

## FRIENDS OF CHILTERN - MT PILOT NATIONAL PARK inc MEETING DATES FOR YEAR 2014

This programme may be altered to cater for changed conditions, weather or special events. Alterations will be noted in the newsletter and on the website: <http://friendsofchiltern.org.au> *Departure time from P.O. will be 5 minutes after the meeting time.*

*This year we will select appropriate activities from the list below and they will be advised in the newsletter.*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Meeting place</u>
Mar SAT 1st	Chiltern Post Office 9.00 am

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April SUN 6th	Chiltern Post Office 9.00 am
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May SAT 3rd	Chiltern Post Office 9.00 am
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REGENT HONEYEATER AND SWIFT PARROT SURVEY MAY Dates later Contact : Phillip 0260215313 EILEEN 0357 261484 for details

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June SUN 1st	Chiltern Post Office 9.00 am
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July SAT 5th	Chiltern Post Office 9.00 am
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August SUN 3rd	Chiltern Post Office 9.00 am
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National Regent H/e and Swift Parrot Survey August dates later for Chiltern and Killawarra. Those interested please contact Phillip Seely 0260 215313 or Eileen Collins 03 57 261 484

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**September 1 Wattle Day. There are 15 species of wattle native to the park.**

September SAT 6th	Chiltern Post Office <b>1.00 pm</b>	Dinner and guest speaker 6pm at the Senior Citizens Rooms Conness Street
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October SUN 5th	Chiltern Post Office 9.00 am
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November SAT 1st	Chiltern Post office 9.00 am
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December SUN 7th	Chiltern Post Office OR the venue advised in newsletter <b>4.00 pm</b>	Christmas Tea meeting
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***NOTE: Mornings are devoted to the planned activity and after lunch we walk in the park for pleasure looking for, and recording, whatever the seasons bring, birds, flowers, fungi insects etc. If you are interested in knowing what abounds in the park these afternoons provide you with the opportunity to learn.***

***Research Station Bushland Reserve: This year we will be focussing on this important woodland block as we have a grant of \$10,000 for the restoration of the mining artefacts, cleaning up rubbish, tree planting, weed spraying and intreprative signage. Some of the rubbish removal work will be contracted out as will the spraying.***

Our usual monitoring of the nest boxes and extention of the flora and fauna lists will continue. Workdays will be arranged to take place between meetings and on meeting days and will be advertised in the newsletter. If you would like to be involved mid-month please let me know so that you can be contacted at the appropriate time.

Email: [nulgerong@westnet.com.au](mailto:nulgerong@westnet.com.au)

Enquiries to the activity organiser or 03 57 261 484

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*OTHER ACTIVITIES will be selected from the list below at the appropriate time.*

Ongoing nest box checking. We have 130 boxes to inspect during the year.

Maintenance work at Tuan campsite enclosures.

Maintenance of the new walking track at Chiltern Valley No 2 Dam.

Maintenance around No 2 Dam and hide picnic area. May include some planting.

Removal of weeds as sites are identified. eg Cootamundra Wattles/Inkweed/Genista and English Broom on Lancashire Gap Road.

Bird counts at the three wetlands. Results are entered on the Victorian Database.

Regent Honeyeater searching and monitoring as required.

Olives : checking sites and removal.

Bartley's Block weeds

**\*\*\**Mobile phone numbers for contact in the park on Friends days only : 0407 486 480 0412 399 239***