



FRIDAY ENVIRONMENT FORUM

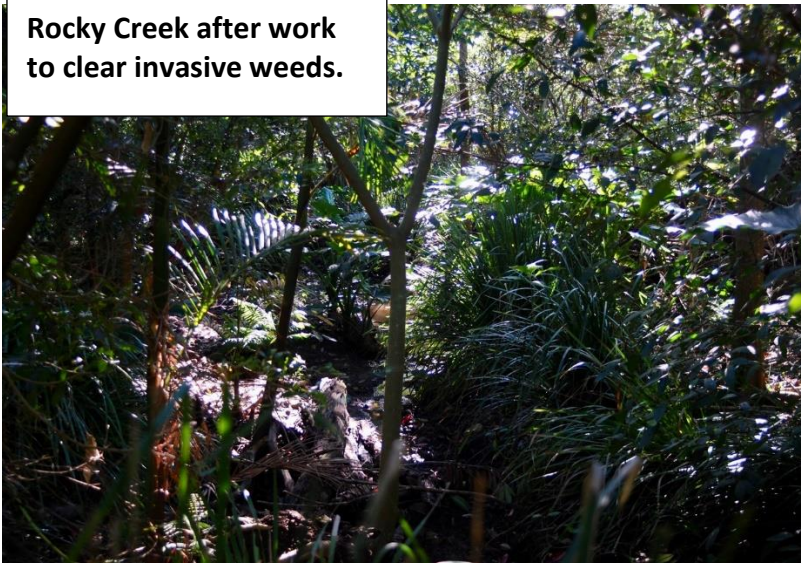
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Bush Regeneration: From Weed Ridden Creek to Great Habitat

This week's guest speaker at Noosa Parks Association's Friday Environment Forum will be local bush regeneration enthusiast **Julia Macdonald-Buchanan**. About ten years ago she purchased 'Coucal Hill', a 42acre macadamia farm situated near Yandina on the northern end of the Blackall Range. It is a part of the Sunshine Coast which has been declared a 'Biodiversity Hotspot' protecting threatened frogs, reptiles and birds whose habitat is at risk due to encroaching development.

Rocky Creek after work to clear invasive weeds.



Whilst most of the property is covered by the macadamia plantation, the balance was overgrown with exotic weeds, especially along the spring fed branch of Rocky Creek which bisects the property. The gully was choked and unrecognisable due to introduced weeds such as lantana and bana grass. **Assisted by environmental grants and a great deal of determination, Julia's**

revegetation of the gully is now looking extraordinary.

Join the audience at the Environment Centre, 5 Wallace Drive Noosaville when Julia will explain her strategies and long term vision to create a corridor for flora and fauna by transforming her property and connecting the forests at either end. **The forum will commence at 10.30am but coffee and a friendly chat will be on offer from 10am.** You are invited to join the Interpretive Birding group by meeting Valda in the car park at 8.30am.

All welcome.

Julia stands beside trees planted on her property many years ago.

