

Hi everyone

There are a number of notices for March 2021:

Membership Subscriptions – these are due in January-March (these remain at \$25 for a family or \$20 for a single). The attachment provides details of payment options. Please remember that Landcare Victoria Inc, with whom we are affiliated as a Group Member, requires details of our paid-up membership early in the year in order to provide insurance cover.

Special Presentation by Steve & Debra Martinich – Thursday 18 March, 7.30 pm at HIRL ('Travels in Chile').

Debra & Steve will be showing images and talking about their travels through Chile and we will be treated to a great evening.

As usual, the presentation will occupy almost all of the evening, which will conclude around 9.30 pm with supper.

Excursion report for the Lake Linlithgow Area Wetlands survey in February 2021 – see attachment.

A small group enjoyed a pleasant morning at Lake Linlithgow and Krause Swamp on Sunday 21 February. A highlight was the presence of a flock of Red-necked Avocets and flight of about 1200 Straw-necked Ibis over the lake. The HFNC visit has been a fixture for at least 50 years and we have a record of waterbird species (and numbers for each species) since 1985.

Next Excursion - Gariwerd Peaks Trail near Mt Abrupt – we leave the Hamilton Visitor Centre at 9.30 am, stopping briefly at the Dunkeld Visitor Centre at 10 am.

Those doing this walk will decide how far (and high) they wish to go. Some may stay around into the afternoon so consider taking lunch and water. Visitors are always welcome to join us.

Rod Bird
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