

2014-09-HFNC-activities-events

Hello everyone

Diane and I have just arrived home from a 44 day trip to the WA Pilbara and the wildflowers in the SE wheatbelt area. Now we have a bit of catching up to do with our program for the next month. Several of our members will be away during that time so we would appreciate help from anyone who can give some time. The following is a list of events:

Fulham Streamside Reserve, Saturday & Sunday 13 & 14 September. This is a campout or day visit for work on Cape Tulip & Sparaxis control and time to look at wildflowers. The project began in 2006. We use an effective herbicide-wiper method that is easy on the operator. We will instruct helpers on ID and application technique. We start at 10 am at the river camp. Fulham is 85 km from Hamilton and 10 km north of Balmoral, off Edgewood Rd. If you can spare only a morning or afternoon that would be great.

HFNC meeting, Thursday 18 September – guest speaker **Peter Hocking** will present ‘**Mapping by Star-tracking in Central Australia**’. Peter’s father was Dave Hocking, a renowned surveyor and cartographer who worked in the ‘deserts’ of central Australia from the 1940s. Peter has Dave’s 16 mm films that he has copied to DVDs. This promises to be a fascinating historical presentation.

Fulham, Saturday 20 September – more work on **Cape Tulip**, from 10 am at the river. Again, if you can give a morning or afternoon that would be helpful.

Nigretta Falls Flora Reserve, Sunday 21 September – control of **African Weed Orchid**. We meet at Hamilton Visitor Centre at 9.30 am.

HFNC excursion to Wilkin, Saturday 4 October – leave from Hamilton Visitor Centre at 9 am. This promises to be an excellent wildflower season, with orchids in abundance.

Nigretta Falls Flora Reserve, Sunday 12 October – more work on control of **African Weed Orchid**. We meet at Hamilton Visitor Centre at 9.30 am. (Note – this replaces the event that was listed in our printed program for Saturday 27 September).

We may also have a trip to **Bear State Forest** on **Tuesday 16 September** to check the 10 remote cameras. If that date is not suitable we will try for another date, perhaps Saturday 27 September or Tuesday 14 October. We leave at 9.30 am from Hamilton Visitor Centre. If anyone is keen to go then please give me a call on 55723639 to see if the trip is on.

Gary Bellisini of Parks Victoria is organising a **feral goat eradication program at Mt Napier State Park** and is hoping to conduct a shoot there in **October**. He would like some HFNC volunteers to park at the entry points to the park on a Saturday morning (date to be decided) to ensure that no outsiders enter the park at that time. More information will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

Cheers

Rod Bird