



Hamilton Park Spring Newsletter

Keeping You Updated About Your Community



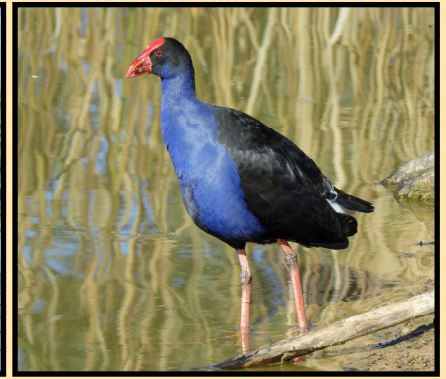
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Little Pied and Black Cormorants



Harri enjoying the serenity of Dick Hamilton Dam



Purple Swamp Hen

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF HAMILTON PARK



Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 24th of October at the Community Centre commencing at 10am, depending on COVID restrictions, final plans may change, details will be on Facebook and our website as we approach the date. Your attendance is encouraged as we continue to improve this wonderful community that we live in.



We extend a warm welcome to Phil and Dianne, Anthony and Laura and Family. A welcome also to Natalie, Clay and Daisy who are living on the edge of Hamilton Park. We hope you all enjoy being part of our community.



Sadly we say goodbye to Lorraine and Terry Wisener who have been long time residents at Hamilton Park . We wish them well in their new home and thank them for their contribution to our community.



Congratulations to Luke and Kerry on the safe arrival of their son Jackson Reece.



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The Pruning Pile

The operation of the pruning pile has become a bigger task than in previous years with additional requirements from RCoW and reduced windows for burning. It is likely that we will not be able to burn this year's pile until Autumn. The board has made a decision to close the pruning pile, but we have had an offer to co-ordinate the operation from Peter Janas, one of our community members. If we can get additional helpers the Board is prepared to reconsider this decision. A final decision will be made at the AGM. If you are interested in helping please contact Peter on 0432 324 661 or email at janas@iprimus.com.au

Some of the tasks are outlined below:

- Opening and closing the gate every weekend between April and August
- Periodic use of the Park tractor to push up the pruning's into a regular area to assist with burning
- Monitoring the use of the pruning pile by residents only and monitoring that only green waste is deposited therein
- Obtaining a fire permit from the Wangaratta Council for the burning of the pruning pile
- Liaising with the Glenrowan CFA to co-ordinate a time to burn the pile and
- Co-ordinating the supervision of the burning and aftermath of this large burning activity.

Water meters have been read recently. This is also the time for the **Annual Park Maintenance Fee** to be collected. It is an important fee as it maintains our water and common land infrastructure. Accounts will be delivered **mid October**. Thank you. Peter Ockenden

Report to Date: Review of Hamilton Park Common Land Management Plan (2014)

Subcommittee: Lorraine Wisener, Peter Ockenden, Led by Colin Atkin-appointed in April by the HP Board.

TASKS COMPLETED:

1 Assessment walks (8) different parts of the Common Land, including reviews with advisors.

2 Meetings (11) to update written plan, draft letters to Council etc. **3 Consultation** (6) with groups of residents adjoining Common Land.

FINDINGS:

PRESERVE: the bushland, birds/wildlife, nature walking tracks. **CONCERNS:** risk of fire, private use, e.g. vehicles off road, bonfire, dumping of rubbish/weeds, unapproved spraying, disregard /not understanding current Management Plan.

To preserve the areas of importance to residence the support & co-operation of all residents is requested to ensure we get the balance right.

RECOMMENDATIONS of the committee (with consultation from experts) include:

- Thinning parts of the bushland to reduce fire fuel,
- Cool burning, assisted by the Bpangerang people, CFA and interested Hamilton Park residents,
- Clarify zones and maintenance advice for Property Protection Strips between the bushland & resident's properties,
- Enhance the diversity in the Bushland & the Native Grasslands,
- Reclassify some zones – downgrade – due to the increase in weeds,
- Formation of interest groups to support the Common Land Manager, eg. cool burn, weeding, fire fuel moisture testing (in addition to the existing mowing roster, weeding Community Hub & Garden Club).
- Promoting awareness of the use and preservation of Common Lands for all residents in line with the plan.

The Rural City Council of Wangaratta (RCoW) has approved eco-thinning parts of the bushland. A trial has been conducted to determine how volunteers can assist. To get a jump-start on this project we have recommended the use of contractors for parts of this work.

A Common Land Management Plan is complex, as it tries to create the best result **for All Residents of HP Co-Op**.

The Subcommittee is keen to hear your ideas for management of the Common Land.

Contact parkplan@hamiltonpark.org.au with your suggestions.

Chair Report



We have made it to spring, in what could only be called the most unusual year of Hamilton Parks history. During the COVID-19 lockdown the board has continued to meet using “zoom” and have been busy with various works around the Park.

