



Information for Bushcare Volunteers

The Friends of Belair National Park hold weekday bushcare working bees twice every week and a Saturday working bee once a month, on the third Saturday of every month.

The weekday sessions are held every **Tuesday and Friday from 8.30 to 10.30 am**. We meet for these sessions at the Green Shed near the main Entrance on Upper Sturt Road, accessed through the Main Oval carpark, in Belair National Park. We meet at 8.20am, in order to leave at 8.30 promptly to drive on to wherever our current worksite in the Park may be. We work for two hours, until 10.30am.

The monthly Saturday working bee is held on the **third Saturday of every month, from 9am to 11am**. For this session we meet at the same site, the Green Shed, a few minutes before 9am, to drive on from there to our worksite.

A **Tuesday evening** session is held during the daylight savings season between 5 and 7, locations vary.

Of course there is no charge to bring your vehicle into the Park for these sessions, or indeed for any official FoBNP event. It is possible to carpool to get to our worksites, if required.

You need to dress suitably for work in the park – clothes that can get dirty, long trousers and long sleeves for protection, sturdy covered-toe shoes or boots, and a hat. You can bring your own gardening gloves, or we can provide them. We do supply all tools needed, hi-vis vests, and protective gear such as knee pads and safety glasses. It is a good idea to bring a bottle of water to drink, especially in hot weather, and a waterproof jacket if showers are forecast.

We can teach you about bushcare on the job, and members also have access to free training sessions for bushcare, safe use of chemicals, first aid and snake awareness etc. We also have excellent resources available free to members in our library at the Volunteer Centre.

Please note that if there is a Total Fire Ban or a Severe Weather Warning for the Mt. Lofty Ranges, or if the forecast temperature for the day is 34 degrees or higher, or if there is heavy rain, the working bee will be cancelled. If we have your mobile phone number we can send a text message to you if this is the case.

We welcome you to attend up to three working bees on a “come and try” basis, after this for insurance purposes we need you to become a member. Membership of the Friends of Belair National Park is \$10 for a single person or \$15 family membership per year. When you have worked for three sessions with us you will receive a Park Pass which gives you free access to Belair National Park for any purpose.

If you need more information contact Craig, Bushcare Coordinator on 0421 910 935, or friendsofbnp@outlook.com.

Check our website: www.friendsofbelairpark.org.au and Facebook page: www.facebook.com/fobnp

Thank you so much for your interest in our group and for your willingness to work with us. The Park is very large, so there is plenty for us to do, and we need all the hands we can get! We can show you some of the best areas in the Park. We work in beautiful peaceful surroundings and the fresh air, with good company, and we have fun while doing something valuable to the whole community.

One of the target weeds is **Boneseed** (*Chrysanthemoides monilifera*). Its highly invasive and rapidly outcompetes the good native flora. We try to pull this weed out whenever we see it. It starts small, as pictured, but can grow to be a large shrub, with bright green leaves with toothed edges. In spring, it produces yellow daisy flowers. It was first introduced from South Africa, and used to stabilise sand dunes in Victoria and has spread and become one of the major problem weeds in Southern Australia.

