

Hello Everybody

HFNC's activities and events in October 2024

Work activity at Fulham Streamside Res on SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER – our last effort there this year, herbicide-wiping Cape Tulip & Sparaxis. We had 4 workers on our September effort and hope that others may assist this weekend. We meet along the track off Edgewood Rd, at 10 am. All herbicide appliances and associated gear will be provided, plus instruction for novices. If more than 2 mm of rain arrives during the day then we will just enjoy looking at the flora. Sun Orchids and Spider Orchids should be out on the heath. Other species have been slow to flower this year.

General Club Meeting on Thursday evening on 17 October at HIRL. This will be preceded by a very short meeting at 7.30 pm to vote on the matter of HFNC becoming incorporated (details of that were sent to members on the 26 September – if you wish to vote on the matter but cannot attend on 17 October then please, before that meeting, send me an email with your 'yes' or 'no' nomination).

An agenda for the General Meeting is attached.

Next Excursion Sunday 20 October – Orchid foray to reserves east of Gariwerd. We will leave Hamilton Visitor Centre at 9.00 am, stopping briefly at Dunkeld to meet any other participants. Our guide for the day will be Leonie Clayton; details of sites to visit will not be available until that day. Be prepared for quite a bit of travelling.

Work activity at Nigretta Flora Reserve on Saturday 26 October – herbicide-wiping of African Weed Orchid. We leave Hamilton Visitor Centre at 9.00 am and will probably have access through a farm on the north side of the reserve. All herbicide appliances and associated gear will be provided. This will be the 16th year that we have controlled this weed (and others) on this important reserve. This will be our sole effort there this year, so we hope to have enough volunteers to cover the site.

Report on the August excursion to Gariwerd Fish Falls – see attached PDF

Report on the September excursion to Poolaigelo/Meereek/Mosquito Creek – see attached PDF.

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