

## FoBNP Bush Care Report for April 2019

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In April 2019 the Friends of Belair National Park worked a total of 110 hours. Three sessions were missed due to prescribed burns, a Total Fire Ban, and Easter public holiday.

We worked 76 hours in VMU 17, and 34 hours in VMU 18, removing boneseed, Rhamnus, olives and Sollya. There is a large amount of *Rhamnus alaternus* remaining along the creek edge in the north-west corner of VMU 17 which will need to be dealt with by chain-saw, or spray or basal bark, as the bushes are too large to hand pull or cut and swab as we usually do.

Thank you to Frances: the hours for the first Quarter of 2019 are in. 522 hours were worked by the Friends. The most hours, 160, were spent in VMU9. The area near the Volunteer Centre, which involved VMUs 20, 37 and 28, took a lot of hours as well, 80 hours there, and then working along Valley Road, taking out Montpelier broom, took another 49 hours.

We are currently working in VMU 18 and a great deal remains to be tackled there, especially closer to the railway line, where boneseed is rampant. This is obviously coming from railway land and we need to approach the ARTC once more!

Thank you to all you wonderful volunteers who turn up ready for action on these cold increasingly dark mornings! Your efforts and enthusiasm are so much appreciated.

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