

2015-07-HFNC-activities-events

Hi everyone

Apologies for the late notice, arising from matters partly beyond our control, but this is to remind you that our next meeting is **this Thursday**, not next Thursday (as incorrectly stated in the Spectator).

HFNC special presentation evening: Dr Janeen Samuel ‘Why are diseases of wildlife important?’ Thursday 16 July at HIRL, starting at 7.30 pm. ‘

[Please note that the Spectator article last Thursday printed an incorrect date – 23 July]

Janeen has been an active member of the club for many years and while interested in nature conservation she has also pursued her career as a veterinarian.

Janeen will argue that diseases of wildlife are important for many different reasons. More and more species throughout the world are in danger of extinction because of disease. The Tasmanian Devil is an example.

Wildlife diseases also threaten humans. It's estimated that two-thirds of the diseases that affect humans came originally from other animals. In the last century, the two most dramatic examples are “Spanish flu” of 1918-19, and AIDS. In this century so far, Ebola.

Where do the diseases come from and why? The health of people, domestic animals, wild animals and the environment are all closely linked in multiple ways. A change in any of them, or in the relationships between them, can result in the emergence of disease. Janeen will talk about several diseases in wild animals – most of them Australian – that illustrate the different ways this can happen.

Janeen has studied diseases of kangaroos and wallabies as well as investigating deaths of Eastern Barred Bandicoots around Hamilton in the early 1990's. She worked for many years at the government Veterinary Laboratory in Ballarat Rd and has always been interested in disease of wildlife, both captive and wild-living.

Janeen is also an accomplished writer of short stories and poetry having been published in several anthologies.

Excursion

On **Saturday 18 July** the club will be running an excursion to Baileys Rocks in the Dergholm State Park. The convoy will leave the Visitors Centre in Lonsdale St at 9.00 a.m.

Visitors are welcome at both events. Enquiries to 55 76 5485.

Cheers

Rod Bird