

# HFNC Excursion: Fungi Foray at the Wannon Scenic Reserve 23 Aug 2025

Joint trip between HFNC and Hamilton SGAP

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The joint Hamilton SGAP and Hamilton Field Naturalists Club's trip to the Wannon Falls Scenic Reserve was well attended. We had fantastic weather to search for fungi – it was fine and sunny. The cricket oval at the Wannon Scenic Reserve was explored and searched for fungi first and surprisingly contained many species. We mainly searched the zone between the perimeter and about 30 metres in. We were finding so many species there; it kept us busy and entertained until lunch time.

Fungi species identification was provided by Dave Munro and Elizabeth Hatfield. Their expertise was very much appreciated. Overall, we saw a few Punk Fungi high up in the trees, found lots of gilled mushrooms, different bracket fungi, a few species of Puff Balls in various stages of decomposition and lots of other species.

We broke for lunch and had our picnic lunch in the newly revamped picnic shelter that now has a fantastic new decorated metal wall with great images of native plants and animals including kangaroo grass, an echidna and powerful owl to name a few.

After lunch we walked through the bushland area from the picnic area, (north of the road that leads into the reserve) in an easterly direction until it intersected with the curve of the road. Along the way we found a few additional species including the Orange and Banded Rainbow Bracket Fungi and some White Punk Fungi high up in some of the trees. On the way back to the picnic ground, we also found a few specimens of Honeycomb Fungus.



Close fungi examination



Lilac Shelf Bracket -*Rhodofomitopsis lilacinogilva*



Honeycomb Fungus – *Hexagonia vesparia*



Eastern Grey Kangaroos watch the action



In search of punks



White Punk – *Laetiporus portentosus*



A Puffball – *Lycoperdon* sp.



Inside the Horse Dung Fungus – *Pisolithus* sp.



Scarlet Bracket – *Trametes conncinea*

Note: The Shire of Southern Grampians has spent a lot of money undertaking *Acacia paradoxa* and Burgan – *Kunzea ericoides* – control in the past. However, the Shire has so far failed to undertake the necessary level of follow-up required to remove the ongoing and continual emergence of both species, such that now many of the seedlings are over a metre tall and becoming difficult to pull out/remove.

## Species lists

### Fungi

Species name	Common name
<i>Amanita leuтолovelata</i>	
<i>Amanita xanthcephala</i>	Pretty Grisette
<i>Boletus</i> sp.	
Bracket fungus	
<i>Cortinarius clelandii</i>	Clelands Cortina
<i>Cortinarius</i> sp.	
<i>Entoloma</i> sp.	
<i>Galerina hypnorum</i>	Moss Galerina
<i>Hexagonia vesparia</i>	Honeycomb Fungus
<i>Laccaria</i> spp.	The Deceivers
<i>Laetiporus portentosus</i>	White Punk Fungus
<i>Lichenomphalina chromacea</i>	Yellow Belly-buttons
<i>Lichenomphalina umbellifera</i>	Brown Belly-buttons
<i>Lycoperdon</i> sp.	Puff Balls
<i>Oudemansiella gigaspora</i>	Rooting Shanks
<i>Pisolithus tinctorius</i>	Horse Dung Fungus
<i>Ramaria</i> sp. ( <i>botrytoides</i> or <i>botrytis</i> ?)	
<i>Rhodofomitopsis lilacinogilva</i>	Lilac Shelf Fungus
<i>Rickenella (Omphalina) fibula</i>	Little Pins
<i>Trametes coccinea</i>	Scarlet Bracket
<i>Trametes versicolor</i>	Rainbow Fungus
<i>Trametes</i> sp.	
<i>Tubaria</i> sp.	

### Plants

<i>Corybas incurvus</i>	Slaty Helmet Orchid
<i>Drosera aberrans</i>	Scented Sundew
<i>Leptorhynchus squamatus</i>	Scaly Button
<i>Oxalis perennans</i>	Native Sorrel
<i>Pauridia glabella</i>	Yellow Star
<i>Pterostylis nana</i>	Dwarf Greenhood
<i>Styphelia humifusa</i> ( <i>Astroloma humifusum</i> )	Cranberry Heath * species name change in 2020
<i>Themeda triandra</i>	Kangaroo Grass
<i>Asparagus asparagoides</i> (Bridal Creeper)	– an introduced weed

### Animals

<i>Aquila audax</i>	Wedge-tailed Eagle
<i>Cormobates leucophaea</i>	White-throated Treecreeper
<i>Dacelo novaeguineae</i>	Laughing Kookaburra
<i>Gavicalis virescens</i>	Singing Honeyeater
<i>Vanellus miles</i>	Masked Lapwing (Plover) eggs
<i>Macropus giganteus</i>	Eastern Grey Kangaroo