

## **LANTANA BUSTERS PROJECT**

### **CLEARING OF GLENVALE RESERVE - 1 Ramsay Rd GLENVALE**

This undeveloped nature reserve of approx. 10 acres (4 hectares) is primarily a drainage corridor leading into Glenvale Public Park near the Toowoomba showgrounds. The land consists of steep banks leading down to a small creek.

Extensive dense stands of Lantana as well as some *Privet* and *Chinese Celtis* covered about 80% of the total area. Large areas of vegetation along the creek bank were covered by *Madeira Vine*.

Following a very lengthy approval application process, Landcare (Lantana Busters) was given the green light by Toowoomba Regional Council to start work which commenced in March 2017 and was completed by end of June 2019.

Below are some before/after photos and images of some of the resulting Lantana stacks. All this was accomplished using hand tools specially designed by a former member of the group, Euan McLean, which lifts the Lantana out of the ground preventing regrowth. No motorised equipment or poison was used on the Lantana.

The project involved 3 people working ½ day per week. On completion, the response from the Toowoomba Regional Council was, "hopefully now it is cleared, the public may start using it for some informal leisure activities".

Graeme Wegner  
on behalf of Lantana Busters

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Starting to clear north west fence line March 2017



Cleared north west fence line





Steep slope was heavily covered with mainly privet and some lantana



Before work commenced on creek bank









Now that is some mean lantana



Progress near creek after 3 months from start





Dense patch of lantana near creek cleared early September 2017



Some of many stacks left on site after completion