. on a previous weekend. The path selected includes the majority of existing trees in the fenced area with minimum disruption to the existing vegetation..

The strainer posts have been installed and the new fence line graded along the new fence line for the remnant vegetation. The fencing of this area will follow the completion of the Laen-Litchfield road section.

Other Works

Removal of the remainder of old chook house and the cleaning of that general area and the area around the old wood heap.

Score; Snakes - 1, Melicans - 0.

Removal of about half of the old flat iron from the dam paddock

Score; Snakes - 0, Melicans - 1.

Relocation of the old tank near the windmill from the tank stand to the ground. Relocation to a more permanent location will occur some time in the future.

Recreational Activities

Lunch and associated refreshments were held at the farm on both Saturday and Sunday.

A Bar B Q evening meal was held on the "lawns" at Litchfield on Saturday. The fine repast was followed by pyrotechnics in the form of a bonfire with some strange things coming from the fire.

Recreational Activities cont.

Score; Rabbits — 1, Melicans — 1.

Stop Press: **Score;** Rabbits – 0, Melicans – 2.

Local Identities Assist in Works

The grading of the fence lines and other grading works has been undertaken by John "Jack Death" Foott. The road grader is jointly owned by neighbours Heath Campbell and "Jack" Foott.

The grader has proved invaluable in the speedy removal of the years of drift accumulated along the fence lines and provides a clean working area for the installation of the new fences.

Works Completed

The following internal fences have been removed and will not be replaced;

- The Reserve / Paddock Behind the Dam.
- The Reserve – Reserve Paddock / Jerimiahs.
- The Old Paddock / Paddock Behind the Dam.
- The Old Paddock / Channel Paddock.
- The Channel Paddock / Timber Paddock.
- The Channel Paddock / Hay Paddock.

The old fence posts were predominantly buloke and as these fitted into the category of "Might come in handy one day" they have been stacked in the timber in Jerimiahs. The old wire did not fit into this category and has been removed to the Donald Tip.

Grading of the main "gravel" access track..

Visitors to Kil mihil

We were pleased to have the company of visitors from Port Macquarie on the Central NSW coast on the weekend. Veronica O'Meara, Alex and Zac assisted in various task including the provision of morning and afternoon tea.

The Next Weekend

The next works weekend has been tentatively set for the 2nd and 3rd of November. This will be four weeks from the last works weekend and will also allow those fortunate enough an extra day on the Monday to have a four day weekend.

Could you please confirm if you are available for that weekend.