

PROGRAMME.

JUNE TO DECEMBER 1978.

All evening meetings will be held in the Special Services Centre, 46 Gray Street; usually on the third Thursday of each month starting at 8.00 p.m.

- Thursday June 15: Evening meeting - Mr. G. Haddon "Fossils." Mr. Haddon has collected fossils extensively, and he and others will bring a large display.
- Sunday June 25: Excursion (all day) to McDonalds Fall, in the South Victoria Range. Meet at 10.00 a.m. at the picnic ground just before the bridge over the Wannon at Victoria Point. About a mile of bushwalking is involved in reaching the falls.
- Thursday July 20: Evening meeting - Dr. and Mrs. Ian Nunn "A Trip Through the Himalayas".
- Saturday July 22: Excursion and working bee to the 18 acre wildflower reserve near the Wannon Falls, to look for orchids and pull out Acacia armata seedlings (bring stout gloves and mattocks!). The reserve is on the right hand side of the road as you travel west. Meet on the other side of the road from the boomerang gates of the Wannon Reserve at 9.30 a.m. or 1.30 p.m. Bring lunch if you intend to stay all day!
- Thursday August 17: Evening meeting - Mr. Dick Walter "American National Parks".
- August 19/20 or 26/27: Western Victorian Field Naturalists Weekend Camp Out at Warrnambool (date to be confirmed).
- Thursday September 21: Evening meeting - Mr. Murray Gunn "Bird Watching in the Hamilton District".
- Sunday October 1: Excursion (afternoon) to the Wannon Rapids. Leader Ron Bird. Meet outside the Hamilton Tourist Bureau (cnr. of Thompson and Lonsdale Streets) at 1.30 p.m.
- Friday October 20: Evening meeting - Mrs. Margaret Corrick "Looking for Bush-peas". Mrs. Corrick is the President of the Field Naturalists Club of Victoria.
- Saturday October 21: Excursion (all day) looking for bush-peas and birds in the Grampians. Leaders, Margaret Corrick and Murray Gunn. Meet at the Tourist Bureau, Hamilton (cnr. of Thompson and Lonsdale Streets) at 9.00 a.m. We will head for the Eastern Grampians via Bryans Swamp, stopping at a number of points to atlas birds and look for bush-peas.
- Saturday October 28: Excursion (afternoon) to the 18 acre wildflower reserve near the Wannon Falls. Leader Lionel Elmore. Many of the plants in this reserve are in flower at this time; this reserve is one of the few natural areas left close to Hamilton. Meet opposite the boomerang gates of the Wannon Reserve at 1.30 p.m.



- Thursday November 16: Evening meeting - Miss Elizabeth Arthur "South America by Sea".
- Sunday November 26: Excursion (all day) to do a plant survey of local railway lines. Leader Lionel Elmore. Meet outside the Tourist Bureau at 9.30 p.m.
- Thursday December 14: Evening meeting - film night and members slides. Bring supper!
- Sunday December 17: Excursion (all day) to the Chimney Pots. Meet at the picnic ground just before the bridge over the Wannon at Victoria Point at 10.00 a.m. Some bushwalking (uphill!) involved.

The Hamilton Field Naturalists Club is actively involved in the study and conservation of the local natural environment. Evening meetings start with a short business meeting lasting up to (but no longer than!) half an hour, followed by a short opportunity for people to give reports and show slides of interest. This is then followed by the main speakers for the evening.

New people are very welcome to come to our meetings and excursions. Membership fees are \$4.00 (single) or \$6.00 (family), but you do not have to be a member to participate.

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