

Hello Members of HFNC

HFNC's Newsletter for Activities in December 2020:

We welcome the end of the main Covid-19 restrictions on gatherings and travel and hope that the events we plan for 2021 (including the SEANA get-together in April) are not much affected.

Annual General Meeting & General Meeting – Thursday 10 Dec – 7.30 pm at HIRL. We will elect our committee for 2021 and then deal with other matters, including some consideration of speakers and excursions for 2021.

Nigretta Flora Reserve control of African Weed Orchid (AWO) – our attempt to visit this reserve on 28 November was thwarted by the high water level at the crossing. It is vital that we do clean up AWOs that remain, to prevent seed deposition over the area. Therefore we will try again on Saturday 12 December, meeting at 9.15 am at the pool area, Nigretta Falls. We will dig up the AWO plants and tubers if the numbers are not great – a large screwdriver is a good tool. If there are hundreds of AWO we will pull them (with or without the tubers) and take them away. Next year we hope to have more help in October to herbicide-wipe the AWO when we have access from the Nth side.

End-of-year party – Sunday 13 December, from about 4.30 pm at the Wannan Scenic Reserve.

(Note – change of date and venue from that listed in our 2020 program)

We usually take a picnic meal – and some may elect to use the barbeque facilities near the Falls. We will meet at the car park near the Falls at about 5 pm. Best to bring chairs because seats there are few.

Reports of previous excursions are attached:

- Cobra Killuc Wildlife Reserve grassland excursion – Saturday 21 November (Draft)
- Bear State Forest Fauna Nest Box Inspection – Sunday 29 November

Other reports:

For those interested in the various **HFNC projects**, check our website <https://www.hamilton-field-naturalists-club-victoria.org.au> for reports (the last 3 listed below will be put up soon):

- Fulham Streamside Reserve weed control 2020
- Nigretta Scenic Reserve AWO control 2020
- Kanawalla tree-planting and weed control 2020
- Bear State Forest fauna nest box report 2020
- Summer 2020 Bird Surveys for Hamilton Area, Willaura Area & Killarney Area wetlands
- Winter 2020 Bird Surveys for Hamilton Area, Willaura Area & Killarney Area wetlands
- Four Posts Streamside Reserve AWO control 2020
- Nigretta Flora Reserve AWO & other weeds control 2020
- Wannan Flora Reserve *A. paradoxa* control 2020

Cheers

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