

Hamilton Park Co- Op Ltd

Newsletter

Keeping You Updated About Your Community

November 2019



Save
the
Date

Working Bee: Saturday 23rd November 8.30am.

Garden Club: Monday 25th November: meeting at Tina Norton's home at 11am then carpooling to Green N Grow nursery in Benalla for our annual Christmas Lunch. Please feel free to join us
Christmas Party: Sunday December 8th 2019.

Australia Day: Sunday 26th January 2020 -Breakfast supplied.



HAMILTON PARK COMMUNITY WORKING BEE ON

Saturday 23rd November 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 – 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 end of Kurrajong Lane - at 8.30am – and you will be given a specific job to do to help .
Phone:Bob-0408475235)

HAMILTON PARK CHRISTMAS PARTY SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER



Where: Community Area end of Kurrajong Lane

Time: From 6.00pm onwards

Bring: Own food/drinks/mosquito repellent

The BBQ will be set up and depending on Fire Restrictions the Pizza Oven will be lit. The Social Committee is organising the Christmas Hamper so please bring your money for raffle tickets. Donations towards the hamper will be gratefully accepted!!
Deliver to Tina Norton's home 204 Orchard Dve prior to 7th December.

HAMILTON PARK AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

SUNDAY 26TH JANUARY 2020—8.30AM



Tuck into a delicious breakfast, juice, tea and coffee followed by a presentation and Advance Australia Fair. Join us in this beautiful bush setting. Dress in your favourite Aussie gear.



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We extend our appreciation to **Aggenbach Floors**, who have proudly supported our newsletter. Mention you live at Hamilton Park to receive 15% off RRP-on all rugs!

Aggenbach Floors, 16-20 Tone Rd Wangaratta.



Working Bee of Saturday 21st September

Thankyou to all the residents and their friends in attendance for their support with the working bee.

The working bee was supposed to start at 8.30am but the lightning, thunder and cloudburst at 8.27am did not help very much. Despite the poor start there were still 24 volunteers involved and another 3 people who promised to work either before or after the event due to other commitments.

The following work was completed by 11.30am –Marker posts inserted for all fire hydrants, The arboretum garden was weeded and mulched, a walking track was cleared and widened, a few areas within the common lands were mowed, a fire break was created between a property and the adjacent common lands and the Hamilton Park entrance was mowed a few days before the event.

The following work will be done at a later date as it was too dangerous or ineffective to do the following on the day – Whipper Snipping: A tree along Henley Drive, around the pruning pile and mowing the main banks of the bottom dam and the pump shed

Thanks to those that also organised the BBQ after the working bee as “a good time was had by all” after the work was done.

The next major working bee will occur on Saturday November 23rd at 8.30am.

Bob Shaw (Secretary)



Burning the Pruning Pile

On Wednesday October 9th the weather was fine enabling the pile to be burnt. Still conditions prevailed, avoiding too much smoke hazard for the residents. Many thanks for the CFA for their assistance, Maurice with his tractor and Ian who brought the trailer down. Thanks also to Graeme B, Peter Janas and Doug

McKimmie who kept a vigil on the fire.



Excerpts from AGM 2019 :



This year we have been very busy with lots of maintenance and improvement needed throughout the park. Ongoing maintenance of the park is increasing our costs as we need to work on ageing infrastructure and equipment. This is an ongoing and time consuming issue.

We celebrated Australia Day in January with Tina Norton receiving the Local Achiever Award. 2020 marks the 50th anniversary of the park and we are planning to collate and publish photos and anecdotes of Hamilton Park in a publication; contact Doreen for contributions. The Social Club is planning a celebration; please contact Tina Norton for any more information.

Sports Hub was another major achievement this year and there were major works on the 15 mile creek shed which has reduced costs .

Did You Know

North East Water has a standpipe at Warby Springs (on the Wang-Glenrowan Rd at the big water tanks). This is where bulk treated water can be obtained by property owners not connected to the town water supply.

[How to apply for access to standpipes](#)

Prepaid key

A prepaid key is designed for customers who take smaller volumes of water from one or more nominated standpipes. A customer can purchase a key for \$50 which includes \$15 of water pre-loaded onto it. Water can then be taken until the limit on the key is reached. Keys are recharged online at or via phone (phone admin fee applies). Pre-paid keys can be collected from our Wodonga head office or we can arrange delivery.

Connecting to the standpipe

The standpipes allow ground level filling only as they do not have an overhead outlet. Each standpipe is fitted with a Victorian CFA thread male outlet and the customer must connect to the standpipe using a hose with a female CFA fitting.

<https://newater.com.au/standpipes#1384254-how-to-apply-for-access-to-standpipes>

Hamilton Park water restrictions are currently level 2—water by hand at anytime—no lawns.

