

2019-02-HFNC-activities-events

Hello Friends & members of HFNC

This note is to remind you that the Hamilton Field Naturalists Club is holding its first meeting for the year this Thursday (21 Feb 2019) at HIRL (7.30 pm) and that our first excursion will be on Sunday 24 Feb, to Lake Linlithgow and Krauses Swamp.

The Thursday evening meeting is a Club business meeting and the main business will be to finalise our annual program of speakers, excursions and other activities. I will distribute our program of events after this meeting.

The Sunday excursion to Lake Linlithgow will include a survey of numbers of individual species of waterbirds at the lake. This is an annual event. This year, despite the relatively dry 2018, there is plenty of water in the lake and many species of duck (including the 3 protected species - Freckled Duck, Australasian Shoveler & Blue-billed Duck) and other waterbirds/waders present. Other wetlands in the district are mostly dry, or will be in a few weeks. We meet at 'The Point' (off Chatsworth Rd) at 8 am and will drive around the lake, finishing before lunch.

Our first speaker for the year (Thursday 21 March) will be Dr Greg Kerr (Nature Glenelg Trust) and his topic will be "*Behavioural ecology of the Sleepy Lizard – monogamy has its advantages*".

This year we will be holding other Speaker nights on Fridays with the hope that this might better suit some of our potential audience and be more attractive to speakers who live at some distance from Hamilton, who may then find it easier to manage their travel and work commitments and who may also be interested in attending our weekend excursion.

All of our events/activities are open to the public and everyone is welcome to attend.

Regards

Rod Bird

Secretary

Hamilton Field Naturalists Club