

# Fox Gully Restoration Update

July 2011

Progressive volunteer community contribution – 3,113 hours

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*Is our restoration work making a difference?*



**Ask our late night Koala visitor.**

When we heard scratching sounds outside late at night we expected to find a possum, not this healthy young male Koala. See the story at: [www.megoutlook.wordpress.com](http://www.megoutlook.wordpress.com)

**What's the Koala's favourite food tree?**

Ask Ann Moran at our 7<sup>th</sup> August Environmental Workshop.

**Book NOW for:**

**Environmental & Photography Workshops**

**Mt Gravatt Environment Group**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August – Fox Gully Bushcare**

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## Tuesday Bushcare Update

Our regular weekly Bushcare has moved to Tuesday afternoons 2 to 5pm.

Last Tuesday the team worked on the Stage 3 restoration of Zone 14 (near the water reservoir at the top of Azania Street).

Meet the team (left to right): Michael, Jian, Steve (7 Arafura), Paul and Marshal (85 Arafura)

Join us any Tuesday afternoon pulling out weeds and a chat over afternoon tea.



## Firefly Gully Restoration

Firefly Gully is a wildlife corridor between Arafura Street and Mt Gravatt Road. Bruce (30 Azanian Street) has been clearing Singapore Daisy, Purple Succulent and Umbrella Trees in the flat area at the top of the gully just below the water reservoir. See Mimosa Creek Precinct Landscape Plan <http://wp.me/pNUwx-67>



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Marshal (85 Arafura Street) has been restoring the gully where it flows through his property. Marshal's discovery of Fireflies and glow-in-dark mushrooms was the source of the Firefly Gully name: <http://wp.me/pNUwx-6G>



Firefly *Luciola nigra*



Luminous Mushroom *Mycena lampadis*

Toni (80 Mt Gravatt Road) has now partnered with neighbours and hired a contractor to clear invasive weeds from their side of Firefly Gully. The biggest problem on Toni's property was Maderia or Potato Vine, which has even been smothering trees like this eucalypt.

The first stage of bush restoration is by nature destructive as the area is stripped of weeds before replanting with native species. It is a bit of a shock initially, however we know from our Fox Gully work that 12 to 18 months of regrowth makes all the difference.

### **WEED ALERT!**

Maderia Vine *Anredera cordifolia* is also a major problem in Fox Gully where we have stopped the spread at about half way up. You can see Maderia's invasive behaviour at the bottom of the gully where it meets Klumpp Road: look behind the bus stop across from the Netball Centre.



Also called Potato Vine, Maderia has beautiful white flowers but growth that smothers all other plants while its potato like growths spread the weed along creeks. Maderia is very difficult weed to eradicate so I will be interested to learn from the contractor working in Firefly Gully.



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