



Garden Club-Tina



Working Bee -The club will be continuing work in the gardens at the arboretum on the 21st September.

Morning Tea-All welcome at Tina's on Monday the 23rd for morning tea and a chat .

Tarra Trampers in the Warbys

Dianne and Graeme Peacock recently hosted a group of bush walkers from Yarram in Gippsland. They enjoyed bush walking and the hospitality of this beautiful area. A favourite walk was Mount Glenrowan with it's spectacular views.



Hamilton Park Cat Trap

for Hire to Hamilton Park Residents.

Ring-0408 475 235 Secretary-Bob

Pruning Pile



Thanks to residents who have done the right thing and only placed 'green waste' on our pruning pile. This facility is available until the **29th of September**.

Bob Shaw-Parklands

Fire Season Preparedness



The fire season will be with us before we know it. Now is the time to start preparing your property. There is lots of information available on the CFA website and on social media so check it out. Make sure you have the Vic Emergency app on your smart phone or tablet.

<https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare>

Burn only if fire restrictions are not in place then-

- Contact the Rural City of Wangaratta to obtain a permit to burn off.
- Notify neighbours at least two hours before starting the burn
- Notify the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority (ESTA) on 1800 668 511
- Check the weather forecast for the day of the burn and a few days afterwards
- Check the fuel moisture conditions
- Establish a fire break of no less than three metres cleared of all flammable material

Make sure there are enough people to monitor, contain and extinguish the burn safely and effectively.

We'd love your contributions /ideas-email
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Hamilton Park Co-Op Ltd

Newsletter

Keeping You Updated About Your Community

September 2019



A Great Place To Live

- **Thursday Luncheon. Thursday 19th September, King River Cafe Oxley. (Graeme-57139038).**
- **Working Bee. Saturday 21st September 2019, 8.30am. (Bob-0408475235)**
- **Garden Club. Monday 23rd September 2019, 10.am. (Tina-0419880761)**
- **AGM. Saturday 26th October 2019 10am Bob Bracken Shed. (Trish-0412334019).**



Welcome New Residents: Paul, Trevor, Linda, Robert, Emily and families. *We hope you enjoy being part of the Hamilton Park Community.*

Coming To Hamilton Park After spending the past 29 years at Yarram in South Gippsland—Graeme ,15 years as a Postal Manager and then 14 years operating a B&B and Dianne with various positions, the last 16 years as a librarian we decided that we needed a change. At the suggestion of our daughter who lived in Wangaratta we decided that this area would provide us with more family contact. Dianne's mum living in Wangaratta as well and Graeme having relatives close by, was an added incentive to make the big move. We are both keen bush walkers and we realised that this area provided us with some beautiful walks. We purchased 279 Warby Range Road and moved here in October 2018. The Peacocks are enjoying the challenges in the gardens and being part of such a great friendly community.



**HAMILTON PARK
 COMMUNITY WORKING BEE**

ON

**Saturday 21st September, 2019
 8.30 am to 11.30am**

**to "Make Our Parklands Safe this Spring for the
 Summer ahead".**

Please meet at the Bob Bracken shed – end of Kurrajong Lane - at 8.30am – and you will be given a specific job to do to help your own community.

Bring with you some of the following – mowers, whipper snippers, bush working tools (spades, axes, rakes, mattocks, forks) plus trailers (to move vegetation down to the pruning pile.)

Fuel will be supplied to those who will be using their own equipment.

We will be working from 8.30 am till around 11.30am and then a cuppa/drinks/BBQ lunch are provided at the BBQ area . **(Bob-0408475235)**



What to Grow in Hamilton Park.

The Warby Range Grevillea was given to us as a gift before we left Gippsland.

Botanical name:Grevillea alpina Warby Ranges

Description: Medium native shrub with grey soft foliage and red and yellow spider flowers during the warmer months. Honeyeaters love it too, darting in and out amongst the nectar-filled flowers. Great for path edging, wide garden beds, large containers in courtyards, and for a dramatic landscape focus, try mass planting.

Dianne Peacock



f Jan Osmotherly-Hamilton Park "A Great Place To Live!"

We are very fortunate to have so many Grasstrees (Xanthorrhoea) flowering in the Park right now. In 22 years have never seen so many throwing up their amazing flower spikes in one year. This amazing plant is a threatened & protected species. It grows just a meter every 100 years yet it's flower spike can grow 17cms a week!! Enjoy watching them grow but please don't break off the flower spike! The plant can get infected & die.

Our Board Members

Trish Sait	Chair / Website and Marketing.	0412334019	marketing@hamiltonpark.org.au
Bob Shaw	Secretary	0408475235	secretary@hamiltonpark.org.au
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Craig Martin	Parklands & Grasslands		parklands@hamiltonpark.org.au
Sheree McKenzie	Treasurer		

Water Storages - Ian Distribution - Peter

Since the last newsletter much work has been carried out to ensure that the storages are all full and the equipment is working. This work started in June at the 15 Mile creek site with re-location of the diesel engine and pump to make accessibility easier for ongoing maintenance , as part of this work the inlet pipe and foot valve was also replaced as they were in a poor state after many years of service. A lingering problem from previous years with battery charging was also overcome. This was followed by the installation of a larger diesel storage tank to reduce the manpower required to run the site over the pumping period. After some initial teething problems, the pump was started in early July, and we have been pumping since then. Our storages are currently filling, and our licence allows us to pump until the end of October so we expect to make it through the summer without running out of water if we continue with our Stage 2 restrictions.

