

## PEST PERI-URBAN PROJECT CASE STUDY

Mark & Sandra Evans

The 15 ha property is adjacent to Mt Blarney Conservation Park and mostly consists of well established rainforest vegetation with minor invasion of weed species on the edges and in disturbed areas.

The property owners, Mark and Sandy are excited about the potential of their land they have recently purchased. A site visit was conducted by Sarina Landcare Catchment Management Association Inc. (SLCMA), and involved the identification of both native and exotic plant species present on their rainforest block.

This has helped Mark and Sandy to have an understanding of what weed species they can focus on such as lantana, goosefoot, singapore daisy and develop control plans for these species. They have begun controlling the lantana and guinea grass around their house and with great success.

Mark and Sandy are keeping a journal of birds they see on their property, last month they recorded 35 different species! They also record species of frogs, snakes, bandicoots, wallabies and possums!

Mark and Sandy have a great vision for the future which is their ultimate goal of having a bush track through their property that they can one day run a small steam train on and enjoy privately with their guests. They know that there will be quite a bit of work involved to make this dream happen but they are adamant they can rid the block of pest species, create environmentally friendly bush tracks and one day take a ride through their property on their own miniature steam train!



Some of the rainforest on Mark & Sandy's property



Glycine (*Neonotonia wightii* var. *wightii*) covering a sandpaper fig (*Ficus opposita*)

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