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Hi everyone

The HFNC's first meeting for 2014 is next Thursday – 20 Feb, 7.30 pm at HIRL.

This is one of our Club Meeting nights and we alternate those with Special Presentation evenings when no club business is dealt with.

This year we want to have more members attending the Club Meetings, to find out what we are doing and to contribute to the social fabric of the club. To that end we will be devoting at least 30 minutes at the start of each meeting for short presentations of items of interest in the environment. We will reduce the amount of time spent on dealing with club business. We expect most meetings to finish at 9.30 or 10 am at the latest, but members are free to leave earlier if they wish.

Members are asked to bring along a few photos (on a USB stick) that they may like to show – the subjects might be birds, mammals, spiders, insects, fossils, rocks or anything relating to natural history that has attracted the members interest. We will show these on a laptop.

We can also inform members of the various projects that we are involved in – e.g. nest box survey of small mammals at Beear State Forest or sandbagging of Gooseneck Swamp drain to restore the water – and reports and photos from the last excursions.

Our first excursion for 2014 is Sunday 23, 7.30 am at The Point, off Chatsworth Rd, Lake Linlithgow. We will be spending most of our time at Lake Linlithgow, which still has a smidgeon of water (22 cm max. depth on 10 Feb) and lots of small waders busy on the flats. On 10 Feb there were also 19,000 ducks, enjoying the last of the water. We will take a walk out on the lake from Boonawah Creek to see what is out there. We will also check out Krauses Swamp (2 Brolgas were there recently) and take a look at Bullrush Swamp to see if the Freckled Ducks are still there.

Latecomers can drive around the east bank, follow the track to Boonawah creek (NE corner of the lake) and you will catch us there. Bring some morning tea!

Regards

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