



The Witchipool Workers

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Well after a wettish summer it has now become extremely dry.

Rainfall

The rainfall Summary for Litchfield since November. (Points).

November	- 235
December	- 104
January	- 254
February	- 222
March	- 2
April	- 60
May (to Date)	- 14

Rainfall from November to the 10th of February was 813 points, half the average annual rainfall. There has only been 5 rain days since the 10th February totalling 78 points.

So from some substantial sub soil moisture in February we have very little remaining. There is still a little moisture down at 2' 6" but it is extremely dry above that

Weed Spraying

After some sterling efforts wandering around the paddocks we only effectively sprayed Douglas above the channel, the fence line and the Old Paddock.

The alterations to the spray equipment gives an effective coverage of 60ft in one sweep but due to a number of issues the full capabilities were not always achieved. Some breakages, teething issues, lack of co-ordination in manpower and deficiencies in methodology all contributed to less than the desired productivity. Some bloody hot days didn't help either.

The St Patrick's Day spray team included the honeymooners and the crew retired to Warracknabeal to take in some much needed sustenance and refreshments in the evening. Unfortunately Paddy's golden elixir got the better of some in the wee hours.

Fencing

Not much happening on the fencing front except the long awaited (around 40 or so years) fence around the house at Litchfield. Frank would be impressed.

The assistance of three "wise" men from the "Far East" (Melbourne) was much appreciated, and some assistance from a bloke and his old tractor from the "Very Near East" (Hoges) was also most useful.



Future Works

Fencing. The School Paddock, it is probably about time we got stuck into that. Some gates and gaps to hang.

General cleaning up. There is probably only one more load to go to the tip from the bull mallee timber near the house. At least one bon fire to dispose of.

Tree planting, we are supposed to be getting trees to revegetate the South end of the School Paddock as part of the Biolink Project. It is probably a little dry for that at this stage to consider planting them.

Sundry works too numerous to mention.