



Trees For Life

20 years of Bush For Life – So much more than weeding.





Trees For Life's Vision:

People *actively caring* for
nature to improve the
health of our environment
and communities - for
current and future
generations



Bush For Life:

1994 - present

Engaging, training
and supporting
volunteers to care
for remnant
bushland



Bush For Life:

1200+ trained and
registered volunteers

316 BFL sites over
4200 ha

BFL volunteers contribute
\$1.3m annually



Before



After



ОК013/14
6.11.07



25/06/2015





Benefits:

- Wellbeing
- Biodiversity
- Conservation
- Training and skill development
- Wide influence

79% of volunteers said support was
Excellent

*“Coordinators always friendly,
responsive, willing to solve any
problems - great work”*

*“BFL support really gives us a push
along to get more work done. It's
very encouraging and helps me get
motivated”*

Partner survey results

Biodiversity conservation	93%
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Community engagement	76%
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“passionate people working on localised projects with real outcomes”

“Long-term stewardship of sites in collaboration with local government and local volunteers”

What are your names and how long have you been volunteering on your Bush For Life site?

[Video 1](#)



What changes have you seen on
your Bush For Life site?

[Video 2](#)

[Video 3](#)





How do you feel about your site?

[Video 4](#)



What keeps you motivated to keep working on your site after 20 years?

[Video 5](#)

[Video 6](#)





How has the local community benefited from the Bush For Life site?

[Video 7](#)



What are your hopes for the site
in future?

[Video 8](#)





Key challenges:

Maintaining the value while meeting evolving requirements of funders

Demonstrating the intangible benefits of the program



Program Review:

What could we gain?

What can't we lose?



In conclusion...

**The value of the BFL
program is far reaching**

Change is inevitable

**BFL must respond to change
to stay relevant**

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