

FoBNP Bushcare Report for July 2019

In July the Friends of Belair National Park worked for a total of 133 hours. This total is greatly helped by the 36 hours worked on the 20th July when we attended the Planting Day Memorial for Tim Fuhlbohm. This event was well attended by our regular Saturday Weeders, as well as many of our regular bushcarers and Park Rangers and staff who knew Tim and held him in great respect.

Three sessions were cancelled due to wet weather and a Severe Weather Warning.

Hours worked per VMU are:

- VMU 8 - 11 hours
- VMU 12 - 18 hours
- VMU 20 - 48 hours
- VMU 29 - 38 hours
- VMU 37 - 10 hours
- VMU 49 - 8 hours

A new area for us to work in was a section of VMU 29, above the longest chicane on Sheoak Rd, where we took out large boneseed on the steep bank. Well done especially to the men who tackled this difficult task!

We did some preparation for the planting day by weeding behind the Volunteer Centre, taking out thistles and Nightshade.

We completed sweeps through VMUs 8, 12, and 49, and it was pleasing to discover that these blocks were substantially cleaner than the last time we visited them.

There was also much less *Watsonia* on VMU 37 after we treated this weed there two years ago.

We have welcomed two new Weeders, Dharshini and Kayla, who have joined us. We also welcome Angus and Mark who are recent new regular workers at our bushcare sessions.

Thank you again to all our Volunteers.

Barb Raine
Bushcare Coordinator
1st August 2019



Planting in Minno Creek by the Volunteer Centre,
20 July 2019



Damien Fuhlbohm and Kirstin Abley unveiling the Memorial
Plaque for Tim, with Jen Pitman, 20 July 2019