

Bushcare Report for April 2022

Once again, the Friends of Belair National Park have notched up 200 hours of bushcare work in BNP.

This includes 18 hours in VMU 30, pulling Boneseed, with a group of 10 Mercedes College students and their teacher Tom Robinson. This was their third session in the park for "Community Service", and two more sessions are planned for May.

In VMU 34 we have worked 64 hours. The main weed tackled there was English broom (*Cytisus scoparius*).

We spent one session – 16 hours - checking an area in VMU 37 prior to a prescribed burn scheduled for the site.

Despite spending 62 hours working on dense weeds in VMUs 38 and 40, we have decided to leave that VMU for park staff/ Fire crew, as it is too difficult to work in at present, since the recent burn.

VMU 39 is an absolute pleasure to traverse; we found hardly any weeds in 4 hours spent there, and the bush there has remained healthy through the summer.

In VMU 41, apart from some Erica (much less than we found last year!) we can also report few weeds, at least in the area we work, which is not the whole block. We spent 36 hours there.

A group of STEM school students will visit on May 19th, and we hope will enjoy getting some experience at Bushcare with us.

Our thanks to all who have helped us this month.

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