

# HAMILTON FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB PROGRAM



2024....Meetings & Excursions....2024



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

**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. Note that 3 Special Meetings are on a **Friday**, to suit speakers from distant places.

**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)**.

**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 15	Club meeting	Sightings, club business & environmental matters
	Sun 18	Excursion	Waterbirds, Linlithgow area wetlands – 8.00 am ‘The Point’, Chatsworth Rd [RB]
March	Thurs 21	Special mtg	SPEAKER – W & P McDonald with D Luhrs ‘Christmas Is & Cocos Keeling’
	Sat 23	Excursion	Clarke Res & Cape Northumberland, SA – leave HVC 8.30 am [DL & RG]
	Sat 30	Book launch	Gariwerd Art, 3.30-5 pm, Sterling Place Hall, Dunkeld – please rsvp Jenni 0417585102
April	Thurs 18	Club meeting	Sightings, club business & environmental matters
	Sun 21	Excursion	Cobobboonee NP – Heathland Walk-Fish Holes – leave HVC 9.00 am [JL & RB]
	Sat 27	Activity	<i>Acacia paradoxa</i> control Wannon Flora Res – 9.30 am at the N side of reserve [RB]
May	Fri 17	Special mtg	SPEAKER – Catherine & Clive Carlyle ‘Hiking in Tasmania’
	Sat 18	Excursion	Gariwerd Peaks Trail – Cassidys Gap Rd to Griffin Trail – leave HVC 9.00 am [DL]
	Sun 26	Activity	<i>Acacia paradoxa</i> control Wannon Flora Res – 9.30 am at the N side of reserve [RB]
June	Thurs 20	Club meeting	Sightings, club business & environmental matters
	Sun 23	Excursion	Coastal walk ‘Sam’s Loop’, Portland heathland – leave HVC 9.00 am [RG]
	Sat 29	Activity	Kanawalla Rail Flora Res – tree guard removal; meet 9.30 am, Hensley Pk Rd [RB]
July	Thurs 18	Special mtg	SPEAKER – Roland Maars/Andrew Prior ‘A chemist’s approach to Gariwerd geology’
	Sat 20	Excursion	Walker Swamp treeplanting & viewing with NGT – leave HVC 9.0 am [TSheehan/DL]
	Sun 28	Activity	<i>Acacia paradoxa</i> control Wannon Flora Res – 9.30 am at the N side of reserve [RB]
Aug	Thurs 15	Club meeting	Sightings, club business & environmental matters
	Sun 18	Excursion	Gariwerd Fish Falls, McKenzie Falls – leave HVC 9.00 am [JM]
Sept	Fri 20	Special mtg	SPEAKER – Diane Luhrs & Rod Bird ‘The Canning Stock Route’
	Sat 21	Excursion	Poolajielo/Mereek SF orchids with PFNC – leave HVC 9.00 am [RG]
	Sat 28	Activity	Fulham Reserve – wiping Cape Tulip/Sparaxis – 10.00 am along entry tk [RB]
Oct	Sun 13	Activity	Fulham Reserve – wiping Cape Tulip/Sparaxis – 10.00 am along entry tk [RB]
	Thurs 17	Club meeting	Sightings, club business & environmental matters
	Sun 20	Excursion	Orchids east of Gariwerd/Mt Cole area – leave HVC at 9.00 am [PL/Leonie Clayton]
	Sat 26	Activity	African Weed Orchid wiping at Nigretta Flora Res – leave HVC at 9.00 am [RB]
Nov	Sun 10	Activity	<i>Acacia paradoxa</i> control Wannon Flora Res – 9.30 am at the N side of reserve [RB]
	Fri 22	Special mtg	SPEAKER – Ross Cayley - A recent travel/geology saga (TBA)
	Sat 23	Excursion	Giant Rock at Brim Brim incl. plant survey – leave HVC 9.00 am [RB]
Dec	Sat 30	Activity	Bear Fauna Nest Box inspection – leave HVC at 9.00 am [RB]
	Thurs 12	AGM & Club	Short Annual GM then Club Meeting (sightings & business)
2025	Sun 15	Excursion	End-of-year picnic, 5.00 pm ‘til dusk, by the Grange at W&P McDonalds’ property
	Thurs 20	Club meeting	Sightings, club business & environmental matters
2025	Sun 23	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](mailto: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**