

Hi everyone

This is the **HFNC Newsletter for November 2021**.

The change in Covid-19 restrictions means that we can operate a little more normally but it has forced us to postpone the Friday 19 November presentation from our guest speaker, Tien Hynh.

Special Meeting for Thursday 18 November, 6.00 pm at HIRL – instead of our guest presenter, Tien Hynh (who was to have been with us on Friday 19), we are having a club members' get-together tea at 6 pm on Thursday at HIRL, followed by a presentation of photos by members.

Members are asked to bring a main course or a dessert to share. Please contact Diane either by phone (0459723874) or email (diane.luhns@bigpond.com) to let her know what you plan to bring. Please also bring serving utensils and your own crockery and cutlery and a glass or cup.

Members are also asked to bring a memory stick with up to 20 natural history images to show during the presentation.

Work activity at Nigretta Flora Reserve, Sunday 14 November – we will continue our efforts to control AWO. We expect to be crossing the river downstream from the pool parking area, but we will meet first at the Hamilton Visitor Centre at 9 30 am (not the 9 am in our program). As before, if the B.O.M predicts 2 or more mm of rain we will not go. If less, we can use our herbicide-wiping method (if less than 1 mm rain) or dig up the weed orchids with the aid of a large screwdriver (bring one). We have had 2 good days work on the reserve, covering the entire area, and treated about 2,300 AWO. Our main aim this time is to catch any late germinants and other plants we missed.

Excursion on Saturday 20 November – Bundaleer area (Stony Peak, Tower Hill & Calectasia Falls) in Gariwerd NP. We leave Hamilton Visitor Centre at 9.30 am sharp, going through Dunkeld to Halls Gap (arriving at about 10.45 am). We will stop for a few minutes near the toilets at the parking area in the town (opposite the shops). From there we take the Mt Victory Rd to the junction of the Stony Creek Rd and Rosea Track. We drive 900 m on the Rosea Tk to park at the Stony Peak trail head. Morning tea time. The road to that point is accessible by 2WD but some may leave their cars at the Rosea Tk junction and car-pool that short section.

We will walk (taking our lunch) 1.6 km south on the 4WD Rosea Tk to the Tower Hill trailhead, walk 400 m up that trail to the branch to Calectasia Falls (a further 750 m). Some may stop 200 m up the Tower Hill Tk, where there is a grand view of the Western Wall. On returning from Calectasia Falls, some may take the walk up Stony Peak to the rock climbers stacks. The wildflower display on our walks should be spectacular. The exit is along Stony Ck Rd to the one-way Silverband Rd to Bellfield.

Weekend of 27 & 28 November – we will be doing our annual trip to Bear SF to monitor our fauna nest boxes. We will leave Hamilton Visitor Centre at 9.30 am on Saturday (not Sunday). The date has been changed to accommodate Portland FNC who will be visiting our area on Sunday to see native grasslands with some of our members. More news of the latter event will be posted soon.

Report of the Glenisla SF-Rocklands SF excursion on 24 October – see attachment

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