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Annual General Meeting/General Meeting on Thurs 13 Dec at 7.30 pm HIRL

This evening will deal firstly with election of office-bearers for 2019 and other matters concerning the AGM and will then deal with matters relating to a General Meeting, including a preliminary discussion on possible excursions and speakers for the 2019 program.

End-of-year party and celebration of HFNC's 60th birthday – 4 or 5 pm on Sunday 16th of December at HIRL

A note concerning this event was circulated last week.

This will be a very informal gathering (starting at 4 pm for those who want a stroll around the Old Reservoir trail or 5 pm for others who wish to arrive later).

Depending on the weather, some people may like to stay on after the picnic dinner and enjoy a walk around the Old Reservoir trail at dusk to look for Eastern Barred Bandicoots (bring a good torch).

2019 program – our first meeting will be a Business Meeting on Thurs 16 Feb, mainly to organise our program of speakers and excursions. Our first excursion will be, as usual, to the wetlands around Jenawarra (Lake Linlithgow). That will be at 8 am Sunday 19 Feb, from The Point at the lake (off Chatsworth Rd). We usually conduct a survey of bird species and numbers on the wetlands that we visit.

Reports of recent Excursions – the reports from October and November are attached. Those who attended the tour organised and led by geologist Ross Cayley were treated to a fantastic day, considering the rocks and past history that explain the evolution of the present-day Grampians.

Other events – those who attended the Grasslands tour on 15 Nov in the Glenthompson-Wickliffe-Woorndoo-Chatsworth areas, organised by GHCMA (with Dr John Morgan as a leader), were also treated to a great day with visits to areas having splendid vistas of native flora but also examples of verges vandalised by inappropriate (and illegal) cultivation and/or herbicide spraying.

Another event to be held Tuesday 4 Dec at HIRL (7.30 pm) will interest quite a few members – Peter Cunningham (Wattle Seeds Australia) will present a talk on use of Acacia seeds for food and the growing of acacias to engage in this 'new' industry (see attachment).

Thank you to all who have supported HFNC in 2018 and we hope to see you again in 2019.

Rod Bird

Secretary

Hamilton Field Naturalists Club