

Fox Gully Restoration Update

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19 backyards committed to restoration of Fox & Firefly Gully wildlife corridors!

Can your backyard be part of part of a wildlife corridor?

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Extreme weeding – removing 20 metre Chinese Elm

Chinese Elm/Chinese *Celtis Celtis sinensis* is a Class 3 Environmental Weed and sales have been prohibited for some years. Chinese Elms produce thousands of small, orange berries which spread to neighbouring backyards and bushland when eaten by birds.



Dale, of Climb-n-Grind Tree Services, did a very professional and safe job, climbing straight up the vertical surface of the Elm, trimming branches on the way before cutting from the top.

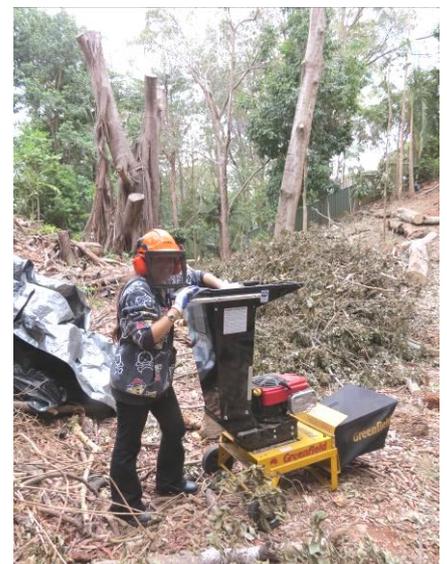


(Left) Chainsaw hanging, Dale walks out high on branch.

To keep the cost down Annette and I negotiated a price based on Mt Gravatt Environment Group taking responsibility for chipping and removing the green waste. Neighbours started clearing the huge pile of branches then Fox Gully Tuesday Bushcare moved to the gully. Miranda, a Griffith Environment Law student, discovered the fun of using our powerful 8.5hp Greenfield Piecemaker chipper.

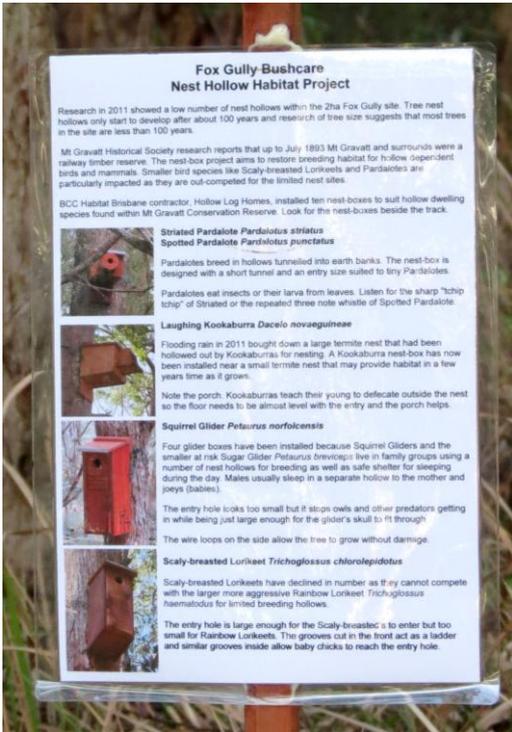


Miranda (right) wants Marshal to teach her how to use a chainsaw next.



Friday, three weeks and sixty volunteer hours later it is all cleared up with logs in place to slow the water.
Just in time for the weekend rain!

Bird/Glider habitat tour Fox Gully Bushcare



Logging in the 1800s means that there is still a shortage of nest hollows within the Fox Gully site. Based on our research of available tree hollows, BCC Habitat Brisbane contractor Hollow Log Homes has installed 10 species specific nest-boxes for gliders and birds that depend on breeding hollows.

Follow the track through the Fox Gully Bushcare site to learn why Kookaburra parents look for a house with a porch out front and Pardalotes want a tunnel entry.



Griffith University students restoring Zone 13



Miranda (second from left) is working with us to engage Griffith University students in bush restoration. Food is always a good way to tempt students. so a bush BBQ to feed them up before putting them to work.

Frog not Toad!

Native frogs are breeding in rock pools created by the permanent spring restored when the Indian Rubber tree was removed. Striped Marsh Frog *Limnodynastes peroni* eggs have been laid in one pool.



Striped Marsh Frogs are a native ground dwelling frog. Listen for the distinctive "toc toc toc" call.

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