

# Fox Gully Restoration Update

## July 2009

Replanting progressive total – **1,090** grasses, herbs, shrubs and trees

Next Planting – Sunday October 4th – Zone 15

### Winter wildlife and flowers on the Mountain



Our Brush Turkeys - *Alectura lathami* - may drive us crazy, scratching in our gardens however, they are very stately birds, particularly now while the males are showing their large yellow breeding wattles. Breeding has been successful this season with at least one chick sighted in the gully.

The Pheasant Coucal - *Centropus phasianinus* - may also be seen exploring your garden.



Another winter sighting is the Evening Brown butterfly - *Melanitis leda*.



Blady Grass and Kangaroo Grass are the larval food plant for the Evening Brown. Please let me know if you see any caterpillars.

Caterpillar photo from <http://www-staff.it.uts.edu.au/~don/larvae/>



The Zone 7 planting last October has been very successful with Creeping Beard Grass - *Oplismenus aemulus* - and the Hairy Pea Bush - *Pultenaea villosa* - already flowering. The Hairy Pea Bush is a larval food plant for the Fringed Heath-blue butterfly which is indigenous to Mt Gravatt Reserve.





## October 4<sup>th</sup> Planting – Zone 15

Zone 15, our target for planting this year is a new zone adjoining Zone 7 and covering the slope behind 36, 38 & 40 O'Grady St. When Alan & Heather (40) returned last November, from a year in Canada, they were so blown away by the work already done in Zone 7, they got together with Nathalie & Brian (38) to work



Brian & Nathalie

In February the work was well underway, however the huge area of Singapore Daisy was still daunting. Now the slope is almost totally clear with the weeds breaking down in huge compost heaps.

as stewards for the land behind their properties. Over the past six months this team has made tracks, moved mulch, cleared cubic metres of Guinea Grass and Singapore Daisy (composting on site) and twenty bags of Fishbone Fern (removed by BCC).



Alan hard at work

## Winter WEED ALERT!



**Singapore Daisy - *Wedelia trilobata*** (left) and **Creeping Lantana - *Lantana montevidenses*** (right), both in flower right now, are two invasive garden escapees damaging our bushland reserve.



Please don't dump your garden waste in the bush. Dispose of it with your household rubbish or consider getting a compost bin. Garden pruning and grass clippings actually cause significant damage to native vegetation. Garden pruning often strike and thrive in the bush crowding out native plants. Grass clippings mat down, blocking air circulation while taking nitrogen from our naturally poor Australian soils and increasing the risk of disease in trees.

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