

Hamilton Park Co- Op Ltd - Winter 2020 Newsletter

Keeping You Updated About Your Community

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Our Latest Project

We have a new pedestrian bridge on Henley Road. In time we will remove the old bridge. Please encourage your school aged children to use the new bridge instead of walking on the road.

A big thank you to Euan White, Terry Wisener, Ian O'Brien and Luke Croxford who volunteered their time to build this new bridge.



Explore Hamilton Park, a 'Great Place to Live'

A reminder that the sports hub and the street library are available or take a walk with over 20 hectares of common parkland to explore or find a bear in the neighbourhood. 'Stay Safe'.



THE PRUNING PILE

The pruning pile will be open to residents **May, June and July only of this year**. Now that residents have council provided green bins, **in 2021** this facility will be closed and only used for the small amount of rubbish collected at working bees. The Board has decided on this line of action due to the following reasons:

1. Finding suitable time window where material is dry and there are no fire restrictions
2. Costs involved in burning the pile, council permit and CFA management charges
3. Volunteer time required to monitor the fire as it continues to burn away, up to five days
4. Environment concerns, smoke and the risk of fire getting away into our parklands
5. Constant need to manage the area as pruning's are dumped



At the **March Working Bee** attended by 15 residents a number of jobs

were completed. These included spreading the gravel for the new bridge, removing bindi eye from the common ground and felling a large dead tree from near the BBQ shed. Mowing has also been completed around the park.

Thank you to all involved.



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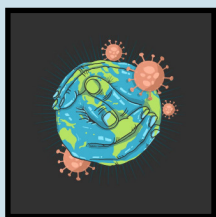
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OUR COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Over the past few months our community has had to adjust to a very different lifestyle with the restrictions that have become necessary due to the Coronavirus. However, in true Australian spirit this community has come together to look after each other and to show compassion. Our Facebook page is a great example of this, with residents offering help to get groceries etc, little extras being put in letterboxes and generally supporting each other. We also have the Bear Hunt initiated by Lorraine and the Neighbourhood Scavenger Hunt suggested by Gillian. **I feel so fortunate to be part of such a caring community - Editor**



Anecdotes from a resident at Hamilton Park during Coronavirus Isolation :

Message from a Young Girl – A couple received this drawing from a five year old girl with the message on the stick figure – “Stay well; Stay Safe.” It was a gorgeous gesture to the oldest people in the street!

Ballroom Dancing - Every Wednesday there is a couple who have cleared out their workshop to undertake ballroom dancing like they used to before the crisis. They have trouble through with the progressive dances! This is a way of still enjoying one of their hobbies.

Distantly Socialising Couples - Another couple use a ladder to climb onto the top of their water tank once a week. Their neighbours go out on their balcony at the same time and talk over the fence. Both couples are about twenty metres apart on each side of the fence. They exchange food on a click and collect basis. They are socially distancing but still meet once a week in this way. Every week they have a theme – e.g. A night at the opera, Arabian nights, Peter/Paul and Mary and the interpretation of these themes have been very interesting and very entertaining. Several people in the street are exchanging vegetables and cuttings they have grown in their own gardens.

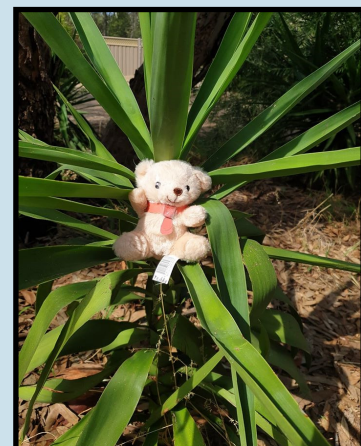
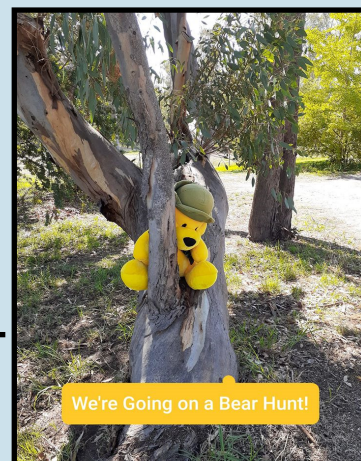
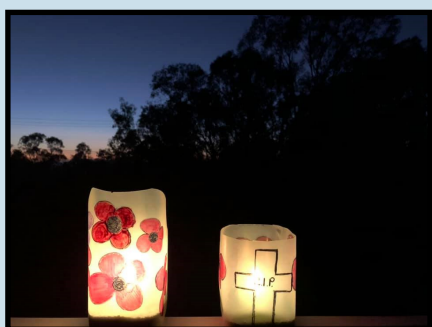


We extend a warm welcome to Rick and Lucas Brook and Clement and Susanne Briggs and family.

We hope you enjoy being part of Hamilton Park.

Turquoise Parrot Project— Looking for an activity that will fill in your time and will encourage birdlife in our environment? Go to hamiltonpark.org.au to find details on this pro-

ANZAC DAY 2020 The dawn light found many Hamilton Park residents commemorating Anzac Day in a different way. Residents shared ways in which they commemorated Anzac Day on Facebook; with lanterns/candles at the end of their driveways and the McKenzie Family held a service at the top dam .





