

Fox Gully Restoration Update

August 2009

Replanting progressive total – 1,100 grasses, fern, herbs, shrubs and trees

Date Claimer - Next Planting – Sunday October 4th

ANZ Fox Gully Bushcare Team Returns



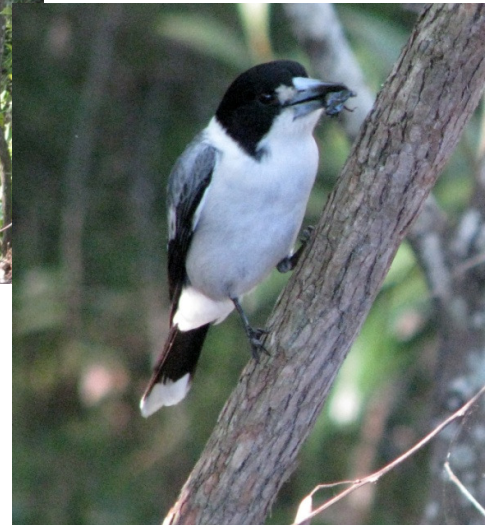
The last Friday in July and Robert, Scott, Harinder and Richa, our ANZ Volunteers were hard at work on bush restoration in Zone 8.

The first stage was removal of Purple Succulent covering the slopes. Our hard working team carried off weeds up the slope to be composted onsite. Better than 80% of weeds are recycled onsite - either composted, mulched or the logs used for slope stabilisation.



It is a real pleasure to work alongside this group of office professionals who will happily leave their comfortable air-conditioned offices to experience the hard dirty work of restoring our bushland for the community and our native animals.

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The restoration work always attracts the local birds like this Grey Butcherbird which has just caught its lunch.



The weed is so thick it is like rolling up a huge carpet. Here Robert and Scott are working alongside Roger – 50 O'Grady St, whose wife Margaret provided the excellent afternoon tea.

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The team finished the day with restoration of Coin-spot Treeferns *Cyathea cooperi* which were common in the gully before the invasion of Purple Succulent.

Tube stock plants are used because they have the greatest success rate - catching up with larger, more expensive, advanced plants in about six months and then performing better in the long term. Our excellent survival rate is achieved by soaking the tube stock in Seasol over night to reduce transplant shock, then planting with water crystals that support the plant until roots are established.



The attractive Coin-spot Treeferns are still common in the eastern gullies of Mt Gravatt.

Thank you to our ANZ Fox Gully Bushcare Team. We look forward to welcoming you back in summer to continue the restoration of the ANZ www.anz.com.au sponsored Zone 8.



WEED ALERT!

Seedlings of Chinese Elm *Celtis sinensis* are sprouting at the moment. Seeds of these invasive weed trees are spread by birds. Chinese Elm trees can spread hundreds of metres into the bush.

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