

## 2018-08-HFNC-activities-events

### Hello HFNC members & friends

Since Diane and I will not be here for the next meeting and excursion this is an early update on **HFNC happenings in August 2018**.

**Tree-planting 9.30 am Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August** – we will be planting local sources of Drooping Sheoak and Silver Banksia at our Kanawalla Rail Flora Reserve.

Preparation has been done (weed control, crow-barring most of the impacted areas at the old loading site, assembling plastic and wire guards and stakes to fend off the Black Wallabies) so all we need to do is to plant the seedlings and erect the guards.

We will start at 9.30 am at the Forts Rd end of the reserve on Hensley Park Rd. Park your vehicles in the area opposite our gate. We will be working near that gate.

We will only be planting about 100 seedlings at this time so it will not take long. However, we will still be there at 11 am if anyone can spare some time late in the morning to call in. We will also be planting later in spring, when we will have more plants of a suitable size.

We will have several tasks, one of which will surely suit every person.

- Using a tree-planter to make the planting hole
- Planting the tube stock
- Erecting the plastic guards
- Shaping the flat wire guards to form a cylinder
- Erecting the wire guards around the plastic guards
- Some light crow-barring of a few planting spots
- Applying a small amount of water to the seedling (not essential but it makes people happy!)

**Next Excursion Harmans Valley Volcanics Sunday 19 August** – some may decide to go direct to the site (see directions below) but most of us will leave the Hamilton Visitor Centre at 9 am and travel on the Pt Fairy Rd, stopping for the view at the Harmans Valley Lookout before turning onto the next road to the right about 400 m to the south. That road leads to the Old Crusher Rd and some of the Harman's Valley Tumuli.

Our next stop will be about 400 m down the dirt Kinghorns Rd to the right (but no signpost), opposite the road to the church (signposted). Parking is available at the terminus, either on the lane or through the gate. Damian & Sophie Magner (our hosts) will meet you there and will guide you through a part of their 'stones' property. The first part will be easy walking – a visit to several magnificent tumuli on the valley flat that few have seen. Those with greater fitness/agility can visit the rugged lava canal and ramparts further along the valley. Depending on time and the weather, a visit to the Tumuli on the road reserve off Old Crusher Rd may then follow.

**BirdLife Hamilton meeting 2 pm at HIRL on Saturday 25 August** – Speaker is **Inka Veltheim**, PhD candidate – **Movements and habitat use of brologas in south west Victoria**. HFNC members are invited. Contact Sam Greiner on 0428 395 773 if you need any further information.

**Excursion report for June (Elmore's Cone, lava canal and bridge at Mt Napier SP)** – see attachment

**Excursion report for July (Walkers Swamp)** – see attachment.

Cheers

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