

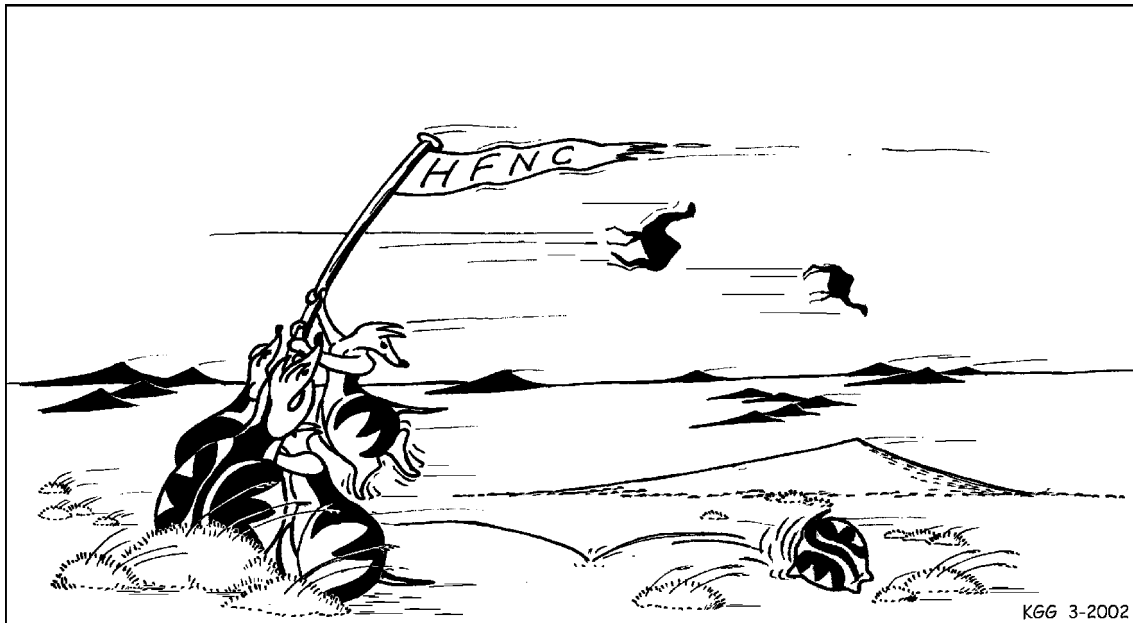


**NEWSLETTER, March 2002**

**COMING ATTRACTIONS**

Enclosed is a program for 2002. You will notice that it is incomplete, as we have not yet been able to finalise all the speakers. We will issue an updated program later in the year. For each excursion we have included a contact person, who can supply extra information if you require it. If you can't get to the meeting preceding an excursion, it's a good idea to check with the contact person in case there have been any last minute changes of plan.

The speaker for **March** will be Rod Bird, on "Flora and Fauna of the Great Victoria Desert". So far all he has let slip about his visit is that there were lots of camels and wind, but if Rod's previous talks are a guide there will be first-class slides of a wide variety of species, and some interesting anecdotes to boot.



*The Windswept Great Victoria Desert*

The talk will be at HIRL on March 21st (**Yes, that's THIS Thursday!**), starting at 8.00 pm. However, the meeting will begin at 7.30 pm, as Sue Mudford is going to talk to us about the possibility of a joint purchase of a bush block near the Wannon.

The **March excursion** on Saturday 23rd will be to the Victoria Range, to the area known as "the Temple", or "the Chimney Pots", because of its spectacular sandstone stacks. The walk

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involves some steep uphill work but is not too long or difficult. We will leave at 9.00 am from the Visitor Information Centre in Lonsdale Street. If there is anything you need to know about the trip, contact John Cayley on 5572 3737 (after hours).

On Sunday 21st **April**, we will look for brologas in the Willaura area: at John Anderson's property and Lake Muirhead. We will leave the Visitor Information Centre at 8.30 am. Contact Hilary Turner on 5575 2596 if you need further details.

## **CHANGE AT THE TOP!**

This year we have a new President, Dave Munro having decided to step down for a well-earned break. We are all indebted to him for his hard work over the past three years - and to John Cayley for volunteering to take over the reins. The rest of the committee remains unchanged from last year. In case you have forgotten, here it is:

President - John Cayley

Vice-President - Reto Zollinger

Treasurer - Ken Grimes

Minutes Secretary - Diane Luhrs

Correspondence Secretary - Megan Campbell

Newsletter Editor - Janeen Samuel

Media Liaison Officer - Yvonne Ingeme

## **MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2002**

The tiny pile of gold galleons in our vault at Gringotts Bank is apparently not diminishing, thanks to Financial Wizard Grimes, and we have once again been able to hold membership fees to the same level as last year: that is, \$15.00 for an individual or \$20.00 for a family. These fees are now due, so please cut off the attached slip and return it to Ken at the March meeting/excursion or by post.

## **TRAGIC NEWS**

All members will have been shocked and saddened to hear of the recent death by drowning of Sue and Ivan McInnes. Sue was a stalwart member of this Club for many years up to the time the family moved to Wartook in the 1990s, and was president from 1981 to 1983. She was an ardent conservationist and had been active in the establishment of HIRL. Both Sue and Ivan contributed to the community in many ways. They will be sadly missed.