

Hello everybody

## **HFNC's activities and events in August 2024**

**General Meeting at HIRL at 7.30 pm on Thursday 15 Aug.** Club business will be dealt with.

**Excursion to Gariwerd Fish Falls & Mc Kenzie Falls on Sunday 18 August** – we leave Hamilton Visitor Centre at 9.00 am. This excursion will include some walks of low to moderate difficulty. It is expected that Spring wildflowers will be emerging. Jenni Mitchell & Mervyn Hannan will lead this excursion. Further details will be available at the next meeting.

### **Report on the Work activity at Wannan Flora Res on Sunday 28 July**

Three members (DL, RB & JS) with a visitor (Stacey Koprdoва) each spent 3 hours on a sunny morning, after many days of rain, removing *A. paradoxa* seedlings; RB spot-sprayed Bluebell Creeper (*Billardiera heterophylla*), *Oxalis purpurea* and Cleavers (*Galium* sp.) on 25 Jul. Much more to do.

**Report on excursion to Walker Swamp on Saturday 20 July.** This was a cold day with some rain showers. We met Lisa McIntyre and Ayesha Burdett from Nature Glenelg Trust at the lookout tower on Lynches Crossing Rd at 10 am. There were 4 members from HFNC (DL, RB, JS & PH) and 6 other visitors. We drove to the NGT shed and Ayesha gave a presentation on the aquatic organisms to be found in the swamp. Due to the inclement weather no tree-planting was done on the western side of Walker Swamp.

After lunch at about 12.30 pm we drove to the 'new' extension to the Walker Swamp Reserve on the east side of Walker Swamp. The track was a little wet but manageable. We had a short inspection of the outlet of the drain that runs along the edge of the bush block, and the vegetation near the deep section further east, and then left at around 2.30 pm.

### **EVENTS in SEPTEMBER**

Diane and Rod will be away in August and early September and there may not be a newsletter in September – hence early notice here.

**HFNC Special Meeting Friday 20 September, 7.30 pm at HIRL** – Diane Luhrs & Rod Bird will be speaking about a trip on the Canning Stock Route in August 2023 with Outback Spirit, travelling from Wiluna to near Halls Creek in WA. Lots of dunes and wildflowers on the way.

### **Excursions in September**

- **HFNC trip to Poolaijelo/Mereek State Forest** to look for orchids on Sat. 21 Sept – leaving Hamilton Visitor Centre at 9.0 am.
- **Friends of Edenhope Flora Res and Newlands Reserve** have an event on Sunday 15 September including opening of Mosaic Art Trails and guided walks at the Edenhope Flora Res and Apsley Newlands Reserve. The opening is at the Edenhope Flora Res (70 Moss St) at 10.00 am. At 10.30 am the party will take a walk in the Flora Reserve and then drive to Apsley for a light lunch at the Memorial Hall. At 1 pm there will be a guided walk at Newlands. We are invited: RSVP to Jess Sambell on 0408 129 086, or [jesssambell@hotmail.com](mailto:jesssambell@hotmail.com).

**Work activity at Fulham Streamside Res on Sat. 28 September** – we will be herbicide-wiping Cape Tulip & Sparaxis. Meet along the entry track at 10 am. There should be many wildflowers starting to bloom.

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