There are some however some situations that are out of our control, the first will be evaporation and the second is that having storages that are both accessible and plentiful the CFA may take water for firefighting if required, we all hope that we don't find ourselves in this position.

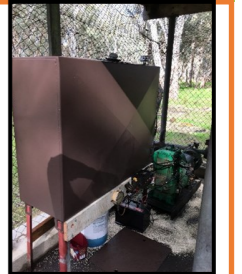
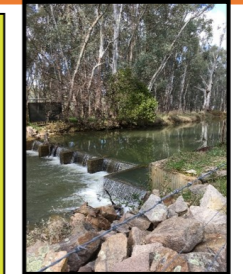
All this work and the running of our water system is reliant on time generously given by volunteers so please remember if there are problems over summer they may not be fixed immediately but will be attended to as quickly as possible.

All properties with water meters in both Hamilton Park and Grants Estate will to be read this month. One of our volunteers will need to access the meter (mostly at the rear of your property) so make sure the space around it easily accessible. For new residents information, the meters are read twice a year (April and September) the September invoice will include the annual maintenance fee.

Your water invoice will be dropped off in your letter-box in late September or early October . Included with your invoice will be a fridge magnet showing the phone number **0490 809 341** to report any water leaks or supply issues. Please aim to call this number rather than water manager's private number.

Hamilton Park Water

 Report leaks & supply issues
0490 809 341
 waterdistribution@hamiltonpark.org.au



Rural City of Wangaratta Citizenship Awards Are Now Open!

The **Rural City of Wangaratta** Australia Day **Awards** recognise the achievements and contributions of individuals and community organisations or groups in our municipality. Hamilton Park Community have an opportunity to publicly acknowledge a local hero, whose dedication and contributions make our community great. Who inspires you? The Board is seeking nominations from residents by the **1st November** . If you would like to publicly acknowledge a Hamilton Park Resident whose contributions **make our community great** -post, email or drop your nomination in to:

POST: Sheree McKenzie & Doreen Wheeler P.O Box 647 Wangaratta 3677

EMAIL: Doreen & Sheree at conveyancing@hamiltonpark.org.au

DROP IN (sealed envelope): Sheree & Doreen-24 Kingfisher Lane OR 271 Warby Range Road Glenrowan .

Chairperson/Marketing and Communication - Trish

The board is welcoming new members to help with managing the Park. If you are interested please let us know by completing a Nomination form, found on the website. We would love to have new members and an extra set of helping hands to get the necessary work of the Park done.

With the warmer weather coming into spring and fire season starting soon we need extra help with our working bees to make sure we are on top of fire hazard reduction. If you could spare some time either on the day or during the next few months, please contact Bob on 0408 475 235.

We are always keen on getting input and suggestions from residents. With over 120 residences in the Park, there is so much expertise and experience that we would like to tap into. Please reach out and let us know what you would like for the Park. Nominate as a candidate for election-**The Annual General Meeting to be held at Hamilton Park commencing at 10.00am on Saturday 26th October.** Forms can be found at <http://hamiltonpark.org.au/agm/what-it-takes-to-be-a-board-member/>

Parklands/Secretary - Bob

I was very encouraging that 17 volunteers attended on the day of the working bee or completed jobs before the event. Thank you to all these residents for attending and helping to improve the Common Lands which are owned by all the resident shareholders.

The Garden Club was in attendance and those nine willing workers weeded and improved the garden in the middle of Henley Drive as well as weeded and planted the area at the entrance to the arboretum. Mowing occurred using hand mowers, a tractor and ride on to improve the area along Henley Drive, to cut the grass around the BBQ shed and to tidy up near the entrance to the pruning pile. Rubbish was collected and deposited at the pruning pile, the prunings inside the pruning pile were pushed together to create more room for pruning's to be deposited during the last month of operation of the pruning pile in September. Mowing occurred to widen the walking tracks in the northern area of the Common Lands and whipper snipping occurred in the area north of Henley drive. The BBQ shed was cleaned up after the winter recess as this area had tended to still flood on very rainy days.

After a few hours of labour a BBQ lunch was enjoyed by most of those in attendance. Thanks to the Garden Club and the Welcome Committee for all their efforts to make the morning very rewarding in relation to the work completed as well as quite an enjoyable social get together.

The next working bee will occur on **Saturday September 21st** starting at the Bob Bracken Shed. The work to be completed will include placing mulch on the Arboretum Garden, the installation of a new bridge for the student pathway along Henley Drive as well as plenty of mowing and tidying up to reduce the threat of summer fires in our area.