

BUSHCARE REPORT FOR JULY 2020

In July the Friends of Belair National Park have contributed 243.5 hours bushcare.

- VMU 21 – 2 hrs
- VMU 23 – 12 hrs
- VMU 24 - 19 hrs
- VMU 26 – 22 hrs
- VMU 27 - 110 hrs
- VMU 28 – 48.5 hrs
- VMU 29 – 30 hrs

This total includes 19 hours contributed by the Third Saturday Group who worked in VMU 24. The hours in VMU 28 include work with a group of 14 TAFE students. The target weeds this month have been mainly Montpelier broom and Boneseed, and some olives.

The second Quarter Weeding Records, which include the hours worked by Adopt-a-block people and individuals during the break, are in (thank you to Frances for collating these) and show that most group hours were spent in VMU 17 (83 hrs), VMU 18 (97 hrs), and VMU 23 (74 hrs). In addition Ross and Spencer have worked 168 hrs treating olives in VMU 19 and the Golf Course. This incredible total has seen olive control in VMU 19 completed for now, with Darcy taking over some followup in this block which is behind Old Government House. Ross has also treated some larger olive regrowth in VMU 22, and we thank Mark for his work in followup spraying of large patches of small olives growing in this block.

While going carefully through the bush checking for and removing weeds, we have loved seeing so many native orchids emerging under the trees. There is a profusion of Mosquito and Helmet orchids to see, and we find the leaves of other orchids, promising more to come in the weeks ahead, in many of the areas we have worked in.

Trees for Life contractors will be working on a large broom patch and Pittosporums in VMU 27 this week, to assist us in looking after this important VMU.

As always, we are so grateful to our regular Volunteers who turn up and work so hard looking after the beautiful bush in BNP.

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