

# HAMILTON FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB

## NEWSLETTER NO 2 - 1997

Dear All,

The point of this newsletter is to inform you that, owing to a Cayley 'botch up', Ivor Graney's talk, which was supposed to be on Thursday, May 15, will now be presented on Thursday, June 19. So do come along if you can and try and bring a friend (whom we will charge!....only a small fee though). Ivor is an outstanding and imaginative photographer.

Whilst I have a captive audience, and a lot of blank paper, I might as well 'fill you in' with the doings of the Club.

### Thursday, March 20

Ken and Janeen Grimes provided us with an entertaining evening with slides and a talk on Kangaroo Island. Janeen talked about problems of survival on islands.

### Excursion - Saturday, March 22.

We went down to Port Fairy. The afternoon started off with a walk with Murray and Amy Gunn down South Beach, where we saw quite a few species of birds, the most notable being the hooded plover. This walk was followed by fish 'n chips at the Gunn's beach house.

Just before dusk we left for Griffith Island to watch short-tailed shearwaters coming ashore to their nests. Unfortunately, as we were a little late in the season, instead of seeing 50,000 we saw about 25! You can imagine the laughter over this.

However, the 25 provided much entertainment.

### Thursday, April 17

We all enjoyed a great night with Raina Plowright's beautiful slides and video of her trip to the Antarctica to help with a research program on Crab-eater seals.

### Excursion - Sunday April 20

Rod took us to Brim Springs to look at some Aboriginal rock art. It was very interesting to see rock art without the wire protective cages. Kuneda, from Japan, saw his first koala here. The day concluded with afternoon tea at Royce and Jeannie Raleigh's property at Wartook.

### Thursday May 15

After waiting for some time for Ivor to turn up, Rod came to the rescue and showed us slides of his recent walk through the Cradle Mountain/Lake St. Clair National Park complete with snow, rain, frost and fog! Slides were terrific!

### Excursion - Saturday May 17

Rod led us unerringly to the fern cave where some members had a great time climbing down a caving ladder, and exploring. Rito and Yvonne mapped it whilst others poked about looking for bones, etc., and also saw some chocolate bats roosting in holes in the roof. On the way back, we had such confidence in Rod that we followed him..... and followed him..... and followed him.....!

After a late lunch we met with the Portland Field Nats. to look at changing forestry practices in the Cobobonee Forrest.

### Dates for your Calendar

Thursday, June 19	-	Ivor Graney
Sunday, June 22	-	Grampians bushwalk meet T. Office 8:30 a.m. Hollow cave and Red cave, Buandik.
Thursday, July 17	-	General Meeting. Speaker - Bob Wolcott "Glenisla tetrapods"
Saturday 27 or		
Sunday 28 July	-	Orange Bellied Parrot Survey Discovery Bay area.
Thursday August 21	-	General Meeting
Friday 22 - Sunday 24	-	Excursion and Camp-out to Hattah National Park.
Thursday September 18	-	Jerry Chin & Roger Thompson "Rafting the Franklin and other Tasmanian Adventures"
Sunday September 20	-	Excursion - Claude Austin Reserve.
Thursday October 16	-	Rod Bird - "Western Simpson Desert"
Saturday October 19	-	Excursion - Tower Hill, Grampians.
Thursday November 20	-	General Meeting
Saturday 22- Sunday 23	-	Excursion and camp-out - Canunda National Park,
November		Southend, S.A. Meet 9:00 a.m. Tourist Office.

Cheers

