

FoBNP Bushcare Report for November 2018

November has been a messy month with several sessions missed due to the weather. In addition, due to events like a school visit where students walked into the park, we had to choose sites accessible on foot, and this meant we have worked in several VMUs instead of being consistent and completing one site before starting another.

We have worked a total of 170.5 hours this month.

This involved:

- 62 hours on VMU 9 (Boneseed)
- 68.5 hours on VMU 11 (Boneseed, small olives)
- 4 hours on VMU14 (Sweep through - clean)
- 12 hours on VMU17 (Ornithogalums)
- 6 hours on VMU 22 (Spraying small olives)
- 10 hours on VMU 34 (Montpellier broom, Hawthorn and Thistles)
- 8 hours on VMU 48 (Blackberry)

The total on VMU 9 is helped by adding 40 volunteer hours for the students who contributed about an hour each of weeding in VMU 9. This was a little disappointing for the 4 volunteers assisting them, because some of the students who were here for four hours appeared to lose interest in the task at hand. Not as much as we hoped for was achieved. Consequently we have returned to VMU 9 where there is still a great deal to be done.

We have completed a sweep through VMU 11 which was started on “Come and Try Bushcare Day” in October. The Third Saturday Group worked to clear blackberry growing on the beautiful track from Waverley Gate to the start of Thelymitra Track, which was also the focus of the November guided walk. And we are currently working back in VMU 34 which was started when we hosted the Corporate group from Origin Energy. Boneseed and Montpellier Broom have been our main target weeds, both flowering and seeding now.

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A couple of typical November flowers – the reason for our bushcare work



Wahlenbergia stricta, Australian Bluebell



Calytrix tetragona Fringe Myrtle flower, with iridescent moths