

Hello everybody

Welcome to 2023.

This is HFNC's Newsletter concerning activities and events in 2023.

Annual Membership subscriptions

These are now due and we invite you to again enjoy and support our group's activities and environmental objectives. Subscriptions remain at \$25 for a family or \$20 for an individual.

The most convenient ways to subscribe are as follows:

- Attending a meeting – pay with cash to the treasurer (Steve Martinich)
- Bank BPAY deposit to CBA BSB 063 513, to HFNC's A/C No. 00901086. Please print your name and 'HFNC subs' in the descriptive part of the banking form. (Current members do not need to fill out/send to us our membership form).

Program of events and activities for 2023

A DRAFT program is attached – you will see that much remains to be finalised. The most important issue is that of excursions – we need some suggestions! Diane is organising a meeting on Thurs 2 Feb, at her Wedge St residence to try and finalise the program. The committee and any other interested members are welcome to attend. The event will begin at 6 pm and those who attend are invited to bring along their meal. Please contact Diane on 0459 723 874 if you can attend.

Committee Members in 2023

At the AGM held in Dec 2022 the following committee was elected:

President – Diane Luhrs

Vice-president – Wendy McDonald

Secretary – Rod Bird

Treasurer – Steve Martinich

Grants obtained for works in 2023

We have been successful in obtaining 2 grants for environmental works controlling *Acacia paradoxa* at the Wannon Flora Reserve.

- Shire of Southern Grampians (\$2,480 for equipment)
- GHCMA Victorian Landcare Grants (\$18,266).

Both grants must be expended in 2023 and so we have quite a task ahead in coming months, organising a contractor, undertaking volunteer works and reporting! That might help explain the number of working days indicated for the Wannon Flora Reserve in our program.

Rod Bird

Secretary, HFNC