

BUSHCARE REPORT JANUARY TO MARCH 15 2021

The 2021 Bushcare sessions commenced on 12 January with a very positive turnout. Since the beginning of 2021, there have been 18 programmed Bushcare sessions, with only 1 cancellation due to a TFB (total fire ban) on 19/02.

Each session has averaged 11 Bushcare members, with the single greatest daily attendance being 19 persons in January and the least, 8 persons.

The total hours worked is 395.5 hrs (January 138.5, February 171.0, March 86.0 to date).

Over the period, 3 VMU's have been attended, (41,43 and 44).

Weeds removed in these VMU's include primarily Boneseed, Broom, Olive, Pittosporum, and Sollya, and to a lesser extent Erica, Olive, African Daisy, Rose, Blackberry and Monadenia.

The Saturday Bushcare sessions have remained popular and this group has contributed well to the overall weed management program. Individual Adopt a Block participants also continue their great work within their chosen location.

5 new tool pouches have been purchased, along with 5 handsaws and 5 pairs of secateurs to equip the pouches prior to distribution to appropriate Bushcare volunteers.

The green shed has been paved and an old picnic table considered surplus to the Park donated by Park management and located in the shed. This table will be somewhat repaired and repainted in due course.

A meeting of Bushcare weeders is proposed and a draft Agenda has been prepared and will shortly be distributed for comment and for other business items to be added if requested. The Bushcare Co-ordinator is waiting for Ranger Staff to identify a suitable date in April in order for a DEW representative to attend, before the meeting date is confirmed for FOBNP Bushcare volunteers.

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