

Hello everybody

This is the **HFNC Newsletter about activities and events in October 2022**

Working Bee Sunday 16 October – a reminder that we do our first African Weed Orchid (AWO) herbicide-wiping this Sunday on **Nigretta Flora Reserve**. We meet at the Hamilton Visitor Centre and leave at 9 am to drive to a farm on the north side of the river where we can access the reserve. We provide all the materials except gloves. This is an easy and pleasant job so please assist if you have the time. If we expect more than 1-2 mm of rain during the day we will probably cancel. If in doubt try my number early Sunday.

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Business Meeting Thursday 20 at HIRL – please note that there will be a **7.00 pm start** to deal with a separate meeting to resolve a matter of constitution (reducing the numbers of official persons from 8 to 4). Diane has distributed information on this issue earlier. The usual business meeting will follow from 7.30 pm.

Excursion on Sunday 23 October – to southern end of the Dundas Range. If this wet weather continues we may have to alter our destination in the Dundas Range. That will be decided nearer the date but we will still be leaving the Visitor Centre at 9 am.

Working Bee Saturday 29 October – AWO control at Nigretta Flora Reserve. Same procedure and timing as before. If we can get enough volunteers then we might be able to make more progress there. Unfortunately this weed can set a huge amount of seed, so one needs to get them all! If this day is wet we still have the option of digging up the AWO in at least some areas – slow but effective.

Report of Excursion to Lorne/Anglesea on 16-18 September – please see the attached draft. Comments welcome as this has been a rushed job to catch this newsletter and not even spell-checked.

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