2016-05-HFNC-activities-events

Hi everyone

<u>Speaker for meeting on Thursday 19 May</u> (7.30 pm at HIRL) will be Nick Petropoulos and he will be dealing with various aspects of '**Snakes and other reptiles in Victoria**'. Nick is relatively new to our region and brings a knowledge of these fauna that most (or all) of our members lack. We look forward to an interesting and informative presentation.

Next excursion (Sat 21 May) – we will be taking a wander around the Koonongwootong Reservoir, NW from Coleraine (off Edenhope-Coleraine Rd – then take either Reservoir Rd or Coleraine-Nareen Rd). WannonWater produced a master Plan for this reservoir in 2012, aiming to offer locals and visitors recreational opportunities as well as enhancing the biodiversity of the surrounds. The reservoir was built in 1925 to supply water to Coleraine and Casterton and still fills part of that function. It has also been used for fishing and non-powered boating. The site has significant Aboriginal Cultural Heritage recognition. We leave Hamilton Visitor Centre at 9 am and plan to have a picnic lunch at the reservoir.

<u>Last excursion</u> (Sun 24 April) – this was to Bridle Trail at Pomonal. A report is attached.

<u>Fauna survey at Mt Napier</u> – the visit planned to check the cameras on <u>Tues 24 May is cancelled</u> (we had to do that this week since I will not be available for a few weeks).

<u>Membership subscriptions</u> – we are affiliated (incorporated) with Farm Tree & Landcare Assoc and each year we are obliged to provide a list of financial members. That is due now, so it would be helpful if subs can all be renewed soon, to avoid me having to send periodic updates on the list. Some members find it convenient to use the internet banking option – ours is CBA A/C No. 00901086, BSB 06 3513 (if you use that option please enter your surname and 'subs' in the description section of the banking form).

Cheers Rod

Secretary Hamilton Field Naturalists Club