

# Managing Steep Hills

## - A transformation at Berdue Station



Berdue Station on the outskirts of Alexandra, (approximately 2000 acres) has worked consistently over the past 6 years to land class fence the bald hills, increase ground cover back on the hills to retain soils, increase biodiversity and connectivity across the property through revegetation, and eventually bring the hills back into sustainable grazing by lightly stocking sites as required. Paterson's Curse has been controlled on the hills although Blackberry continue to be a major headache to control. The property has some of the steepest hills in the district and beautiful Goulburn River frontage. Come hear and see first hand the transformation of the property, the ongoing challenges, and the practical aspects of costs and stocking rates to achieve these results.

**Date:** Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2013

**Time:** Meet at 9.45am DEPI offices for a 10am departure for Berdue. Finish 2pm.

**Location:** DEPI offices in Alexandra with mini bus tour to Berdue.

**Speakers :** Greg Bekker, DEPI will introduce the day with a short session on whole farm planning principles

Luke Van Helvoirt, Berdue Property Manager will be able to share what has worked, and what continues to give management challenges plus an overview of costs to implement the project.

Jim Begley, GBCMA, Kerri Goschnick, DEPI and Cathy Olive, Upper Goulburn Landcare Network will be on hand to discuss the implementation of the project.

Please RSVP to Judy Watts by Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November on 5736 0105 or [uglandcare@gbcma.vic.gov.au](mailto:uglandcare@gbcma.vic.gov.au)



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