

## LAND FOR WILDLIFE AT HOLLAND PARK WEST HIGH SCHOOL

Holland Park High School land joins the Brisbane City Council land on the corner of Gaza Road and Bapaume Road, Holland Park West. The local community began bush regeneration on this council land in 1997. They continue to weed and plant here and have extended their activities to include the school land along Ekibin Creek.

In 2000 the bushcare group organised a National Tree Day planting on school land and in 2008 the school signed an agreement with the Brisbane City Council Wildlife Conservation Partnership Program to declare the land adjoining the bushcare site as Land For Wildlife.

The bushcare group have cleared large areas of Singapore Daisy and have planted many trees, grasses and shrubs in this area. It is an interesting area because there are some remnants of a building site and occasionally small household items are uncovered. There is also a large flock of red backed wrens here and as they are becoming increasingly rare in the urban areas the group are determined to continue creating good wren habitat.

Plans for this area in 2013 include:-

- Tidy up after January storm, many trees have fallen on other smaller plants.
- Keep Japanese sunflower area under control by removing flowers and seed heads in June/July
- Plant native grasses in dense patches for wren habitat.
- Target red flowering weed, freckle face and ochna in the area that was planted in 2003.
- Keep weeds from encroaching planted areas.
- Plant *Lomandra hystrix* along the creek.
- Weed near the school gate on Bapaume Road.
- Clear Singapore Daisy from hoop pine to the oval edge and plant some shade trees to replace existing shady Chinese elm.

Indeed, with permission from Main Roads Department the group also weeded and replanted along the creek on Main Roads land to reach the busway and SouthEast Freeway. At this stage there are no plans to continue on the northern side of the creek