Hi, my name is Chas and I am 9 years old, we moved to Hamilton park last year. Here are some photos that I have taken from our house. My favourite one is the blue-faced honeyeater on the bird bath. I am still trying to get a good photo of a bower bird, but they are very shy.

Chas took these beautiful photos, while he was isolated at home.



My name is Luna, I made this drawing so everyone knows you should be kind to each other and make cards for each other: saying stay safe, stay healthy, be nice, stay well and other things that are kind.

I go to Glenrowan Primary School but I cannot go now because of the corona virus, so I just stay home and do my school work there. I get work from my teachers and that is what I do. Some worksheets I have to bring back to school on Friday, those are the green ones. The normal white ones I take a picture and upload it on the DOJO app for school, my dad helps me with that.

As a family we have been watching movies together, we have been going on nice walks, we have been doing games together and I do bike ridings. I also play with the dog a lot. I feel happy and safe. I think you should feel happy and safe too.

Luna Vogels - 8 years old



Volunteering and Hamilton Park

Last week (18-25 May) was national volunteer week which is a celebration of the untold hours that are provided to the community by volunteers across Australia. In our own community of Hamilton Park, we thank the many people that generously give time to assist making Hamilton Park a Great Place to Live.

Our community relies on people giving up some of their valuable time to ensure that the parklands are kept looking good and we have water for our gardens. Some of this happens at working bees but there is also a group that are only seen when working during the day when they have time available, these are the “unknown” volunteers.

There is another level as well to Hamilton Park; as a co-operative we are shareholders in common lands, private roads and water infrastructure, for this we have a board of management. This board is registered with the Victorian Government and is one of only three other communities like it in Victoria. The board has many “invisible” functions such as lobbying the Rural City of Wangaratta to help us with maintenance of our private roads and providing the annual Australia Day breakfast. It also looks out for ways to provide facilities and obtain grants that can be of great benefit to our community, an example of this is the “Sports Hub” which was jointly funded by RCOW and Hamilton Park. We are currently looking for grants to help us build our solar system to reduce or hold the operating costs of our water system at an affordable figure.

At present a sub-committee is reviewing the Common Land Management Plan which has not been reviewed since 2014. This plan has been very successful in the management of our land, ensuring our flora and fauna continue to thrive and that we are managing the land in a way that best fits our changing climate.

Have you ever wanted to be more involved in the place where you live? The board is always looking for enthusiastic community members to become involved in managing Hamilton Park or if this is not for you, just come along to the next working bee and meet some other like-minded people and enjoy the feeling of doing something for our community.

Ian O'Brien—Chairperson



This is Timeless.....

And people stayed at home

And read books

And listened

And they rested

And did exercises

And made art and played

And learned new ways of being

And stopped and listened

More deeply

Someone meditated,

someone prayed

Someone met their shadow

And people began to think differently

And people healed

And in the absence of people

Who lived in ignorant ways

Dangerous, meaningless and heartless,

The earth began to heal

And when the danger ended and people found themselves.

They grieved for the dead

And made new choices

And dreamed of new visions

And created new ways of living

And completely healed the earth

Just as they were healed.

(This poem was written in 1869 and then reprinted in 1919 during the Spanish pandemic)



HAMILTON PARK COMMON LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN

The HP Board has created a Subcommittee to review the Management Plan as required within the Management Plan.

The Sub-committee consists of Colin Atkin, Peter Ockenden, and Lorraine Wisener.

The role of the subcommittee is to consult with experts and residents. The current plan is available on our website <http://hamiltonpark.org.au/clmp/>

The group has held now conducted four walk around mornings looking at our land and how it relates to the plan. In future weeks it will meeting with CFA representatives and residents bordering the areas around the Dick Hamilton Dam/Mistletoe Lane area and the bushland at the end of Omar Close.

The revised Draft Plan will be available for residents comment prior to the AGM. Residents input to the Management Plan is welcomed and may include suggestions such as: **What currently works well, what does not work and other matters to be added or addressed.**

Written submissions are welcomed and should be sent to the Subcommittee are at parkplan@hamiltonpark.org.au.



Carol's Roasted Capsicum Sauce

Ingredients: 2 large red capsicum

1 large onion peeled and chopped

1½ cups of sugar, 1 ½ cups of white vinegar, 2 garlic cloves, peeled and crushed, 2 teaspoons grated fresh green ginger, 1 teaspoon salt . **Method:** Remove seeds and core from capsicums, then cut in halves. Place under a hot grill until skin blisters and blackens. Wrap individually in cling wrap and leave for several minutes to sweat. Unwrap, peel off skin and chop the flesh, Combine capsicum and remaining ingredients in a saucepan. Bring to boil, reduce heat and cook slowly for 40minutes. Puree or sieve. Bring back to the boil and cook for 5 minutes or more. Pour into warm sterilised jars and seal immediately. Store in a cool dry, dark place for up to 1 year. The sauce can be eaten immediately.



Thank you to everybody for the contributions to this newsletter. if you have a story to tell, a recipe , photos etc please share them with us. Dianne

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Hamilton Park Bird Life:

(thank you to Margaret Butt for the photography)

Wood Ducks



White Ibis

