

**Hello Members of HFNC**

**HFNC's September 2020 Newsletter for Activities in September:**

The Covid-19 restrictions of Stage 3 of 6 August are, I think, going to run 6 weeks until 16 September. We will know this weekend what the likely change may be after that time. Hopefully we will be back to Stage 2 restrictions, or better. We are hoping that we will be able have groups of up to 10 people attending an event, possibly wearing face masks. Given that scenario, the following events may be possible – please consider that when looking at your calendar of events. We will let you know if there are changes to the program set out below.

- **Special Meeting** – there will be NO meeting on Friday 18 September (our speaker, Birgita Hansen, has agreed to postponing the address)
- **Excursion on Saturday 19 September to Dundas Range** (leaving Visitor Centre at 9 am) – we WILL hold this event. However, we may have to alter the actual plan for the day, if it is not possible to car-pool (the original plan was to walk the entire ridge of the range).
- **Fulham weed control work on Sunday 13 September** – that will NOT proceed.
- **Fulham weed control work on Saturday 26 September** – that urgent task WILL proceed, if there is a change to the current restrictions AND if there is no more than 2 mm of rain forecast for that area (if the visit has to be cancelled we will try again on Saturday 3 October). We will meet at the first approach to the river, at 10 am. Our job will be to wipe Cape Tulip, Sparaxis, Wild Gladiolus and African Weed orchid with herbicide – a lot of walking but very easy and pleasant work. Volunteers will need to work separately or in pairs at different parts of the large Western part of the reserve. Please make an effort to attend so that we can cover all of the target area. And please bring rubber gloves and your lunch.
- **Yatchaw Rail Reserve Silver Banksia project** – Friends of the Forgotten Woodlands were hoping to do some planting at the reserve this spring. That may still proceed and we have about 90 plants from Pierrepoint Rail reserve that may add to that purpose. If/when there is a date for the planting I will let you know, as I am sure any help would be appreciated.

**Excess trees from the Kanawalla Tree project** – we have about 12 well-grown Manna Gum and 30 Drooping Sheoak left over from that planting in August. I would be very happy if anyone could take and plant these free trees. If you can use them (or some of them) then please collect them from me and plant them soon. If the planting of banksias at Yatchaw does not proceed there may be some available later.

**Excursion report** – a report on the last excursion (to the northern Grampians in July) is attached

**Bush Heritage project at Arborline** – as in 2019, several members of HFNC and other volunteers assisted Bush Heritage to label plants for their Climate Ready Re-vegetation Project at Nardoo Hills. This time the process was a lot smoother and the 2,700 plants were re-potted and labelled in 2 days (13 & 14 July).

**Nature Glenelg Trust**

As we are supporters of NGT, Mark Bachmann has suggested that I send you some information regarding a problem NGT has with kangaroos and people at their Long Point property, Dunkeld. Mark's objective is to present the facts of the issue, stating what is, and what is not, due to actions by NGT. I will forward his email to each of your addresses.

Cheers

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