

Hello Members of HFNC

### HFNC's August 2020 Newsletter for Activities in August/September:

The Covid-19 restriction reversion from Stage 2 to Stage 3 that came in on 6 August (scheduled to run to 16 September) has forced some changes to our published program. One restriction is that groups (more than 2 people) are not permitted and there may also be a limit to where one may travel:

- **Tree-planting at Kanawalla** – the work was completed this week (see report below), hence there will be NO activity this coming Sunday 9 Aug, or the following Sunday 16 August.
- **Excursion in August** – the scheduled excursion on Sun 23 August to the Grampians will NOT proceed ('Any volunteering, education and guided walks on PV managed land have been suspended until further notice. This includes individual participation or environmental group') – if there is a change to the restrictions you will be notified.
- **Excursion in September** – the Dundas Range ridge walk on Saturday 19 September looks likely to be OK (it falls outside the current 6-week stage)
- **Club Meeting** – there will be NO meeting on Thurs 20 August.
- **Special Meeting** – There will be NO Meeting on Friday 18 September.
- **Fulham weed control work** – the Sunday 13 September visit is unlikely to proceed. We anticipate being able to work there on Saturday 26 September with people working separately or in pairs in different parts of the reserve) – that will be vital if we cannot go earlier.

**Report on Excursion to Budj Bim on Sunday 21 June** – see attached pdf (a report on the Northern Grampians excursion will be circulated with the next Newsletter)

**Report on Kanawalla Tree-planting Mon 3 & Tues 4 August 2020** – Peter Hocking & I planted, guarded (with plastic and metal mesh) & watered in 92 plants at 7 sites (about 15 man-hrs). The Working B planting was brought forward from the scheduled Sun 16 August due to impending new restrictions due to Covid-19. I had crow-barred the planting spots and constructed the Cyclone Ringlock guards in previous days. While it did rain a little at times on Tuesday – and we had a drift of hail at one stage – there were periods of sun and the weather was not unpleasant. That concludes the planting for the year: 268 trees from Manna Gum, Drooping Sheoak and Pierrepont/Yatchaw/Old Reservoir Silver Banksia. A photo of the final planting is attached. This was the last major restoration planting for the site. Future management will largely be on weed control (incl. around the seedlings) and control of emerging Black Wattles that are starting to invade the open native grassland areas.

### Summary of species & numbers of trees, shrubs and grasses planted at Kanawalla from 2006-20

Species	Source	2006	2007	2008	2018	2019	2020	Total
<i>Acacia melanoxylon</i>	Hamilton	-	50	-	-	-	-	50
<i>Allocasuarina verticilata</i>	Old Reservoir	42	-	-	60	56	35	193
<i>Allocasuarina verticilata</i>	N Ham Rail Res	100	165	-	-	-	-	265
<i>Allocasuarina verticilata</i>	Tarrington	-	-	-	-	61	-	61
<i>Allocasuarina verticilata</i>	Kanawalla Rail	-	-	--	-	-	30	30
<i>Banksia marginata</i>	Yatchaw Rail	50	177	-	65	45	45	391
<i>Banksia marginata</i>	Hawkesdale Rail	22	-	-	-	-	-	22
<i>Banksia marginata</i>	Pierrepont Rail	-	-	-	41	63	96	191
<i>Banksia marginata</i>	Old Reservoir	-	-	-	-	-	15	15
<i>Bursaria spinosa</i>	Lake Linlithgow	74	8	-	-	43	-	125
<i>Bursaria spinosa</i>	Hensley Pk Rd	-	-	-	-	22	-	22
<i>Eucalyptus ovata</i>	Hamilton	48	48	-	-	-	-	96
<i>Eucalyptus viminalis</i>	Hamilton	47	-	-	-	-	-	47
<i>Eucalyptus viminalis</i>	Kanawalla Rail	-	-	-	-	-	47	47
<i>Ozothamnus ferrugineus</i>	Lake Bulrush	-	-	20	-	-	-	20
<i>Poa sieberiana</i>		50	-	-	-	-	-	50
Totals		433	448	20	166	290	268	1625

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Planting of Silver Banksia with a few Drooping Sheoak and Manna Gum on west fence