

PROGRAMME MARCH - JULY 1979.



- Evening meetings (*), are held on the third Thursday of the month, at 8.00 p.m. in the Special Services Centre, 46 Gray Street, Hamilton.
- * Thursday March 15: Members slide night. Bring any interesting slides you have, and other exhibits.
- Saturday March 17: Tubing tree seedlings - working bee at Peter Milne's, 148 Kent Road, 10 am - 1 pm. These trees are for planting around Lake Hamilton.
- Sunday March 24: Excursion to the Byaduk Caves to find the rare fern *Asplenium adiantoides*. Meet at the Tourist Bureau, Cnr. of Thompson and Lonsdale Streets at 9.00 am. Leader Peter Milne. (morning excursion).
- * Thursday April 19: Gavin Cerini (Fisheries and Wildlife Division) will talk to us about areas in the LCC study report for our region that are significant for wildlife conservation (see attached sheet).
- Saturday April 21: Tubing tree seedlings - working bee at Peter Milne's, 148 Kent Road, Hamilton.
- Fri/Sun April 27-29: Western Victorian Field Naturalists Camp Out at Halls Gap.
- * Thursday May 17: Mr. A. Arnold will speak on regeneration of coastal vegetation.
- Saturday May 26: Excursion to the Black Range (all day). Meet at Cherry Pool at 10.00 a.m. Leader Rod Bird.
- Sunday June 3 ACF Picnic in the Black Range. Please bring a donation, and any home produce and native trees that you can bring to sell. Meet at the Rocklands spillway at 10.00 a.m. to go up the new Tourist Road to the Black Range Picnic site, or proceed via Cherrypool. The road will be signposted from Cherrypool on.
(Please note that our May 26 excursion to the Black Range has been put back a week to coincide with the ACF picnic).
- * Tuesday June 5 Special evening meeting to discuss submissions to the LCC for this area. The Land Conservation Council's Report on our area has just been released (South West No. 2). Submissions are due by Friday July 13. (N.B. - meeting date has been changed from that announced at May meeting).
- Saturday June 9 Excursion to Glenelg River north of Balmoral, with Wannon Conservation Society. Meet at Balmoral Post Office at 1.30 p.m. Leader Peter Francis. This area is virtually the last big area of natural woodland left along the Glenelg River.
- * Thursday June 21 Dr. Max Watson will speak on his recent visit to China.
- Friday June 29 - Camp-out in the Dundas Ranges to carry out a mammal and bird survey of the area (Friday afternoon to Sunday lunchtime). Contact Rod Bird (72 2639) or Peter Milne (72 2204) for further details.
- Sunday July 1

- * Thursday July 19 The Franklin River is Tasmania's last wild river. It is under threat - come and find out why.
- Saturday July 28 Excursion to Mt. Abrupt (morning, but may continue into afternoon). Meet in Dunkeld at 9.30 a.m. at Picanniny Plants Nursery. Leader Brian Lacy.
- * Thursday August 16 Mr. Jack Falkenberg will reminisce about what the Wannon River was like many years ago.
- Saturday August 25 Excursion to 18 acre reserve at Wannon Falls. Meet at Boomerang Gates of Wannon Reserve at 2.00 p.m. Leader John Cayley.
- WVFNCA Camp Out There is a Western Victorian Field Nats Camp Out in the Big Desert in August. Dates to be announced.
- * Thursday September 20 John Fenton will give an informal talk on "Trecking through Nepal".
- Saturday September 29 Excursion to the Stones Faunal Reserve. Meet at Mt. Eccles National Park Picnic Ground at 12.00 p.m. for lunch. Leader Paul Kelly (Fisheries and Wildlife Division).
- WVFNCA Camp Out From Friday October 12 to Sunday October 14 there will be a Western Victorian Field Nats Camp Out at Nelson (near the Lower Glenelg National Park).
- Thursday October 18 Elizabeth Arthur, Rod Bird and John Cayley will show slides of interesting scenic areas recently seen in Britain and the Straits of Magellan.
- Sunday October 28 Excursion (all day) to explore Deep Creek, in the North Victoria Range of the Grampians. The whole excursion is not suitable for children, as the track is very poor and scrub-bashing is needed in places. However the very first part of the walk is straight forward, and there are other interesting areas nearby to look at (eg. Cave of Hands). Bring lunch to carry in. Meet at Henty Highway turnoff to Billywing Area at 10.30 a.m. Leaders Rod Davis, Peter Milne and Rod Bird.
- * Thursday November 15 Murray Gunn will speak and show slides about his recent trip to Botswana and the Okovango Swamp in Southern Africa.
- Sunday November 25 Excursion (all day) to the coast at Yambuk. Meet at beach at Yambuk at 11.00 a.m. Leader Rod Bird.
- * Thursday December 13 Wildlife Film Evening. Everyone please bring a contribution for supper.
- Sunday December 16 Excursion (all day) to climb Victoria Point. Meet at picnic ground by Wannon River near Victoria Point at 11.00 a.m. Leader Peter Milne.
- * Thursday February 21 Annual General Meeting. Speaker yet to be finalized.

The Hamilton Field Naturalist's Club welcomes anybody interested in learning more about the native environment of our area. Membership fees are \$3.00 (single) and \$5.00 (family) - a reduction from last year!!

For more information contact:

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