

Hamilton Field Naturalists Club activities & events in October 2019

Hello Friends & Members of HFNC

This is an early notice to remind you that we have a working bee a week before our monthly meeting and to remind you that Roger Edwards from Cavendish will be showing us the wildflowers of the Woohlpooer area on Sunday 20th October.

Working Bee Sunday 13 October at Nigretta Flora Reserve – this is part of our annual effort to control African Weed Orchids on this significant flora reserve. We began in 2009, so this is our 11th year of removing AWO and patches of Phalaris, Galium (Clingers), Fumaria and Wild Gladiolus from the reserve. We leave from the Visitor Centre at 9 am and will probably have to access the reserve from the north side, since the water level in the river may be too high to cross from the Scenic Reserve. We will be wiping the pests plants with herbicide, using long-handle ‘tongs’, so the task will not be strenuous or difficult. All the gear you need bring is rubber gloves and boots. Please try and attend so that we can treat these plants before they flower and set seed. If more than 2 or 3 mm of rain is forecast the trip will be postponed.

General meeting of HFNC on Thursday 17 October – 7.30 pm at HIRL

Excursion on Saturday 20 October to Woohlpooer – we are fortunate to have Roger Edwards (former Forestry Officer from Cavendish, wildlife artist and observer of orchids in the Grampians area), to lead an excursion in the Woohlpooer area. We leave the Hamilton Visitor Centre at 9 am but we will also stop at Cavendish (leaving there at 9.30 am) to collect those who prefer to meet there. All welcome.

Working Bee Saturday 26 October at Nigretta Flora Reserve – this is a follow-up effort to remove AWO from the reserve. You will also see a great display of wildflowers. We will leave at 9 am from the Visitor Centre. The visit will be cancelled if more than 3 mm of rain is expected on the day.

Report of Excursion on Saturday 21 Sept. to Drajurk State Forest– see attachment

Yatmerone 10th year Anniversary: Seminar and Field Walk on Saturday 12 October – this event celebrates 10 years since the restoration of this wildlife reserve began. The event will begin at 9.30 am at Penshurst Hall and conclude at 2.30 pm, with speakers Birgita Hansen (Snipe project), Rod Bird (district wetlands) and Lachlan Farrington (wetland restoration). An rsvp is needed (contact brennos3@bigpond.com) – a quick response at this late stage might get you entry.

Rod Bird

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