

## Monitoring Jarvis Street opposite the taxi house. Established: 2005

**October 2005:** FIDO had been weeding in Eurong on and off for decades mainly we large short weekend efforts that we helpful but not very cost effective. In 2005 with the use of a 4WD troop carrier and the offer of a team of bush regenerators led by Stephanie and Julian Lymburner from Ballina NSW that FIDO was able for the first time engage on longer more intensive weeding efforts. These were to be based on a similar scheme to the weeding programs of Lord Howe Island where volunteers spend half the time working and half the time exploring and enjoying the environment. The volunteers contributed to their own costs for food and accommodation. The Lymburners with George Haddock and Su Dawson led three teams over the next two years. They began their work in three areas that continue to absorb much of FIDO's efforts over the next decade — Jarvis Street, Problem Corner and the area at the back of Eurong Resort. These first photos were taken in October 2005, two months prior to the establishment of FINIA.

**December 2005:** This area was the subject of inspection following the establishment of FINIA because this was the area where there was much dumping of garden waste in the form of large trees and because the Maryborough City Council had just thinned out the Cypress on the northern side of the road. These are some images from that inspection



These two scenes (above and below) show the general scene on the side of the road opposite the Jarvis Street houses amongst cypress as it was in 2005



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**Conferring on the problem of illegal disposal of garden waste in Jarvis Street and the problems that ensue.**

**May 2006:** Stephanie returned and continued weeding in Eurong with a heavy emphasis on Jarvis Street, The photo below again captures the relatively clean understory in the cypress grove.



**1911 to 1914:** FIDO began more a systematic approach to Eurong weeding in August 2011 and has continued to send over three teams annually to work for a week at a time in Eurong. During this time FIDO has had to continually remove trailer loads of garden waste from an illegal dump on the opposite side of the road to the houses that has become a seed bed for weeds and has harboured some bad weeds such as Madiera Vine.



**The Madiera Vine found here is the only known location on K'Gari.** Eradicating it was made more difficult by the continual dumping of garden waste over the sources of the infestations. The Persistence of FIDO's weeding program looks as if it has eliminated this very aggressive and difficult weed before it was too late.



**Formal Photo Monitoring**

**August 2014:** A formal Jarvis Street photo-monitoring site was established in August 2014 opposite the taxi house. It allows two sightings. One to the west targets an area where garden waste has been deposited that has been a constant source of annoyance and a major weed seedbed for over a decade. The second sighting east covering much of the Jarvis Street area that that has been subject to FIDO weed management programs for a decade. It is an area that once harboured the only know infestation of Madiera Vine and this has received particular attention especially to remove it from upper branches of Cypress that was a challenge taken up by Michael Lowe. As at the outset of 2015 it seems that the collective effort has had success but it will continue to be monitored closely to have

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In May 2015 a lot of effort was put in to yet again clearing this illegal dump because of the problems it posed to controlling weeds in Second Valley



Looking west towards the Informal dump. There has been now deposition of garden or seafood waste here since May — a welcome omen.