

## Bushcare Report for August 2020

In August the Friends of Belair National Park worked 112.5 hours. They spent 53.5 hours removing boneseed and broom from VMU 29, and 59 hours removing Sollya from VMU 43. The hours spent in this VMU include 23 hours contributed by our third Saturday group. This VMU was worked out of the usual numerical order we are attempting to follow now, in order to remove the Sollya before it flowers and fruits, as removing seeds would otherwise have proved very time-taking.

The weather was not kind to us this month, and 4 sessions had to be missed due to rain. However, the beautiful Spring days are coming, and we look forward to more opportunities to work and enjoy all the lovely wildflowers and orchids appearing now.

We have welcomed some new bushcarers: Ky Wadmore and Chloe Todd, and others have expressed an interest in joining us and we hope to see them soon.

On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September we will be joined by 22 Heathfield High School students, who want to learn what bushcare involves. We will be showing them how to pull Boneseed, African Daisy and Broom on VMU 34.

It is rewarding to note how much improved some areas of the park are, and how the native plants are thriving, due to our efforts. Thank you again Volunteers!

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