Hamilton Park Cooperative

Annual General Meeting

19 October 2013

**Parks – Grasslands/Mowing Report**

Since the last AGM, we have held four **Working Bees**. The Working Bees varied between 15 and 25 residents volunteering their time with many jobs being completed and maintenance work continued. Jobs accomplished during the Working Bees include thinning of exotic and Wattyl saplings; weeding, mowing, and whipper snipping around the park; erosion control of drains, commencement of Henley Road walking track, etc. Many jobs also happen outside the Working Bees. Residents are volunteering their time to do these jobs, particularly mowing. Thank you to all those people, particularly Ken Rasmussen who has done some great work around the park this year. We will continue to alternate between Saturday and Sunday mornings to give everyone a chance to get to a working bee. New Working Bee signs are now put out before each Working Bee, and along with promotion in newsletters and our new website, will remind residents of upcoming events.

The **Pruning Pile** has now been moved to the dirt pile area, west of the bottom dam. The plan is to block off access to the pile with a chain and bollards. The pruning pile is primarily for the maintenance of the common land, however, general resident access will be allowed on days as decided by the Board. The old pruning pile area will be regenerated.

A lot of work has gone into the Hamilton Park **Integrated Fire Management Plan** over the past 12 months. This has included the Board doing several onsite visits resulting in modifications to parts of the plan. The current IFMP has now been placed on our Hamilton Park website for residents to read and discuss. Many thanks to Glen Schofield, Ian Lilley and Bob Shaw for their many, many hours of work on this project.

A new tractor (Kioti CS2610) is currently being purchased due to the deteriorating condition of the old tractor and frequent problems with the ride-on-mower. The new tractor comes with mid-mount mower (60inch), front end loader and bucket, and a spray unit. This compact tractor will take the place of both our current tractor and ride-on-mower. Guidelines will be drawn up for the use of the tractor.

Thank you again to all the Working Bee volunteers, but particularly to those who assist outside of Working Bees with mowing and other maintenance jobs around the park.

Gary Lorenz

Parks & Gardens Manager