

HAMILTON FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB



2012.....Meetings & Excursions.....2012



Meetings at H.I.R.L., 333 North Boundary Road, at 7.30 pm, on **THIRD THURSDAY** of the month (except Feb & Dec).

Any change to a Special Meeting date or speaker will be noted in our Newsletter, email network, or Hamilton Spectator.

[Visitors & non-members welcome to all our meetings and excursions](#)

Special meetings are devoted to a guest speaker, except for a short presentation of items of natural history and a report on excursions – so don't miss the start! We conclude with supper at about 9.30 pm, for an informal chat or an early night.

Club meetings deal with business and conservation issues. Members also give short reports of interesting natural history items.

Excursions – on weekend after each monthly meeting. We often leave from **Hamilton Visitor Information Centre (HVIC)** We conduct an informal survey of birds at **Grange Wetlands** from 8-9 am on the Thursday after the weekend excursion.

Month	Day	Event	Speaker & topic or detail of excursion or working bee
Feb 2012	Thurs 09	Club meeting	Sightings, club business & environmental issues
	Sun 12	Excursion	Birds, Linlithgow & near wetlands – at 7.30 am, Cypress on Chatsworth Rd
March	Thurs 15	Special meeting	Mark Bachmann – “Nature Glenelg Trust and wetland restoration”
	Sat 17	Excursion	SEANA Camperdown camp 16-19 th excursions volcanics & wetlands
April	Thurs 19	Club meeting	Sightings, club business & environmental issues
	Sun 22	Excursion	Bear Forest – set fauna nest boxes & remote cameras – meet 9 am HVIC
May	Thurs 17	Special meeting	Sally Purnell – “The Charles Darwin Reserve in outback WA”
	Sat 19	Excursion	Bear (check boxes & cameras) & Craigs Rd, Rocklands – 9 am at HVIC
June	Thurs 21	Club meeting	Sightings, club business & environmental issues
	Sun 24	Excursion	Mt Napier SP – craters, lava cones and caves. Meet 10 am at HVIC
July	Thurs 19	Special meeting	Steve Clark – “Birds and other wildlife in NW Tanzania”
	Sat 21	Excursion	Mt Abrupt walk – meet 9.30 am HVIC
Aug	Thurs 16	Club meeting	Sightings, club business & environmental issues
	Sun 19	Excursion	Mt Zero/Stapylton area – meet 9 am HVIC
Sept	Sat 08	Working Bee	Fulham Streamside Res – Cape Tulip control – meet 10 am at Glenelg R
	Thurs 20	Special meeting	Jodie Honan – “Griffith Island, Port Fairy – management & connections”
	Sat-Sun 22&23	Working B/camp	Fulham camp or visit – Sparaxis & Cape Tulip work – 10 am at the river
Oct	Sat 13	Working Bee	African Weed Orchid control at Nigretta Falls Flora & Scenic Res – 10 am
	Thurs 18	Club meeting	Sightings, club business & environmental issues
	Sun 21	Excursion	Bool Lagoon SA – meet 9 am HVIC
Nov	Sat 10	Working Bee	African Weed Orchid control, Nigretta Flora Res – meet at Nigretta 10 am
	Thurs 15	Special meeting	Rod Bird & Diane Luhrs – “Birds, flowers, mountains & dzongs of Bhutan”
	Sat 17	Excursion	Bessiebelle historic sheepwash in the stony rises – meet 9 am HVIC
Dec	Thurs 13	AGM & Club	Election of Office-bearers for 2013 and present reports; short Club Meeting to end.
	Sun 16	Excursion	Old Reservoir, Parklands grassland walk & end-of-year party – 4 pm HIRL
Feb 2013	Thurs 17	Club meeting	Sightings, club business & environmental issues
	Sun 20	Excursion	Birds, Linlithgow & near wetlands – at 7.30 am, Cypress on Chatsworth Rd

ENQUIRIES: P.O. Box 591, Hamilton, 3300 or hamiltonfnc@live.com.au or see hamilton-field-naturalists-club-victoria.org.au – About us, Contact us, Activities, Background & Links, Publications/Information (fauna, flora, geology, local history, projects, submissions).

Office-bearers in 2012:

President.....	John Cayley	55723737
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**New Members
Welcome**

**Visitors Welcome to all Meetings &
Excursions**

HAMILTON FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB

Background

The Hamilton Field Naturalists Club (HFNC) is a community group devoted to the study, enjoyment, conservation, protection and restoration of the natural environment.

The HFNC was formed in 1958 out of interest in natural history by members of the Hamilton community, and because of their concern for the conservation of unalienated Crown land in the district. They saw that unless action was taken, most of the remnant native vegetation, wetlands and associated fauna would be lost, due to pre-emptive action for farming, plantation forestry and other uses.

The founding members of HFNC set the agenda for the next 50 years of the Club's activities; to visit, study, record and promote the conservation of Aboriginal art and occupation sites, geological features and the native fauna and flora of the region. The objects of HFNC listed below in our constitution (ratified in Oct 2010) is a restatement of the aims of the founding members.

We strive today to live up to those objectives and philosophy that all species have a right to exist. We ask like-minded people to join with us in studying and enjoying the wonders of our natural world, and in helping to conserve it for future generations.

The objects of the HFNC

- To enjoy, appreciate and respect the features of the natural environment.
- To respect the Aboriginal history and presence in our region.
- To learn about the geology, fauna and flora of the region.
- To record the species of flora and fauna in our native forests, woodlands, grasslands and wetlands.
- To protect and promote the conservation of habitat, flora and fauna in natural landscapes.
- To gain long-term legislative protection of significant natural areas as National Parks, State Parks, Flora Reserves, Streamside Reserves or Wildlife Reserves.
- To understand the principles and practice of environmental management, including the use of fire, control of pathogens, and control of pest plants and animals.
- To restore degraded natural areas through appropriate revegetation, control of pest plants and animals, or restoration of water regimes in wetlands.
- To be advocates for the natural environment – to educate and persuade by means of scientific publications, articles in local newspapers, conducted excursions to natural areas, serving on committees of management, participating on government committees and reviews, and by giving assistance to schools and other groups.

HFNC is a not-for-profit organisation and is a Member Group (No. A0011936S) of the Farm Tree & Landcare Association Inc., and is covered under the Associations Incorporation Act 1981.

HFNC has adopted the Model Rules for an Incorporated Association, with modifications as follows:

- (1) Membership of HFNC is open to a person who pays the annual fee – there is no requirement to apply in writing.
- (2) HFNC business affairs are generally dealt with at Club Meetings (General Meetings, held 5 or 6 times each year).
- (3) The Committee of HFNC is the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, plus Minutes Secretary, Publicity Officer and two ordinary members; Committee Meetings may be held from time-to-time to deal with club business.