

HAMILTON FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB PROGRAM



2023.....Meetings & Excursions.....2023



Meetings are held at HIRL, 333 North Boundary Road, at 7.30 pm: Club Business Meetings are on **THIRD** Thursday of the month and Special Meetings (Guest Speakers) on **THIRD Thursday or Friday**.

Special Meetings – these are devoted to a guest speaker, except for short reports on nature sightings and reminders of other activities. We conclude with supper at about 9.30 pm for an informal cha, ending about 10 pm. Note that **one** Special Meeting is on a **Friday**, to suit the speaker.

Club Business Meetings – begin with ‘nature sightings’, followed by business matters, environmental reports and supper.

Excursions – on the weekend, usually after each meeting, mostly starting from **Hamilton Visitor Centre (HVC)**.

Activities – these may occur on weekends between regular excursion weekends.

	Day	Event	Speaker & topic or detail of excursion, camp or project activity
Feb 2022	Thurs 16	Club meeting	Sightings, club business & environmental matters
	Sun 19	Excursion	Waterbirds, Linlithgow area wetlands – 8.00 am ‘The Point’, Chatsworth Rd [RB]
March	Thurs 16	Special mtg	SPEAKER – Trevor Whiffin ‘Australian Tropical Rainforest Plants’
	Sat 18	Excursion	Dry Creek Res., Lower Glenelg River area – leave HVC 9.00 am [SM]
	Sun 26	Activity	<i>Acacia paradoxa</i> control Wannon Flora Res – 9.30 am at the reserve [RB]
April	Thurs 20	Club meeting	Sightings, club business & environmental matters
	Sat 22	Excursion	Cape Nelson – leave HVC 9.00 am [Jo]
	Sat 29	Activity	SEANA weekend camp at Port Campbell
May	Thurs 18	Special mtg	SPEAKER – Greg Kerr – ‘Citizen Science, Monitoring ecosystems in Ethiopia’
	Sat 20	Excursion	Gariwerd Peaks Trail Yarram Gap Rd-Griffin Tk loop – leave HVC 9.00 am [DL]
	Sun 28	Activity	<i>Acacia paradoxa</i> control Wannon Flora Res – 9.30 am at the reserve [RB]
June	Thurs 15	Club meeting	Sightings, club business & environmental matters
	Sun 18	Excursion	Wild Man’s Shelter Burrunj. – leave HVC 9.00 am [RB]
	Sat 24	Activity	<i>Acacia paradoxa</i> control Wannon Flora Res – 9.30 am at the reserve [RB]
July	Thurs 20	Special mtg	SPEAKER – Pam Lehmann/Doug Ward ‘Hike Flinders Island – landscape & geology’
	Sat 22	Excursion	Nunns Reserve, Caledonia Hill Rd – leave HVC 9.00 am [RG]
	Sun 30	Activity	Weeding/guarding trees Kanawalla Rail Flora Res – meet 9.30 am, Hensley Pk Rd
Aug	Thurs 17	Club meeting	Sightings, club business & environmental matters
	Sun 20	Excursion	Hamilton-Coleraine Rail Trail (Wannon to Highway crossing) – leave HVC 10am [PH]
	Sun 27	Activity	<i>Acacia paradoxa</i> control Wannon Flora Res – 9.30 am at the reserve [PH]
Sept	Fri 22	Special mtg	SPEAKER – Bruce McInnis ‘Freshwater fish & invertebrates’
	Sun 24	Activity	Fulham Reserve – Cape Tulip/Sparaxis/Gladiolus wiping – 10.00 am at river [RB]
	Sat 30	Excursion	Weecurra SF & Wilkin Flora Reserve – leave HVC 9.00 am [RB]
Oct	Sat 07	Activity	Fulham Reserve – Cape Tulip/Sparaxis/Gladiolus wiping – 10.00 am at river [RB]
	Thurs 19	Club meeting	Sightings, club business & environmental matters
	Sun 22	Excursion	Visit Scruby Hill on ‘Brie Brie’, Glenhompson – leave HVC at 9.00 am [RS/RB]
	Sat 28	Activity	African Weed Orchid wiping at Nigretta Flora Res – leave HVC at 9.00 am [RB]
Nov	Sun 12	Activity	African Weed Orchid wiping at Nigretta Flora Res – leave HVC at 9.00 am [RB]
	Thurs 16	Special mtg	SPEAKER – Greg Kerr ‘Assessing the condition of River Red Gums at Walker Swp’
	Sat 18	Excursion	Fish & invertebrates Wannon & Nigretta Falls pools – leave HVC 9.00 am [BMcInnis]
	Sun 26	Activity	Bear Fauna Nest Box inspection – leave HVC at 9.00 am [RB]
Dec	Thurs 14	AGM & Club	Short Annual GM then Club Meeting (sightings & business)
	Sun 17	Excursion	End-of-year get-together picnic, 5.00 pm ‘til dusk (venue tbd)
Feb 2024	Thurs 15	Club meeting	Sightings, club business & environmental matters
	Sun 18	Excursion	Birds, Linlithgow area wetlands – 8.00 am at LLIN’s ‘Point’, Chatsworth Rd [RB]

ENQUIRIES: P.O. Box 591, Hamilton, 3300 or hamiltonfnc@live.com.au or HFNC Website: <https://www.hamilton-field-naturalists-club-victoria.org.au> – ‘Contact us’, ‘Publications/Information’ (fauna, flora, geology & landscapes, local natural history, environmental projects & submissions).

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**New Members
Welcome**

**Visitors Welcome to all
Meetings & Excursions**