

Fox Gully Restoration Update

October 2009

Replanting progressive total – 1,550 grasses, vines, herbs, shrubs and trees

Planting for Bushfire Safety



Last January, O'Grady Street neighbours Alan & Heather #40 and Nathalie & Brian #38 started the daunting task of restoring the forest behind their houses (Zone 15) with the removal of masses of Singapore Daisy and the high fire risk Guinea Grass. Six huge compost piles were required to manage the volume of weeds removed.



Planting day 4th October - the site is clear of weeds and ready for planting with native grasses and vines selected to provide a natural fire break to protect the houses.

Ingrid, Noah, Tony & Heather with Nathalie & Brian at bottom of slope.

The versatile Creeping Beard Grass - *Oplismenus aemulus* is low fire risk as well as being a food plant for caterpillars of Orange-streaked Ringlets.



Alan and Dennis team up



Other areas in Zone 15 were planted with some of our beautiful indigenous shrubs like the Purple Pea Bush *Hovea acutifolia*.





Mark and his father have cleared Singapore Daisy and a truck load of rubbish to prepare Zone 14 for replanting. Thirty one neighbours and friends from Arafura, Azania, Lathi and O'Grady Streets worked together to dig holes, plant and mulch while other neighbours contributed morning tea, tools and tank water to this valuable community effort.



Ray & Lyn with family and Marshal on watering can.

With the 50mm of rain this week it looks like we will have about a 90% survival rate with this planting and we have already had our first flowers on the Bower Vine *Pandorea jasminoides*.



Mark – a man always happy in his work

Spring Breeding Season

An Eastern Bearded Dragon with a clutch of fourteen eggs, a family of Laughing Kookaburras in an old termite nest, Noisy Minors nesting and Koala mating calls at night all point to improving healthy bushland.



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