



## **NEWSLETTER, September 2007**

Here is an update on events for the rest of 2007, including some coming up very shortly. Many of them are listed on the program that was circulated in March, but there are also a few new dates for you to pencil in.

### **GANNETS AND PARROTS AND BEES**

September is set to be a busy month, with working bees, a camp-out, and a Special Meeting.

The first event will be **this coming weekend, on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September**. It will be the first of two working bees at the **Kanawalla Rail Reserve**. The last of the large feral pines have now been removed, with the aid of a grant from the Glenelg-Hopkins CMA. The main aim on this first day is to clean up the debris from the tree-felling (sticks etc) out of the neighbouring crop. The owner and lessee of this neighbouring land have been very co-operative throughout the venture and we owe it to them to do a good job. We will also do some planting, and weed around last year's plants – most of which have survived the drought and are doing well. We will start at 10 o'clock, entering by the south gate into the Reserve, from McFarlane's Road. The task should only take a few hours but it's a good idea to bring plenty of water and some food: also gloves, sunscreen, weeding implements, and a mallet for hammering stakes.

The follow-up **Kanawalla** working bee will be on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**: planting native trees and shrubs. Again we will start at 10 am, this time meeting at the northern gate on Hensley Park Road. There is room for parking opposite the gate, which is a kilometre north of McFarlane's Road. Again, bring water, food, sunscreen, gloves and tools.

The September **Excursion** will be on the weekend **before the Meeting**. It will be a **Camp-out** over **15-16 September**, at **Fulham Streamside Reserve**. Once again there will be a working component, as we aim to spray out invasive weeds. DSE will be paying the Club for the work accomplished. Please bring a 1 litre sprayer with you if you can. There will also be time for just enjoying looking at orchids, birds etc. We will depart from the Visitor Information Centre in Lonsdale Street at 9.00 am on the Saturday morning. People who can't make it for the whole weekend might like to come for a single day. Others may go up on the Friday night. The campsite will be the same as last year's, so here are Rod's instructions for finding it (no-one reported getting lost last year so they must work):

Proceed 10 km north from Balmoral on Natimuk Road (i.e. the road to Horsham). Turn right onto Edgewood Road. Proceed 0.6 km to entrance on left. Down 1.75 km (without turning off) to Glenelg River. The camp will be 200m downstream (left).

And so to the **September Special Meeting**, on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>**. After our visit to the Cape Nelson gannet colony in November last year, hosted by Andy Govanstone from DSE Portland, we have asked Andy to come and tell us more about the **Gannets**. He will also talk about **Orange-Bellied Parrots**, and about plans for restoring the **Lake Condah Swamp**. The meeting will be at HIRL as usual, starting at 7.30 pm.

### **OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS**

The early date of the September excursion is to avoid a clash with the **Society for Growing Australian Plants** who are having a bus trip on **Sunday 23 September** to a Hakea arboretum and native plant nursery near Lucindale. Anyone who is interested should contact the SGAP secretary on 5573 4555.

And for those who are into the swing (or should that be hum?) of working bees, there will be a

planting day at the revegetation site in the **Community Parklands** (just north of the Bandicoot Enclosure) on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October**. Meet at Marshall's Road at 10 am. For further details contact Yvonne Ingeme on 5571 2544.

## OCTOBER-NOVEMBER

The **excursion** listed for the weekend of **20-21 October** is another camp-out, this time to Jilpanger, NE of Edenhope). No details have yet been decided for this; it's possible it may be changed to a single day excursion. Come to the **General Meeting** on **18 October** to find out, or ring one of the committee.

In **November**, at the Special Meeting on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>**, Rod Bird and Diane Luhrs will be talking about **Coongie Lake and Scotia Sanctuary** (north of Innaminka and west of Broken Hill respectively) and showing some no doubt brilliant slides of "birds, trees, water and dust". The excursion on the following **Sunday, 18 November**, will be to a flora reserve at the **Wannon Rapids** at Bulart, leaving from the Visitor Centre in Lonsdale Street at 9.00 am.

## CHRISTMAS IS COMING AND SO IS THE AGM

Our annual **Christmas get-together** and **AGM** will be on **Thursday 6 December**. This year it will be a few kilometres south of the Wannon Falls: at the Grimes' place at Morgiana (which makes it easier for the Editor to get the pudding boiled). The address is 795 Morgiana Road, or E37 on Fire Map 431. If you need a mud-map or detailed instructions, ring us on 5573 4503.

Everyone is welcome: depending on the weather we can be down by the dam, under the trees, or inside. BYO food and drink, and again depending on the weather we can barbecue sausages, kebabs etc on an open fire, the Cayleys' barbecue, or the kitchen stove. This is our 10<sup>th</sup> year of Bandicoot cartoons, so there will be a special display by our resident artist!

We will start from 6 pm, and at some stage have a brief AGM where we will elect the committee for next year and collect some preliminary ideas for speakers and excursions. So please think about where you would like to go in 2008 and whether you could contribute in one of the committee positions. As always, the present incumbents would be only too glad to relinquish the reins of power.

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