

## 2016-04-HFNC-activities-events

Hi everyone

**Excursion Sunday 24 April** – our excursion this month is to the eastern side of the Grampians NP. We will be leaving Hamilton from Visitor Centre at 9 am. We will visit the Outlet of the Tunnel below Mt Cassel and take “an easy graded” walk on the Pomonal Tunnel Bridal Trail, from the Tunnel Carpark (at the end of Tunnel Rd, Pomonal) over the ridge of Mt William Range to the western end of the tunnel. The return trip is 4.8 km (some may do part of the walk, to the top of the ridge). There may not be many plants in flower but the views of the Serra Range are said to be magnificent. After that we may have time for a visit to Kalymna Falls, on our way home.

The Pomonal Tunnel was constructed in the 1870s to deliver water to the goldfields town of Stawell. The tunnel was made largely without heavy machinery and took 6 years . It diverted the flow of a north-bound stream and was considered a major engineering achievement (70 years before the Snowy Mtns scheme).

**Panyvabyr Landcare Group** – Lisa McIntyre has issued an invitation to members of HFNC to engage with their ‘Finding Nature’ project’ – conducting flora and fauna surveys on native species in the agricultural landscape around Dunkeld. Their first activity is a BBQ on Saturday 23 April at 6 pm, the woolshed at ‘Tooronga’, 1143 McIntyres Crossing Rd, Karabeal. We have been invited to attend. The next day they have a session training volunteers for their survey project. I have contacted Lisa and mentioned that we have an excursion on that day but may be interested in their activities that will occur in October (see jpeg attachment).

**March 2016 excursion** – a pdf giving an account of that excursion to Mt Napier is attached, for those who are interested in the fauna survey project there.

Cheers

Rod Bird

Secretary

Hamilton Field Naturalists Club.