



# HAMILTON FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB

## 2009 ..... Meetings & Excursions ..... 2009



Meetings of the HFNC will be held at HIRL, 333 North Boundary Road, at 7.30 pm, **on the first Thursday of every month** from March to December inclusive. Note the change of date from previous years. Note also that we occasionally need to accommodate a speaker by holding the meeting on a Friday (see May).

**Special Meetings** are devoted entirely to a guest speaker except for a few minutes for people attending to present short items of local natural history interest, and for a report on the previous excursion and details of the next – so don't miss the start! We conclude with supper about 9.30 pm. Check the Hamilton *Spectator* of the preceding Saturday for any program changes.

**General meetings** are held on alternate months, always on a Thursday, and deal primarily with conservation matters and club business. Members' reports of interesting items of natural history, and details of the past and coming excursions, are presented early in the evening.

**Excursions** are usually on the weekend after the meeting (or on the following weekend, see March). We often assemble beside the Hamilton Visitor Information Centre in Lonsdale Street and try to car-pool to reduce our carbon usage. We also do a bird count at Grange Wetlands from 8 - 9 am on the next Thursday after every meeting.

Month	Date	Event	Speaker & topic or details of excursion/working bee
March	Thu 5 Sat 14	Special Meeting Excursion	Prue Leeming: Birds, Mammals and Larger Vegetation of Southern Africa. Killarney Beach & Rutledge's Cutting. Meet Info Centre 9.00am ( <i>Rod Bird</i> )
April	Thu 2 Sat 4 - Sun 5	General Meeting Excursion	Sightings, club business, environmental issues Reserves & sinkholes in SE SA, with optional camp-out. ( <i>Yvonne Ingeme</i> ).
May	Fri 8 Sat 9	Special Meeting Excursion	Alison Poulliot: A Photographer's Reflections on the Grampians Grampians flowers and fungi. Meet Info Centre, 9:00am ( <i>Dave Munro</i> )
June	Thu 4 Sun 7	General Meeting Excursion/ Working Bee	Sightings, club business, environmental issues Wannon 18-acre Flora Reserve: environmental weed control. Meet at the Reserve (Powell's Lane) at 1.30 pm ( <i>Rod Bird</i> )
July	Thur 2 Sat 4 Sun 19	Special Meeting Excursion Working Bee	David Pitts: Threatened Flora Projects in far SW and Orange-Bellied Parrots Dundas Range. Meet Info Centre 9.30 am ( <i>Reto Zollinger</i> ) Hamilton Parklands. Pedrina Park wildlife gate 10.00 am. ( <i>Yvonne Ingeme</i> )
August	Thu 6 Sun 9 Sun 16	General Meeting Excursion Working Bee	Sightings, club business, environmental issues Lake Condah. Meet Info Centre 9.30 am. ( <i>Rod Bird/Ken Grimes</i> ) Kanawalla, Hensley Park Road, 1.30 pm. Weeding/planting ( <i>Rod Bird</i> )
Sept.	Thu 3 Sat 5 Fri 18-Sun 20	Special Meeting Excursion Campout/W'Bee	Ken Grimes: Stone cities – sandstone formations of tropical Australia. Wildflowers of Dundas tableland. Meet Info Centre 9.30 am. ( <i>Y. Ingeme</i> ) Fulham Reserve flora survey & weed control. Meet at River. ( <i>Rod Bird</i> )
Oct.	Thu 1 Fri 2 - Sun 4 Sun 18	General Meeting SEANA camp Working Bee	Sightings, club business, environmental issues Campout at Dunkeld: meetings, speakers, field trips. ( <i>Yvonne Ingeme</i> ) Kanawalla: flora survey, weeding young trees, spraying ( <i>Rod Bird</i> )
Nov.	Thur 5 Sat 7 - Sun 8	Special Meeting Excursion	J & G Cayley, R Bird & D Luhrs: Simpson Desert, October 2008 Mt Thackeray (Group travel in 4WDs). Meet Info Centre 9.00am ( <i>J.Cayley</i> )
Dec	Thu 3 Sun 6 TBA	AGM & General Excursion End of year party	Elect office bearers & program for 2010. General Club business. Local grassland reserves. Meet Info Centre 9.00 am. ( <i>Yvonne Ingeme</i> ) Date and place to be announced in later newsletter
2010 Feb	Thu 4 Sat. 6	General Meeting Excursion	Sightings, club business, environmental issues Annual bird count. Meet at Lake Linlithgow at cypress trees at 7:00am.

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Visitors Welcome to all Meetings & Excursions