



# *The Witchipool Workers*

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*Since the last report 421 points of rain has fallen. Total to date 873.*

## *Rainfall*

The rainfall summary for Litchfield (Points).

January	- 254
February	- 222
March	- 2
April	- 60
May	- 14
June	- 293
July	- 128

## *Cropping*

The Downes Boys have sown barley in the Reserve, Jerimahs and the Timber Paddock and field peas and chick peas in the remaining paddocks.

## *Revegetation*

The revegetation works in the School Paddock have been completed.

The works have taken a different format this year and did not involve as much labour as previous years.

The initial works occurred on the Queens Birthday weekend when approximately 270 trees were planted in the School Paddock between the dam and the road. These trees were a mixture of black box grown from very local seed and trees from Peter and Liz Russell's nursery which were donated by Larry's work mates from Gosford.

The planting works were assisted by visitors from Melbourne and occurred at a leisurely pace over the weekend.

The remaining revegetation works occurred on 30<sup>th</sup> June when the remaining area at the south end of the School Paddock was direct seeded by a contractor provided by the Buloke Biolink Project.

The contractor completed almost 2 hectares of seeding in approximately 2 hours using a "Toorak Tractor" and a flash planting unit. The unit scalped a 100 mm wide section of ground, planted

seed at two levels in the soil, sowed inoculant for the acacias and sprayed the seed with smoked water all in one pass.



*The planting in the School Paddock*

## *Other Works*

Removal of trees from the yard at the farm. These trees did not fit into the categories of; indigenous, fruit bearing nor shade providing, and so were deemed surplus to requirements.

An enthusiastic visitor armed with a hoe hacked a hole in the garden water supply. The opportunity was taken to replace those motley sections of the system containing pipes of various sizes and materials. Approximately 107 metres of 1" poly pipe was laid to complete a loop around the yard. Additional taps were added to the system in more suitable locations. A small amount of work remains to remove the remaining 20 metres of old gal pipe from the system.

## *Future Works*

### **Fencing.**

The School Paddock, it is probably about time we got stuck into that.

Removal and replacement of the old fence in Melican road

Some gates and gaps to be hung.