

2016-03-HFNC-activities-events

Hi Everyone

As usual I have a number of things to mention in this monthly HFNC memo:

- Program of activities for 2016 – we hope to see you and perhaps some of your friends along to some of the meetings and excursions (see attachment).
- Speaker for Thursday 17 March (7.30 pm at HIRL) – Marcel Hoog Antink from Portland will present us with images and description of his trips to Alaska. He will focus on landscapes and encounters with bears, moose, sea-otters, whales, squirrels, owls, bald eagles and other animals in travels through South-east Alaska in 2009 and 2015. This promises to be a most entertaining evening.
- Excursion on Saturday 19 March – this will be to Mt Napier State Park (leaving Hamilton Visitor Centre at 9 am) where some will do the walk from Menzels Pit to the top of Mt Napier, while others will set up remote cameras for our 2016 fauna survey. That activity will take some time so those who took the walk option could catch up along the tracks later. More details on the day.
- Last months excursion – Mark Bachmann from Nature Glenelg Trust was our host and he gave us a great tour of the impressive wetland restoration works that he has been involved with at Long Swamp, Piccaninnie Ponds and Picks Swamp. In contrast to almost all other wetlands this summer, these had water, waterbirds and shorebirds – maybe in a drying climate these spring-fed wetlands will help offset the loss of habitat in the other summer-dry wetlands.

Regards
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