

HAMILTON FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB INC PROGRAM



2026...Meetings, Excursions...2026 & other Activities



Meetings are held at HIRL, 333 North Boundary Road, at 7.30 pm, most 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.

General Business Meetings – begin with ‘nature sightings’, then business matters, environmental reports & 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 19	Gen Mtg	Sightings, general business & environmental matters
	Sun 22	Excursion	Waterbirds, Linlithgow area wetlands – 8.00 am ‘The Point’, Chatsworth Rd [RB]
March	Thurs 19	Special mtg	SPEAKER – Geoff Lay – Landscapes of Australia
	Sat 21	Excursion	Grange Burn fossils – leave HVC at 9.00 am [DL]
April	Thurs 16	Gen Mtg	Sightings, club business & environmental matters
	Sun 19	Excursion	Cooks Ln, Mt Sturgeon (off Vic Valley Rd) – leave HVC at 9.30 am [ND]
	Sun 26	Activity	<i>Acacia paradoxa</i> control Wannon Flora Res – 9.30 am at Powells Rd [RB]
May	Fri 22	Special mtg	SPEAKER – Greg & Nicole Kerr – Topics TBA
	Sat 23	Excursion	Naracoorte Caves – leave HVC at 8.00 am [JS] – entry fees apply
	Sun 24	Activity	<i>Acacia paradoxa</i> control Wannon Flora Res – 9.30 am at Powells Rd [RB]
June	Thurs 18	Gen Mtg	Sightings, club business & environmental matters
	Sun 21	Excursion	Tae Rak (Lake Condah) – leave HVC at 9.00 am [DL]
	Sun 28	Activity	Kanawalla Rail Flora Res – tree guard removal; 9.30 am, Hensley Pk Rd end [RZ]
July	Thurs 16	Special mtg	SPEAKER – Members nature photos exhibition night
	Sat 18	Excursion	Grange Burn walk – meet Portland Rd car park at 9.30 am [YI]
	Sat 25	Activity	<i>Acacia paradoxa</i> control Wannon Flora Res – 9.30 am at Powells Rd [RB]
Aug	Thurs 20	Gen Mtg	Sightings, club business & environmental matters
	Sun 23	Excursion	Visit to Duwul/Mt William – leave HVC at 9.00 am [RZ]
	Sat 29	Activity	Kanawalla Rail Flora Res maintenance work: 9.30 am Hensley Pk Rd N end [RB]
Sept	Thurs 17	Special mtg	SPEAKER – Neil Doran – Gariwerd/Grampians recovery from fire
	Sat 19	Excursion	Grey Box Woodland and heathlands at Burrunj (Black Ra) – leave HVC at 9.0 am [RB]
	Sun 27	Activity	Fulham Reserve – wiping Cape Tulip/Sparaxis – 10 am on the entry track [RB]
Oct	Thurs 15	Gen Mtg	Sightings, club business & environmental matters
	Sun 18	Excursion	Visit Claude Austen State Forest – leave HVC at 9.00 am [DL]
	Sat 24	Activity	African Weed Orchid wiping at Nigretta Flora Res – leave HVC at 9.00 am [RB]
Nov	Sun 08	Activity	<i>Acacia paradoxa</i> control Wannon Flora Res – 9.30 am at the N side of reserve [RB]
	Thurs 19	Special mtg	SPEAKER – Aggie Stevenson – Native Grasslands of SW Victoria
	Sat 21	Excursion	Pallisters Reserve at Orford – leave HVC at 9.00 am [RB]
Dec	Sun 29	Activity	Bear Fauna Nest Box inspection & wildflowers – leave HVC at 9.00 am [RZ]
	Thurs 10	AGM & Gen	Short Annual General Meeting, then the General Meeting (sightings & business)
	Sat 12	Excursion	End-of-year picnic at Wirey Swamp, Strathdownie – leave HVC at 9.00 am [RZ]
Feb 2027	Thurs 18	Gen Mtg	Sightings, club business & environmental matters
	Sun 21	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**