

## **Bushcare Report for September 2020**

In September the Friends of Belair National Park have contributed 206 hours of bushcare, despite 3 sessions lost to wet weather.

- VMU 15 – 20 hours
- VMU 20 - 10 hours
- VMU 23 – 2 hours
- VMU 30 – 44 hours
- VMU 31 - 54 hours
- VMU 34 - 76 hours

This includes the 20 hours worked by our enthusiastic third Saturday bushcarers, who opted to come on the fourth Saturday after their regular session had to be cancelled due to rain. We had a lovely session in beautiful VMU 15, where there were frequent gasps of delight as each discovery of another orchid in bloom was made! It also includes 17 hours contributed by Heathfield High School students who worked with us on the morning of September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Welcome to new bushcarers Anton and George – good to have you with us.

We have spent some time working around the Volunteer Centre, sprucing up for Park of the Month in October. As well as weeding around the Tarnma Creek plantings, we have weeded the small garden bed at the front and added some new plants there.

Thank you too to our intrepid Adopt-a-block workers, Vaike and Heather, Natalie, Darcy, Hayley, Ian and the Boulderstone family, who do a wonderful job and put in so many hours on their sites. Vaike reports that spider orchids have appeared at her site on Saddle Hill Rd, never seen there before, since so much work was put in clearing weeds from that area.

We are all seeing the results of our labours with the Park looking beautiful with Spring flowers! Thank you all!

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