

## BUSHCARE REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2020

In February the Friends of Belair National Park worked a total of 158 hours.

VMU 6 – 58 hours taking out Montpellier broom, Agapanthus, Olives and Thistles.

VMU 7 – 4 hours, taking out some small Boneseed and Montpellier Broom.

VMU 9A – 74 hours, taking out small Boneseed, Rhamnus and Olives.

VMU 31 – 22 hours (3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Group) taking out Boneseed and Olives.

The Trees for Life contractor has commenced some grant work for us (Volunteer Support Grant). They have been working on two of Tim Fuhlbohm's sites, one on Melville Gully Road, and another site opposite Joseph Fisher picnic ground, adjacent to the old tennis court 37, where there are some rare and vulnerable *Carex sp.* in need of protection. On Tuesday we worked with the Trees for Life crew, and the resulting work force of 17 people were able to make a huge difference to this important site. The area cleared of rampant Poplar and Dog rose exceeded expectations, as the photos below show. A big THANK YOU to our wonderful volunteers, the Trees for Life crew, and Friends of Parks group for the grant that made this achievement possible!

Barb Raine

Bushcare Co-ordinator, 5 March 2020



Photo montage by Pete Raine