



Fox Gully Restoration Update

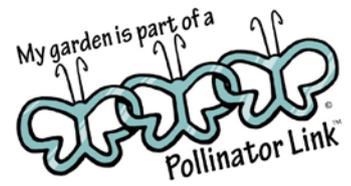
September 2013

2013 Community Gully Day

Sunday 11 August

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Kenny Koala approves restoration

When Barry's family, 15 Arafura St, sat down to breakfast on Thursday they were greeted by Kenny sunning himself in a tree just four metres outside their sunroom. With all the Koala trees we planted we can expect this to be a common sight in the wildlife corridor.

"Magnificent sight as we were having breakfast." Barry



We are now in our fourth year of restoring the gully as a wildlife corridor and owners of eighteen properties (50%) have committed to the project.

Alan Moore's photo record shows what we have achieved.

Left: August 2013 - team getting to work.

L-R Michael, Matt, Scott, Barry, Carol, Don and Marshal



Right: August 2012 L-R Marshal, Clair, Scott, Carol, Helen and Andrew

Commit your property as part of our community project to get rid of Madeira Vine and restore Kenny's wildlife corridor:

- No garden waste dumped in gully – lawn clippings, old pot plants or pruning.
- Permission for Fox Gully Bushcare team to access gully part of property.
- Permission to remove Madeira Vine where found.
- Removal of other target weeds subject to property owners' agreement.

Blue Tiger *Tirumala hamata*



Griffith University Bush Care 2013

We now have a strong partnership with Griffith University as Miranda Escott-Burton (photo on right) has established the Griffith University Bush Care Club focused on international students who want to experience our bush.

Leading a walk in Toohey Forest during O'Week, showing students Koala scratches on trees and finding a native bee hive in a log, was a success. We now have a core group of students working at Fox Gully and our Mt Gravatt SHS sites.



Griffith students clearing weeds and placing logs

The main focus this year has been clearing the Fishbone Fern and bamboo at the top of Fox Gully, maintenance work on past plantings and reducing silt being washed into the gully in heavy rain.

Efforts of Griffith students and two teams from Conservation Volunteers Australia mean that approximately 75% of Zone 13 has been cleared of weeds and final restoration is being completed by natural regeneration as native grasses, herbs and vines reclaim previously infected areas.



Happy team proud of their achievement

2013 Photography Workshop

Photography is a vital tool in our restoration work:

- Research evidence of Echidna sightings;
- Before and after picture of restoration work;
- Community education with newsletters, etc.

Alan Moore shared his knowledge with seventeen participants from as far away as Greenbank and northside. This year, thanks to our generous models, landscape and macro photography was complemented with fashion photography in the bush. Order your 2014 Photography Calendar from Alan.



Fashions by Jolanta Szymczyk – as seen at Ekka

WEED ALERT!

Madeira Vine (Potato/Snake Vine) *Anredera cordifolia*
Extremely difficult to eradicate:

- grows up to one metre per week with large underground tubers;
- spreads by hundreds of potato like tubers growing along vine.



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