

**Newport Forest**

Thursday September 15 2005

2:00 - 6:35 pm

**Weather:** prec. 0 mm; RH 39%; cld/sun; NNE  $\leq$  15 kmh; LM 26 C; FCF 24 C

**Purpose:** maintenance

**Participants:** Kee

At the TS I painted the legend DROUGHT BUSTER on the water tank. As I did this, I thought mournfully of the recent death of the Carruthers' Water Delivery driver, Jim Longdough, who was killed at a level crossing on the Melbourne Road south of Strathroy two days ago. Jim made many deliveries to the drought buster over the last few years. He was a genuinely nice person with a very happy and cooperative personality. Damn! I spent about half an hour digging bed 2, mixing in more sand and topsoil as I went. If we stay over the coming weekend, I can finish that bed off.

Down at the trailer I made a new shelf for the trailer kitchen and generally cleaned up the grounds. I did no watering today, except for the Catalpa in the corner (Looking pretty droopy) and Pat's gourds.

After a snack in the nook, I went for a walk on the TRT, stopping frequently to drag new logs out of the woods to add liners to the trails. At one point while walking smartly through the RSF, my foot caught on the upturned end of a liner log and I went flying, ass over teakettles, flat on my face on the trail. Lesson there?

I noted that Kurt had been in to plough HBF. I felt annoyed because he hasn't bothered to consult us about right of access following the demise of his father.

**New species:**

Fillet Dart

*Euoxa redimicula*

Rd nhKD

(This was a very nondescript-looking moth that Nina found out on the road.)