

Hi everyone

This is the **HFNC Newsletter for October 2021**.

You will all know that we still have difficulties with excursions, work activities and meetings. However, we do hope to conduct all of the activities on our program for October. We hope to see you at some of these events.

**Work activity at Fulham Sunday 10 October** – we will continue our herbicide-wiping of Cape Tulip, Sparaxis and other weeds on the block west of the entry track. We will leave from the Hamilton Visitor Centre at 9 am. We will park at the first bend in the river at Fulham. All you need bring for the task is rubber gloves, hat, face mask and lunch. We will not go if 2 or more mm of rain is forecast for the morning at the Kanagulk weather station. If in doubt, ring me on 0487 830 737.

**Work activity at Nigretta Flora Reserve Saturday 16 October** – we will continue our attack on African Weed Orchids and other weeds on this important reserve. There should also be lots of wildflowers in bloom there. As usual, since the water level in the Wannon will be too high to cross over from Nigretta Falls, we will seek permission to access the reserve through private property. We will leave the Hamilton Visitor Centre at 9.30 am. Again, if 2 mm or more rain is forecast for Hamilton for the morning we will not go. If in doubt, meet me at the Visitor Centre or ring 0487 830 737.

**General Meeting for Thursday 21 October, 7.30 pm at HIRL** – we believe that we can hold this meeting but it will presumably still be subject to past Covid restrictions (e.g. max. of 10 people). If for any reason we cannot hold the meeting we will let you know nearer the date.

**Excursion on Sunday 24 October – Northern Rocklands scenic drive and orchid foray.** We leave Hamilton Visitor Centre at 9.30 am sharp and will stop briefly at Cavendish to meet others.

**Work activity at Nigretta Flora Reserve Saturday 30 October** – we will continue our efforts to control AWO. Same meeting place as before but we will leave there at 9 am.

Attached is a report of the September excursion on Harrops Tk in the Gariwerd NP. This a draft and we hope to receive corrections to the flora list/additions to bird list before installing it on our website.

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