

HAMILTON FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB PROGRAM



2025...Meetings, Excursions...2025 & other Activities



Meetings are held at HIRL, 333 North Boundary Road, at 7.30 pm on the **THIRD Thursday** of the month.
Club Business Meetings alternate with Special Meetings (Guest Speakers).

Special Meetings – these are devoted to a guest speaker, except for short reports on nature sightings and reminders of other activities. We conclude with supper at about 9.30 pm for an informal chat, ending about 10 pm.

Club Business Meetings – begin with ‘nature sightings’, followed by business matters, environmental reports and supper.

Excursions – on the weekend, usually after each meeting, mostly starting from Hamilton Visitor Centre (HVC).

Other Activities – these may occur on weekends between regular excursion weekends.

Mth	Day	Event	Speaker & topic or detail of excursion, camp or project activity
Feb	Thurs 20	Club meeting	Sightings, club business & environmental matters
	Sun 23	Excursion	Waterbirds, Linlithgow area wetlands – 8.00 am ‘The Point’, Chatsworth Rd [RB]
March	Thurs 20	Special mtg	SPEAKER – Diane Luhrs & Rod Bird ‘A trip to the Antarctic Peninsula’
	Sat 22	Excursion	Warmambool coastal sites – leave HVC at 9.00 am [DL]
April	Thurs 17	Club meeting	Sightings, club business & environmental matters
	Sun 20	Excursion	Muddy Ck or Grange Fossil site – leave HVC at 9.30 am [DL]
	Sun 27	Activity	<i>Acacia paradoxa</i> control Wannon Flora Res – 9.30 am at Powells Rd [RB]
May	Thurs 15	Special mtg	SPEAKER – Pam Lehmann ‘Western Australian wildflowers’
	Sat 17	Excursion	Long Swamp-Nobles Rocks – leave HVC at 9.00 am [JS]
	Sat 24	Activity	<i>Acacia paradoxa</i> control Wannon Flora Res – 9.30 am at Powells Rd [RB]
June	Thurs 19	Club meeting	Sightings, club business & environmental matters
	Sun 22	Excursion	Gariwerd Peaks Trail Cassidys Gap to Signal Peak – leave HVC at 9.00 am [DL]
	Sun 29	Activity	Kanawalla Rail Flora Res – tree guard removal; meet 9.30 am, Hensley Pk Rd [RB]
July	Thurs 17	Special mtg	SPEAKER – Rod Bird & Diane Luhrs ‘Endemic flora of Gariwerd & Burrunj’
	Sat 19	Excursion	Tapoc/Mt Napier volcanics – leave HVC at 9.00 am [RB]
	Sun 27	Activity	<i>Acacia paradoxa</i> control Wannon Flora Res – 9.30 am at Powells Rd [RB]
Aug	Thurs 21	Club meeting	Sightings, club business & environmental matters
	Sat 23	Excursion	Fungi foray with SGAP (destination TBA) – leave HVC at 9.00 am [RZ]
Sept	Thurs 18	Special mtg	SPEAKER – Ian Lewis ‘Caves & sink holes of Naracoorte and Mt Gambier region’
	Sat 20	Excursion	Gariwerd NP orchids – leave HVC at 9.00 am [PL]
	Sat 27	Activity	Fulham Reserve – wiping Cape Tulip/Sparaxis – 10 am on the entry track [RB]
Oct	Sat 11	Excursion	FOG Grampians wildflowers (Catherine Carlyle) – places to visit TBA near the date
	Thurs 16	Club meeting	Sightings, club business & environmental matters
	Sun 26	Activity	African Weed Orchid wiping at Nigretta Flora Res – leave HVC at 9.00 am [RB]
Nov	Sat 08	Activity	<i>Acacia paradoxa</i> control Wannon Flora Res – 9.30 am at the N side of reserve [RB]
	Thurs 20	Special mtg	SPEAKER – Reto Z & Yvonne I ‘Volunteering with Aust. Wildlife Conservancy’
	Sat 22	Excursion	Gariwerd NP Mt William/Redman area – leave HVC at 9.00 am
Dec	Sun 30	Activity	Bear Fauna Nest Box inspection – leave HVC at 9.00 am [RB]
	Thurs 11	AGM & Club	Short Annual GM then Club Meeting (sightings & business)
2026	Sun 14	Excursion	End-of-year picnic, 5.00 pm ‘til dusk, at Lake Hamilton or Freshwater Lake [DL]
	Thurs 19	Club meeting	Sightings, club business & environmental matters
	Sun 22	Excursion	Birds, Linlithgow area wetlands – 8.00 am at LLIN’s ‘Point’, Chatsworth Rd [RB]

ENQUIRIES: P.O. Box 591, Hamilton, 3300 or hamiltonfnc@live.com.au or HFNC Website:
<https://www.hamilton-field-naturalists-club-victoria.org.au> – ‘Contact us’, ‘Publications/Information’
(fauna, flora, geology & landscapes, local natural history, environmental projects & submissions).

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**New Members
Welcome**

**Visitors Welcome to all
Meetings & Excursions**