

Hamilton Field Naturalists Club activities & events in September 2019

Hello Friends & Members of HFNC

Spring is here and we have a very full program of presentations/excursions/working bees to attend.

Working Bee Sunday 15 September at Fulham Streamside Reserve – this is our first effort this year to control Cape Tulip, Sparaxis and Wild Gladiolus on the heathland. We will meet at the first bend on the Glenelg River (just north of the Old Bridge track) at 10 am. The work is easy - we walk through the heath and wipe Cape Tulip plants with herbicide carried in a small container and applied with a long-handled ‘tongs’. Bring rubber gloves. We need to cover about 30 ha on this western block. If the day is wet (more than 5 mm of rain expected) the visit will be postponed.

Special Meeting Friday 20 September at HIRL (7.30 pm) – Max Campbell ‘Videography of microscopic organisms’.

Max is the current President (5 years) of the Field Naturalists Club of Victoria and has been a biologist, educator and active naturalist for over 50 years. He is an experienced Macro photographer and Microscopist with a special interest in video microscopy and is very committed to the conservation of biodiversity and ecosystems, specialising in Invertebrates.

Max will discuss aspects of biodiversity as they pertain to invertebrates which comprise “the other 99%” of biodiversity. Max contends that there is an over-emphasis on vertebrates which, as a whole, comprise a minute fraction of all animal life.

The presentation will be supported by Max’s extensive macro and micro videography of cryptozoic organisms, particularly the ‘protozoans’. You may see aspects of the cryptozoic world that you never knew existed.

Excursion on Saturday 21 September – Drajurk State Forest woodlands flora – we leave the Hamilton Visitor Centre at 9 am. This area west of Casterton is known for its wildflowers.

Working Bee Sunday 22 September at Fulham Streamside Reserve – this is a follow-up effort to remove Cape Tulip from the western block. It would be very helpful if we could have a good attendance. You will also see a great display of wildflowers. As before, the visit will be cancelled if more than 5 mm of rain is expected on the day.

Walkers Swamp Open Day Sunday 29 September with Nature Glenelg Trust

Message from NGT: *‘We would love to see you and your guests at our Community Celebration Day. The billy will be on for a cuppa at 10.30am, and we’ll have a range of activities for all ages, and a yummy BBQ lunch, before finishing at 3.30pm. You can chat with NGT staff, look at the changes since last year, and enjoy the wetlands and bush. To reserve your place, please follow the link to [Eventbrite](#). Hope to see you there!’*

Report of Excursion on Saturday 20 July to Wannon Falls Scenic Reserve – see attachment

Report of Excursion on Sunday 18 August to Lake Fyans & Devil’s Garden – see attachment

Rod Bird

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