



HAMILTON FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB

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ROCK ART IN JULY

The topic of our next **Special Meeting**, on **Thursday 17 July**, will be as advertised in the program: a talk by Ben Gunn entitled: "Aboriginal Rock Art: three more pieces in the puzzle." Ben, an archeologist based in Stawell, has studied the interpretation of rock art in many parts of Australia including the Grampians. The meeting will be at HIRL as usual, beginning at 8pm.

Please note that the **Excursion** on the following weekend will be on **Saturday 19 July** - not Sunday as the program claims. We will be going to the Black Range, where there will be the opportunity to follow up the talk with a look at some surviving rock paintings - and possibly also some rock climbers - as well as pleasant walking. We will meet outside the Visitor Information Centre at 9am.



COMING EVENTS

First, please note **another correction** to our program (to err is human but having a computer helps!) The talk by Glenys and John Cayley on "The Nullarbor Plain and South-West Western Australia", will indeed be on **20 November**, but this a **Thursday** NOT a Friday.

The intervening Special Meeting will be as advertised on Thursday 18 September by Ken and Janeen Grimes. Its full title is "Stones (and a few plants and maybe the odd bird) of Scotland (mainly the Orkneys), Iceland and Slovenia". Or something like that.

The August and September excursions are also expected to run as planned: on Sunday 24 August we head west to look at the granite formations known as Bailey's Rocks; and on Saturday 20 September we go north into the Grampians for a walk to Mount Dryden. After the latter, the plan is to camp the Saturday night at Mount Difficult. People who don't want to camp can of course head home after the walk; we don't anticipate that we will be late back. Both these excursions also leave at 9am from the Visitor Centre.

FARTHER OFF

Once again, several of our members are either in far-flung places at present or about to go there. Megan Campbell is in Europe, Rod Bird and Diane Luhrs are in Central Australia, and Yvonne and Reto Zollinger are heading off to Camooweal (north-west Queensland) for a spot of caving as a change from house renovation. These should make for some interesting presentations next year, in addition to a double-bill we have lined up already for next June: by two visiting experts on truffles and lichens. So stay tuned.

Speaking of Reto and Yvonne, they have now moved into their house but still have the same phone number.

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