

Hello everyone

A reminder for what HFNC has on for June 2014:

- **Tuesday 17 June – Bear State Forest inspection of remote cameras.** We leave the Hamilton Info Centre at 9.30 am. Bring lunch. We change the SD cards in the 10 cameras and check to see what images of wildlife have been caught over the last month. Those who come can leave at any time.
- **Thursday 19 June – club meeting at HIRL 7.30 pm.** Some members are away this time so please, if others can make it, try and get there. Apart from the general business we will have our ‘nature show’ (members bring along a dozen or two images on a USB stick) and results from the Bear cameras to show.
- **Sunday 22 June – excursion to Yarram Gap in Grampians NP.** The aim was to climb the peak where the artist (was it Chevalier?) painted the scene looking towards Mt Sturgeon. Whether that path is accessible remains to be seen but there are other views/options there. We leave Hamilton Visitor Centre at 9.30 am. Bring lunch.
- **Thursday 26 June – Lake Hamilton bird survey/stroll.** We conduct a monthly count of waterbirds. Starting at 8 am at the ‘beach’/playground on south side. Finish about 9.30 am. Everyone welcome.

A note – John & Glenys, Dave & Lyn and I went on Wednesday to the Friends of the Grampians meeting at Halls Gap where Parks Victoria (PV) and DEPI Horsham provided a 2-hr plus information session on fauna/fire research following the Grampians fires from 2006-12. That was most informative. PV and DEPI staff contact with University and other research teams seems to have resulted in a better understanding/advocacy of the ecological factors that we have been pushing over many years (e.g. effective mosaic burns, protecting long-unburned habitats, appropriate fire intervals, moderate prescribed burns). Their problem now is to reconcile that with the government’s aim of burning 5% of the State’s forests/woodlands/heath every year.

Cheers

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