

Environmental and Bushfire Reduction Project



May 2011 Before work commenced – Area 9 below Wallaby Track showing dense Pittosporum



June 2013 After Pittosporum chipping by Contractor – Pittosporum has killed off all the ground level vegetation



Feb 2016 Rapid recovery back to natural bushland

Our Pittosporum clearing activity in Area 6/ and 7 at Glenfern Valley Bushlands is part of Dandenong Ranges Environmental and Bushfire Reduction Grants.

Glenfern has been allocated \$34,450 to remove pittosporum and \$600 to revegetate the area. The Friends group have been removing woody weeds from Glenfern since 2002. Over these years of restoration work the group has gained an in-depth understanding on how to remove woody weeds like pittosporum and then regenerate the bushland. A similar thicket of pittosporum was removed from Area 9 (see map on reverse side) using the same approach as employed on this project. While the immediate results look stark we know that the bushland will rebound in just a couple of years. After removing the weedy Pittosporum thicket the pre-existing Valley Grassy Forest ecosystem will be restored. An important benefit of removing this heavy infestation of Pittosporum is that it reduces the fire fuel load in the reserve. Our grant application was supported by the Upwey CFA and the Yarra Ranges Council. The contractor undertaking the work is Yarra Ranges Fire Management. Need more info, please email or visit our Facebook or Website.

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