

Hi everyone

This is the **HFNC Newsletter for February 2022.**

Welcome to the first of our activities for 2022.

General Meeting for Thursday 17 February, 7.30 pm at HIRL – among other business we will finalise our program of events for 2022. A DRAFT program is attached, to give you notice of what we hope to do (Covid willing) but there may be some changes – the final program will be circulated later.

Excursion on Sunday 20 Feb – Lake Linlithgow/Jenawarra lakes and swamps birdwatching. We meet at ‘The Point’ (entrance to Jenawarra off the Chatsworth Rd) at **8 am**. This is a regular event in February each year since 1985 (with other records back to 1963) in which we record bird species and numbers on some of the wetlands. We stop for a cuppa at Boonawah Ck and aim to finish by 12.30 pm but those with less time to spare can leave at any point.

Forthcoming events include our Special Meeting on **17 March** by Russell Robinson speaking on ‘Scuba diving & underwater photography’. We also have arranged camping sites on the Lower Glenelg River for our canoe and walking weekend of **18-21 March**. There are still a few spaces available for those who might like to attend – contact Diane (55723874) for further information.

Membership subscription – the fees remain at \$20 for single and \$25 for family membership. The subscriptions are due now and we need that to be substantially completed before May when we have to supply a list of members to Landcare Victoria Inc that provides our incorporation and insurance cover. For those who need the form, it is attached.

We look forward to seeing you at any of our meetings, excursions and other environmental activities. A reminder that our HFNC website contains a vast record of local environmental activities and information on geology, flora and fauna:

www.hamilton-field-naturalists-club-victoria.org.au

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