

## **2018-07-HFNC-activities-events**

**Special Presentation Meeting on Thursday 19 July, 7.30 pm at HIRL** - Lachlan Farrington from Nature Glenelg Trust (NGT) will speak on 'Ecology of wetlands in SW Victoria'.

Lachlan is an ecologist who has studied the wetland fauna and flora of local swamps over several years, particularly after restoration of water regimes. He will present images and discuss the many and varied aquatic species that he has surveyed. This is particularly relevant on account of the recent interest in wetland restoration, with the Walkers Swamp acquisition and restoration being one example.

**Excursion Saturday 21 July to Walkers Swamp** - leaving Hamilton Visitor Centre at 9 am. Lachlan Farrington will be our guide for this day and will show us some of the interesting aquatic features of Walkers Swamp. This partially restored wetland has gained some water this winter.

Visitors will also be able to view the wetland from the tower that NGT has recently installed. This wetland is adjacent to Lynches Crossing Rd, adjacent to the SE corner of the Grampians National Park and the restored Gooseneck-Bradys Swamp complex.

No doubt most of you will be aware of the planned acquisition of the remaining half of the 500 acre Walkers Swamp complex. The details of the drive to achieve the \$150k target will be provided by NGT at this event.

Everyone is welcome to attend this event. Access is best obtained from Glenelg Highway, turning at Les Burghers Rd to the Old Ararat Rd and then on the Dog-leg Rd to Lynchs Crossing Rd.

Cheers  
Rod Bird

Secretary  
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