# Berry Landcare

## Site Plant Assessment Service:

Berry Landcare offer site assessments of residents’ properties to advise what plants already exist there on and suggest strategies to enhance the existing vegetation. Below is one example of one such an assessment:

John’s property at Berry Mountain site was recently inspected by Ian Parker and Harvey Blue. The site is 0 47 Ha in area, steep and has been reformed at the rear with ramped terracing for easier access. This has created many embankments.

Within the site boundaries there are areas of introduced invasive species as border plantings and screening hedges. These are mainly Small and Broad Leaf Privet. Other isolated invasive plants include Wild Tobacco, Moth Vine and Wandering Jew. There are small patches of Mist Flower in the embankments. There are numerous non invasive garden trees and shrubs typical of gardens in the area. Immediately outside the boundaries of the site are thick infestations of Lantana, Wild Tobacco and both varieties of Privet.

There are several large mature Bush Cherry trees on the site. There are many Wonga Wonga vines in the existing canopy. There are major growths of Sweet Pittosporum all over the site. Some are very mature large trees. This native plant is very successful in colonizing new growth. The mown grassed areas of the site have patches of Native Violet and Native Geranium.

It was recommended that: Privet in border plantings and screening hedges be weeded of new growth weeds. Sweet Pittosporum seedlings should be left in place. Native plants such as Bleeding Heart, Two Vein Hickory, Maidens Wattle, Coffee Bush and Hairy Clerodendrum will initiate under canopy growth suitable to the site. The larger growth invasive trees in these borders and hedges should be left in place until these plants establish. Then the larger weed species trees should be poisoned but left in place until they rot.

The site has many embankments at risk of erosion. It is recommended that these areas be planted with Dusty Coral Pea, Commelina, Lomandra and Climbing Guinea Flower vine.

The Native Plants on a “Berry Landcare’s Tree List” marked with an asterisk were found to be growing at the site. A report of the inspection with photos of most of the plants was delivered to John. John made a donation for this service.

The Native plants mentioned are available at the Berry Public School Plant Propagation Nursery. This independent education program provides the pupils with knowledge of local native plants, and the processing and propagation of their fruit and seeds. The nursery is self funded, as the plants produced are then sold on to community groups such as Landcare, Garden Club and to private landholders.

If you want to purchase any of their extensive range of endemic tube stock, for a donation through the school account, Barry or Lyn are there on Thursday afternoons during school hours.

Please contact Berry Landcare at berrylandcare@gmail.com if you would like an assessment done on your property.

## Working Bees for October 2016:

Alexandra Street Parkcare: 9-11 am Friday 21st October: Gail Paton 44487915.

Bong Bong Road: 9-11am Sunday 9th October: Julia Woinarski 4464 2084.

Bundewallah Bushcare: 2-4pm Sunday 30th October: John Clark 44643911.

Camp Quality: 9-11am Sunday 16st October: Hugh Sheil, hugh.sheil@realtimecom.com.au or Jeanne Highland 4464 1271.

Moeyan Hill: 2-4 pm Saturday 15th October: Bill Pigott 44643241 or wpigott@bigpond.net.au.

Mount Coolangatta: Nola Barker. Mobile 040944-6418, nolajbarker@live.com.au. Time to be advised. Meet at end of Roxbrough Rd, Far Meadow.

Mark Radium Park: 9-10am Friday 28th October: Rodney Cole 4464 1475.

Princess St. Parkcare: 9-11am Monday 24th October, Terry Oades 4464.3654.

Tindalls Lane: Time to be advised , contact Jim Jefferis 4464 2988.

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