

HFNC Newsletter September 2022

Hello everyone – a couple of reminders and one new announcement

Special Meeting Friday 23 Sep - 7.30 pm at Red Shield Hut, Showgrounds

Birgita Hansen will present on Latham's Snipe research and conservation strategies. Diane has asked if you would bring a mug for your cuppa after the presentation.

Working Bee at Fulham on Sunday 25 September – 10 am at the reserve (we will park on the main access track about 300 m from the Old Bridge Track). Wildflowers should be out. As usual, if 2 mm or more rain is expected the visit will be off. Bring rubber gloves – the gear to herbicide-wipe Cape Tulip and Sparaxis is supplied.

Book Launch by Neville Bonney , 2pm at HIRL on Sunday 9 October

Neville's new book is '**From One Small Seed A Forest is Born**'.

The book deals with about 700 plant species, with photos, diagrams, art work and text. It runs to about 650 pages and is A4 size. It is a monumental work that has taken him (and his art work contributors) many years to produce.

It covers a wide range of material, including fungal relationships, growing techniques, Aborigine uses, wildlife interaction etc, etc.

Note a remark by one book-seller (Nokomis): *It is not often that I am totally impressed by the quality and content of a new listing, as I see books every day and everyone in my position probably gets more than a little picky when looking at books! I thoroughly recommend this title for those interested in Australia's natural world and congratulate Neville Bonney on his contribution to our heritage and knowledge.*

Neville is keen to catch up with old friends (and new), so this would be a good opportunity to meet/greet him. Neville ran a nursery, planted thousands of trees and has written many books on plants. He has a very wide experience of environmental matters. Like Cliff Beaglehole and Ian McCann, Neville is a self-taught botanist with a passion for Australian native flora and the energy to do something about its appreciation and conservation.

Everyone is invited – no formality! Note the date and come along to meet Neville and see his book.

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