

## **Working Bee December 2011** by Terry Lane

A fine day for our last working bee for the year. I arrived early and walked around the sad nursery for a few minutes before Neil turned up and a few minutes later Claude, Robert Irvine, Kevin and George.



**George Westwood**

We decided to go down to the Keilor Land and check on Kevin's Super Bat Box that Robert Irvine and I put up in August. I jumped into my Ute with Neil and went down to pick up the ladder behind the shed whilst the others set off on foot.



**A sign from the past when the Keilor Land was not part of the park.**

We met the others at the tree and set about checking the box.



**Robert Irvine goes up to check**

Robert and I have been discussing the safety of climbing ladders and have decided that we should be using a harness when checking boxes. With money in the coffers to purchase a couple, I will contact some suppliers and see what is suitable for our needs.



The box had no bats, only spiders. Robert has a theory that the inspection window on the side may be letting in light that could deter the bats from roosting, so we placed a black piece of cloth over the Perspex and re installed it.



#### Kevin's super box mk2

With that done we went for a walk along the creek which was quite turbid which surprised me, maybe it's due to the release of water from Rosslyn Reservoir. There were a lot of Blackberries on the private land on the opposite bank but all gone thank goodness.



**Some nice escarpment on the North bank**

We came across some old fencing and decided to remove it to allow the Kangaroos through and use the chicken wire to make on the spot frames for some little watties shooting up.



**It has to go, Robert and Neil set to work.**



**Robert shows us how to make a tree frame on the spot**



**Very picturesque, the view of the turbid creek from the Keilor Land.**

As lunch time approached we headed off, I took the ladder back and went to check for some Growing Grass frogs at Rosette Rock but only heard three Pobblebons. With the weather now quite warm I picked up two grateful park visitors that were walking back from the Tessellated Pavement and headed back to the Friends Lock up where we had a drink, wished each other a Merry Christmas and headed for home.

I will put together a working bee schedule for 2012 probably starting off at Millbrook if the creek is low.



Merry Christmas and a Happy New  
Year to all, see you in 2012

Terry.