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Though combined dry and 'roo overpopulation bared the paddocks, our weeds battled on, scrawny though they were; so our weeders accordingly obliged to maintain the good fight against them.

More positively, we also nurtured (watered) our plantings, in paddock and bushland, and (as usual) devoted a winter workparty to bolster the bush-tracks against erosion.

The monthly Sunday-morning workparties were well-attended, with a gratifying proportion of younger members. We again supplemented them during summer with mini-workparties the other Sundays, for avid members.

The paddock 'roo exclosures' (now three, adding our own [double rangers' area]), content starkly contrasts with the surrounds.

Our rangers, ever helpful, despite being overtaxed, not only supplied chemicals, wood and rocks (for the gully) and water-cube, (1m³, complete with water), but removed our weedy rubbish. Marty in particular installed the small bench beside our tea-spot, and helped instal the backed bench-seat (partly donated by the Falconers) along the Powerline Link fire-trail.

To the usual combined efforts with neighbour-group FoMP (Jamison display weekend and joint workparty), we shared a kiosk at the St.Vins school fete, albeit not so fruitfully.

The aim to add another hiking-track in the SE corner of the bushland is slowed by funding and bureaucratic issues. The surprise death of keen member, Ian Loiterton, has the Committee moot naming the walk after him.

Plans are afoot by savvy (younger) C'tee-members to set-up a facebook-based picture-gallery / chat-room.