

Bushcare Report for October 2021

In October the Friends of BNP contributed 178.5 hours of Bushcare to the Park.

80 hours were spent in VMU 17 removing Broom, Boneseed, Sollya and Watsonia. A small group of the women also treated Watsonia in VMU 46.

98.5 hours were spent in VMU 18 removing Boneseed, Monadenia, Olives and Sollya. This includes 19 hours contributed by the Saturday Group.

We have currently moved back to VMU 12, to remove Monadenia which had not germinated when we swept this block in July and August this year.

We are very grateful to Mick Ayre, whose last day working with the group was the 8th October. He very capably coordinated bushcare for the group for 10 months from the beginning of this year. We farewelled Mick at a morning tea at the Sheoak Café after his last session with us, and we wish him all the best in his new home at Middleton.

We must also give special thanks to Mary Cole, who after 25 years working with us has handed in her tools and will no longer attend bushcare sessions. Mary has been a very active hard-working member of the group. She was the bushcare coordinator for many years, and her contribution to the park was remarkable. In particular, as leader of the "Dam Ladies", she was responsible for much of the work done to regenerate the area adjacent to the Railway Dam. Fortunately, Mary will continue her work in the gardens of Old Government House, and we will continue to see the benefits of her valuable work for BNP for years to come!

Advance notice: we will have a **Christmas break** and there will be NO group bushcare sessions from Saturday 18th December until Tuesday 11th January 2022.

Thank you to our reliable volunteers who attend and work so hard regularly. As no-one has yet put up their hand to lead the working bees since Mick's departure, the task is being shared by myself, Bevin Scholz and Mike Cerchez. We are keen to have someone new to take on this important and rewarding role. Please, if you think you can help, come forward!

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