

Hello Members of HFNC

HFNC's October 2020 Newsletter for Activities in October:

With the slight relaxation of the Covid-19 'rules' we are able to resume some activities. We were able to run our September excursion to the Dundas Range, with a good number of members and friends attending in very mild and pleasant weather. We concentrated on Mt Dundas and the southern portion of the range, south of Dundas Gap Rd, with some people walking the ridge line to the area burned earlier in the year. We added about 20 flora species to Cliff Beaglehole's 1960-75 list for the Dundas Range. A report will be forthcoming later.

Upcoming events:

Fulham environmental weed control – the scheduled day on Saturday 26 Sep was cancelled due to rain. Three members have worked on the area this week and we hope to have some help from members this coming **Saturday 3 October**. We will leave the Visitor Centre at 9 am. The event will not proceed if 2 mm or more rain is forecast for the Horsham region. Orchids and other flowers are blooming now at the Fulham Streamside Reserve.

Club Meeting – we hope to be able to hold a business meeting on **Thursday 15 October**, 7.30 pm. That will depend on whether we can hold the meeting at HIRL. We will let you know if that can be done. Failing that, we will hold a meeting with a quorum of office-bearers to deal with business that has arisen since our last meeting in April.

Nigretta Flora Reserve control of African Weed Orchid – this activity is scheduled for **Saturday 17 October** and **Saturday 31 October** – as usual, this will not go ahead if 2 mm or more rain is expected. We will meet at the Visitor Centre at 9 am. We will be wiping the AWO with herbicide and enjoying the display of wildflowers on this reserve..

Excursion to Dorodong/Roseneath State Forest – **Sunday 18 October** – we leave the Visitor Centre at 9.0 am. This area will be 'new' to most of our members and there should be a good display of wildflowers.

With all of our outdoor activities we expect that the current rule of 10 people in a group will be the case – if more turn up we will form 2 groups. Face masks should be taken.

Cheers

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