- Bob Shaw has worked with council to address the drainage along Orchard Drive near the Dennis Duggan dam and is continuing to lobby for a traffic splitter on the Warby Range/Henley Road intersection. A design from council has been approved and will be installed when resources are available.
- A major review of the HP insurance has revealed that we have been under insured for many years, a new policy has been arranged which now includes all our major assets as well as public liability for volunteers and residents which were not previously covered. As with most insurance experiences we were in a largely uninformed state of the value of the assets we were insuring. Bob has created a register of all the assets and the replacement values to ensure that we don't have any out of pocket if major items needed to be replaced.
- As with all insurance matters the cost of the insurance was significantly higher than we had previously paid and we are facing a short fall in our budget. We are currently reviewing items of expenditure to work out a sustainable method to pay for it.
- Ewan White arranged some drainage work along Henley Road which improves the water catchment for the bottom dam well as reducing the water which has previously flowed down the road when we have heavy rain.
- Our water storages are currently near full and although the forecast is for rain later in the month we don't expect a significant inflow to our storages. We have ceased pumping for now, pending rain but may restart again before the end of October if required.
- A team of people lead by Colin Atkin has been working on revising the Common Land Management Plan (CLMP) with a view to making HP a safer place to live in the summer bushfire period. See Colin's report elsewhere in the newsletter. The final draft will be released for approval at the AGM.
- All being well the AGM will be held on 24th October this year but will depend on COVID restrictions, final plans will be on Facebook and our website as we approach the date. If you are interested in joining the board you will find details on the website or contact myself or any of the other current board members.
- Owing to the ongoing COVID restriction the 50th celebration has been postponed until next year

The Board, on behalf of the residents, would like to send a special thanks to the volunteers who work quietly in the background helping make Hamilton Park a great place to live.

Ian (Chairperson)

Fuel Moisture Monitoring As part of the CLMP review our group have met with the CFA to seek advice on managing our bushland. As an aid to the CFA we have been asked if we would be prepared to participate in a program to measure the Fuel Moisture of our area. This information, along with data from other sites would then be used by the CFA to make fire predictions. We are seeking interested people to help collect this information, it is a once a week task during the fire period (October to March) and the equipment and training would be provided by the CFA. If you are interested in being involved, please contact us at parkplan@hamiltonpark.org.au

Cultural Burning in Urban Areas

Wednesday 30th September 12.00pm—1.30pm see Webinar details



Thank you for all contributions, for the spring newsletter—Margaret Butt for her wildflowers and bird life photography and Ian Dickson for the Quiz. All items are welcome, as your contributions do enhance our production. We would love some items from the children in the community. Dianne [email: newsletter@hamiltonpark.org.au](mailto:newsletter@hamiltonpark.org.au)

Quiz Answers: 1. Woolshed, 2. Wirrinya, 3. Warrawong, 4. Taaffe, 5. Orchard, 6. Mistletoe, 7. Siege, 8. Kelly



Book Review: The Diamond Hunter by Fiona McIntosh

It won't matter how many diamonds you find if you lose the love of your child. When six-year-old Clementine Knight loses her mother to malaria during the 1870s diamond rush in southern Africa, she is left to be raised by her destitute, alcoholic father, James. Much of Clementine's care falls to their trusty Zulu companion, Joseph One-Shoe, and the unlikely pair form an unbreakable bond. When the two men uncover a large, flawless diamond, James believes he has finally secured their future, but the discovery of the priceless gem comes at a huge cost. A dark bargain is struck to do whatever it takes to return Clementine to a respectable life at the Grant family's sprawling estate in northern England - while the diamond disappears. Years on, long-buried memories of Clementine's childhood in Africa and her beloved Joseph One-Shoe are triggered, as she questions who she can trust. To solve the mystery of what happened to her loved ones all those years ago, she must confront a painful history and finally bring justice to bear. From the harsh desert of Africa's Kimberley diamond mine to the misty, green plains of northern England, *The Diamond Hunter* is a breathtaking adventure story about trust and betrayal, the ultimate quest for truth, and a love that is truly priceless. (a great read—Dianne)



Ginger Melting Moments from Dianne

Ingredients: 300g plain flour, 1½tsp bicarb soda, 2tsp ginger, 1tsp allspice, 125g butter, 220g castor sugar, 1 large egg, 60ml treacle.

Method: Preheat oven to 160C. Sift flour, bicarb soda and spices together. Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add egg and treacle, then dry ingredients. Mix well and then roll in small balls, place on lined oven trays and flatten slightly. Bake for ten minutes until crisp. When cold sandwich together with icing.

Icing: Combine 120grams softened butter, 1½ cups of icing sugar and 2 tablespoons of golden syrup.



Ian D's Brain Teasers - Hamilton Park and Glenrowan Streets– answers page 3

Example	Regal angler	Kingfisher
1	For fibre storage or perhaps a dance?	2 What Viruses say
3	Wollongong suburb	4 Welsh educational institution
5	Do you like your steak well done...	6 Rocket phalanx
7	Engine	8 Grace and Gene

FOOD SHARE STALL

I have cleaned the Food Share stall ready for the Spring / Summer season.

I have made a new sign so you can scan the QR code and go straight to the Facebook page.

Just open the camera app and scan the square code. So when you have excess produce you can drop it down to the stall and let us all know.

Suggestions Welcome. <http://facebook.com/groups/hamiltonparkfoodshare> **Trish**



SPRING IN OUR BUSHLAND

Purple Coral Pea



Golden Moth Orchid



Common Fringe Myrtle

