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AUSTRALIAN DEER FARMING

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We have been fortunate to have a couple of members prepared to show and explain their deer farming operations to us. I believe that not many of us sit back and realise how much planning, effort and work we put into our farms. These stories remind us that our farms are considerable assets. Regrettably, as recent events have shown, they can be impacted by fire, too much or too little rain.

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