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Parklands and Grasslands Report – Bob Shaw

General cleaning up occurred with our spring working bees and as a result much mowing, removal of dead vegetation and general maintenance occurred. It is pleasing to note that many volunteers who cannot turn up on the day actually volunteer at times more suitable to them.

The mowing roster is working very well with 17 volunteers either trained or very experienced who have been allocated part of the park for them to mow. This system has worked extremely well and the parklands continue to look very tidy and looked after.

Two areas that we will be looking at in the near future are –

- 1 Another survey of residents to find their needs and what they can offer for skills and how they can volunteer to assist this community and
- 2 We need to re-visit our Land Management Plan which is now five years old and needs an update and general review.

Secretary Report – Bob Shaw

We are attempting to follow on from the past secretary Caroline Robertson by ensuring that all relevant information is stored on Google Drive and backed up for future generations to be able to find and peruse.



At our **November Board Meeting** the following residents volunteered to continue to improve and maintain our unique community in the following portfolios :

Chairperson: Ian O'Brien (waterstorages@hamiltonpark.org.au)

Secretary: Bob Shaw (secretary@hamiltonpark.org.au)

Treasurer: Sheree McKenzie (treasurer@hamiltonpark.org.au)

Water Distribution: Peter Ockerdon (waterdistribution@hamiltonpark.org.au)

Maintenance : Euan White (maintenance@hamiltonpark.org.au)

Newsletter: Dianne Peacock (unionconnect@harboursat.com.au)

Welcome Committee: Doreen Wheeler (conveyancing@hamiltonpark.org.au)

We also welcome Charles Du Bourg to the board. We would like to thank all volunteers and appreciate the range of talent, expertise and willingness that residents have to offer in making Hamilton Park "a great place to live".

We look forward to working together in 2020. Ian

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to Francesco and Shannyn Vescio , Julia and Aiden Michael and families.



Sadly we say goodbye to long term residents—Robyn and Warren Coles—we wish them well in their new home



We extend our appreciation to the many people who help make Hamilton Park such a great place to live. So many people contribute their time and effort in many ways, gardening, mowing, general upkeep, Board Members, the people who arrange social activities and the people who ensure that new residents are made to feel welcome.



We enjoy compiling the newsletter and would love any contributions from Hamilton Park residents. It would be great to have some input from the younger residents.

Doreen and Dianne (editor).

Out and about in
Hamilton Park

Spoonbills on the bottom
dam



Baby Turquoise Parrot
Born at Peter and Carol's



Male Turquoise Parrot



**Thank You Margaret
Butt for the beautiful
photos**



The Arnotts

Keith and I decided that we would like to settle in the Wangaratta area. We inspected a house for sale at Hamilton Park and then toured around the area and noticed 17 Henley Drive for private sale. After looking at the house we thought it would be a good idea to enquire about the area. A long serving Police Officer friend advised us that he had never been called out to Hamilton Park and he recommended the area. We have been here for two and a half years and love the life style—the walking paths, the dams, the bird life, the Warby's and friendly people.



Monthly Luncheon

Monthly luncheons are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at various venues. This is a great social get together and enables residents to mingle with one another over a meal in some of the lovely venues that the area provides. Thank you to Graeme Peacock and Bruce and Wil Meagher, who have organised our last two lunches. Pictured above residents dining at Milawa Hotel. Further information: Tina Norton 0419880761



Happy 95th Birthday Joan. The Garden Club enjoyed a scrumptious morning tea at the home of Lou, Joan's daughter to celebrate Joan's special Birthday. Joan is a long time member of the garden club.



What to Grow at Hamilton Park

Tina Norton has successfully grown this beautiful Gynea Lily. This is a flowering plant in the Doryanthaceae family.

It has sword-like leaves more than 1 metre long and it grows a flower spike up to 6 metres high.



DATE LOAF

A Gem from 15 Yrs Ago, , HP Newsletter

1 cup boiling water ,1 tspn bi-carb soda ,1 cup (180g) chopped dates,

40g butter softened ,1 egg beaten ,1/3 cup walnuts (optional)

¾ cup brown sugar. 1 ½ cups S.R flour

Method: Pour boiling water over dates and bi-carb soda, let stand 10mins. Then add butter, egg, nuts, sugar and flour and mix well. Put in greased loaf pan and bake 180° for 45 mins.

Cool and serve with butter.

Enjoy!! Gwen



Wise Words:

"Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before! What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. What if Christmas... perhaps... means a little bit more!" (From Dr Seuss)

"Christmas is a bridge. We need bridges as the river of time flows past. Today's Christmas should mean creating happy hours for tomorrow and reliving those of yesterday. Gladys Taber

We wish you a safe and joyful Christmas and may 2020 be filled with all of life's blessings.