

## **2017-02-HFNC-activities-events**

Hello everyone

This note is to remind you that Hamilton Field Nats are about to begin the new year of meetings/activities.

**General Meeting** – next Thursday (16 February 2017) at HIRL (7.30 pm). The main business is to arrange our program of speakers and excursions for the year. All suggestions gratefully received!

**Excursion Sunday 19 Feb** – we will continue our annual excursion to Lake Linlithgow and associated wetlands. We will meet at The Point at 7.30 am for first sighting of waterbirds and then drive along the east bank track towards Boonawah Ck (the track at that end may be too cut up to drive on), then we will visit Krauses Swamp and Bullrush. Late starters will be able to catch up with us along the way. Bring your binoculars.

**Office-bearers of HFNC for 2017** – at our AGM in Dec 2016, Diane Luhrs was elected as the President for 2017, with John Cayley standing down after serving for many years in that position. John had 6 terms as President: 1977-79, 1986-87, 1993-97, 2002-03, 2005-07 & 2011-16 – 21 years at the helm and a tremendous contribution to HFNC.

Other positions for 2017 are: Vice-president & publicity officer Dave Munro, Treasurer Glenys Cayley, Correspondence Secretary Rod Bird, Minute Secretary Peter Hocking.

**Membership Fees for 2017** – after more than 10 years at the same level we have to increase our fees to keep up with costs of advertising and venue hire.

Our new membership fees are:  
Individual - \$20  
Family - \$25

A membership form is attached, giving details of payment options, including internet banking.

**Mt Napier Fauna Survey report** - an account of the final survey period (ending in January 2017) is attached. A report of the complete project will be forthcoming later.

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Secretary  
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