

Hi everyone

This is the **HFNC Newsletter for April 2022**.

**Membership subscription** – a reminder that quite a few members in 2021 are yet to renew their membership and we need to establish our list before June, when Landcare Victoria Inc requires that information to provide our incorporation and insurance cover. The subscription remains at \$20 for single and \$25 for family membership. A form is attached, for those who need it.

**General Meeting for Thursday 21 April, 7.30 pm at HIRL** – one matter will be a preliminary discussion about the need to adjust our constitution to make it easier to satisfy requirements of the Australian Charities & Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) when we submit our Annual Information Statement.

Attached are the following documents:

- Agenda for April General Meeting
- Minutes of the Feb 2022 General Meeting

**HFNC Program of Meetings and other activities for 2022** – see attachment.

**Excursion on Sunday 24 April** – to Cobboboonee NP with a walk at Surry Ridge and several other areas. We leave the Hamilton Visitor Centre at 9.0 am and will take the Coffees Lane access to the park (look for the turn off the Henty Highway a few km south of Heywood). We expect to arrive at Surry Ridge picnic area at about 9.45. Be prepared for any leeches and mosquitoes in wet areas.

**Work activity at Wannon Flora Reserve on Saturday 30 April** – this is our first environmental action for 2022. We meet at the reserve at 9.30 am and will spend 2 or 3 hours culling Hedge Wattle (*Acacia paradoxa*). In 2020 and 2021 we cut out a swathe of large wattles that were destroying the heath vegetation. We have more to do on that score but most of the work this time will be to pull up (or cut off at ground level) seedlings that have germinated in 2021. Bring stout gloves, boots and a lopper (some may find pulling out the plants too hard). Anyone who cannot make it on the day is most welcome to drop in there at any other time and spend a half hour or so removing this thorny, invasive seedling! (HFNC works with the Shire on this 10-year project).

**Report on the canoeing campout in the Lower Glenelg National Park in March** – see attachment. This report – and dozens more of past excursions – is also on our website. Reports from 2009 (and some before) include photos of fauna, flora and landscape that we visited.

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