

# THE WITCHIPOOL WORKERS

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**WELL AFTER A PROMISING START IT AGAIN HAS PROVED TO BE A VERY DISAPPOINTING SEASON.**

## **SEASON ROUNDUP**

With 750 points up to second week in September the season was looking promising. A couple of hot days later in September, combined with the failure of the all important show week rains resulted in a very poor season.

It was all over bar the shouting by the middle of October and the 250 points since the start of November has been a mixed blessing.

The late rains have filled the rain water tanks and given the new trees a good water but have encouraged the growth of summer weeds.

## **HARVEST**

The barley in Douglas's has been stripped, the Channel Paddock below the channel and a couple of rounds have been completed in the Old Paddock as well. The remainder of the Old Paddock and the tritacale in the Paddock Behind the Dam is yet to be stripped.

Initial estimates are that the barley has gone about 6 bags per acre. Quality is Feed 4 with up to 70% screenings.

Recent rain has brought a halt to the harvest, such as it is.



*Rain Delays Harvest at Litchfield*

The lentils in the Timber Paddock and Jeremiahs are not worth harvesting as they died soon after flowering due to lack of moisture. The Tritacale in the School Paddock is also very poor and will not be harvested.



*\$1.25 Million plus of big red equipment.*

The gear used by the contractors is somewhat of an overkill considering the poor harvest. In the photo

- Two Case IH AFX 8010 headers, top of the range worth approximately \$500,000 each;
- Tractor and chaser bin approx \$250,000; and
- Moto Guzzi (nearly 20 years old), bugger all.

## **THE WITCHIPOOL WEED WALKABOUT WEEKEND**

(No, unfortunately it will not be a leisurely ramble around Litchfield with Leo Tellefson.)

Remember your youth when strolling around the paddock armed with a thistle hoe on a warm sunny day was just the shot. And remember the welcoming swim in the dam after a pleasant day removing a few weeds.

You can again relive these carefree days of your youth by attending the Witchipool Weed Walkabout Weekend. (Date to be announced)

You can choose to join the Bindi Busting Brigade, the Hoarehound Harvesting Hordes, the Thistle Terminating Troupe or the Roving Rolly Polly Removers.

All you require to attend one of these fun weekends is yourself, copious quantities of refreshments and a hoe if you have one. As there are only four (thistle hoes) available at Litchfield it will be first in best dressed and you wouldn't want to miss out.

Not much will happen before Christmas due to Tommy's Barby and other festive activities but if anyone is keen to get in early they are most welcome.

## **FUTURE SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

At Christmas, bring a tennis racquet, we may have a go at the very under utilized Litchfield Tennis Courts for a carefree evening of Tipple and Tennis.