

## BUSHCARE REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

In September the Friends of Belair National Park worked 140 hours.

- VMU 15 - 104 hours
- VMU 16 - 28 hours
- VMU 17 – 8 hours

In VMU 17 we treated mainly *Watsonia*. In VMUs 15 and 16 we have been removing many small *Sollya* (*Billardiera heterophylla*), as well as some boneseed and South African daisy.

The third Saturday Bushcare group contributed 20 hours to our total, also working in VMU 15 where our young workers enjoyed finding so many good native plants and orchids as they weeded.

With new member Dr Kayla Gilmore, I attended two “Grow your Group” workshops, run by our Volunteer Support Rangers through the NRM. These very interesting sessions set us some challenges. As a result, we have produced new posters advertising our group, and reviewed our Facebook posts (which received much positive comment). I would welcome any assistance from other members at the general meeting who could take our posters to suitable public areas near them, to publicise all we have to offer. Our new publicity is based on the “give give take” principle, which guides us to state the benefits we offer (there are so many!) before asking for contributions, carefully avoiding the word “work”!! We will be considering other suggestions and welcome input from our members. Our group is growing and this achievement was acknowledged by others at the workshop.

Thank you to Kayla and Hayley for their help, and thank you to all our volunteers who enjoy being in our natural bushland and do so much to maintain it.

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