

Hamilton Park Co- Op Ltd

Summer 2021 Newsletter

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Hamilton Park Co – Operative Kurrajong Lane Glenrowan 3675



Congratulations to Our Australia Day Achiever

Tony has lived in Hamilton Park for 23 years. During that time he has raised his family, been a Board member, volunteered regularly at working bees, a long-time member of the social club, organised and supported the regular Thursday Lunches and had a key role in building the Community Hub. Tony is said by residents to be an 'all round good bloke who epitomises our 'sense of community'.

Over the years Tony and his wife Julie have opened their home for Park social events celebrating special occasions, welcoming new residents and fund raisers for their daughter Renee to compete in overseas events. Close to Tony's heart is his annual role as Santa at Hamilton Park's Christmas party. The arrival of Santa at the annual Christmas party is eagerly anticipated by adults and children alike. **Thank you Tony.**

A Big Thank You to those who contribute to 'Making Hamilton Park a Great Place to Live'

Ian O'Brien presented certificates of thanks on behalf of residents to volunteers who have worked on special projects or contributed over time to our community. A big thanks to Colin Atkin, Terry and Lorraine Wisener, Jan Osmotherly, Glen Scholfield, Gary Lorenz, Sheree McKenzie, Peter Janas, Deb Goodson and Jack DeBourg for their passion and contributions to their community. Pictured are Oscar and Jack DuBourg, Erin and Alannah Hepburn and Amelia and Georgie Unwin raising the Australia Day Flag.



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OUT AND ABOUT IN HAMILTON PARK

OUR 2020 CHRISTMAS PARTY

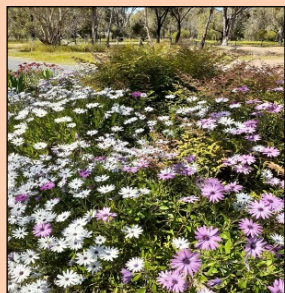
The Community enjoyed coming together to celebrate the festive season after such a difficult year with Covid. A special thank you to the organisers and to Santa and his helper, who ensured that the younger folk had a great time.



Community Working Bees are very important to keep our bush land safe in preparation for the fire season. We maintain walking tracks, dams, prune and mulch common garden areas as well as perform any general maintenance in the park. In order to keep our maintenance costs down we rely on volunteers to give some of their time so the board doesn't have to spend funds on garden landscaping and maintenance services. Pictured are some of our volunteers at work on recent working bees.



Thank You - We extend our appreciation to the volunteers who supervised the burning off of the pruning pile, making it safe for our community. A big thank also to the Glenrowan CFA who provided their tanker and to Maurice Welsh for the use of his tractor.



The Garden Club

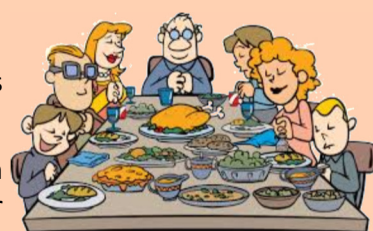
The Club meets on the 4th Monday of every month. Garden lovers are invited to come along to share ideas and gardening tips with others. The meetings are held locally in a member's home and a yummy morning tea is provided. The next meeting will be on Monday February 22nd at the home of Gwen Ippolitis. For further details please contact Tina Norton on 0419880761.



Monthly Luncheon

So pleasing to have the Hamilton Park Monthly Luncheons back on our agenda.

This is a great way to meet your neighbours over lunch in some of the great food venues that our area provides. Our next luncheon will be on Thursday February 18th, 2021.



You're Invited!

For more details please contact : Tina - 0419880761 or Ros - 0403315421

Amelia's Amazing Adventures



By Amelia Unwin (7yrs)

On the holidays my sister and I drove to Granny's house in Deniliquin. Then we went to Ballarat and went camping. Then we walked to the Splash Park for Arnie's 80th birthday. We played with my cousins named Polly, Edi, and Lewis.

Amelia is pictured with Georgie (4) and Tilly the dog—Thank you Amelia for sharing your story



Luke & Kendall , Lindsay & Simon and Paul & Kate

We welcome you all and we hope you enjoy being part of our community.



Ron's Sponge

This is a never fail sponge recipe given to my stepfather many years ago. In later years, Ron would make the sponge for any of his fellow dialysis patients who were celebrating Birthdays at Wangaratta hospital.

Ingredients: 4 eggs, $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of cornflour, $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of castor sugar, 3 teaspoons baking powder, 1 teaspoon of plain flour.

Method: Beat eggs and sugar until just combined then let stand for 20minutes. Then beat until very thick, and then stir in



Secretary's Report

- 1 Key objectives for the coming year
 - Reduce our large electricity pumping costs by installing solar panels on the Bottom Dam and restructuring our distribution system. We will continue to apply for a grants or investigate a bank loan to make sure this important project starts soon.
 - Combine Grants Estate residents into the Hamilton Park Community in a formal way.
- 2 We welcome two new Board Members – Dale Unwin and Rob Spencer. We hope their time on the Board is both interesting and fruitful.
- 3 Version 2 of the Hamilton Park Common Lands Management Plan is now available on the Hamilton Park website. Written submissions about this Plan can be directed to secretary@hamiltonpark.org.au before the next Board meeting on Thursday February 18th when the Board intends to approve this plan. This will become the basis of the care and maintenance of our Common Lands until another review in 5 years, resident input is essential.
- 4 Changes to portfolio positions - Sheree McKenzie has resigned from the Board and her position as Treasurer. Thank you to Sheree for her many years of service to the Board and being a champion when it comes to the preservation of our unique Hamilton Park natural environment. Sheree is passionate about Hamilton Park's environment and how we must respect what it has to offer.
- 5 A bookkeeper has been employed by the board as we have been unable to fill this critical position.
- 6 Bob Shaw has resigned from the Parklands and Grasslands portfolio. This position will be divided into 3 sections: Mowing (Bob Shaw for a few months), Peter Janas (Pruning Pile) and Dale Unwin and Charles DuBourg (working bees and mowing). **Bob Shaw, Secretary**



Chair Report

Here we are near the end of summer, and the Covid-19 crisis is still with us, but the board continues to work on the community's behalf and we hope to be able to meet more in person in the coming year. Let's start with some successes since the last newsletter.

- *The traffic splitter at Henley Warby Range Roads has been completed.
- *The promised rains have continued to fall and we are still currently water restriction free. The drainage works along Henley Road have allowed us to keep the water off the road and collect more in our dams.
- *The common land management plan (CLMP) is available on our website, <https://hamiltonpark.org.au/clmp/> for review and comment please take the time to have a look and tell us what you think

Our AGM did not go entirely as planned this year as we all worked around the Covid-19 restrictions. When we finally conducted the AGM, mostly online, some documents had not been loaded onto the website as planned and we needed to conduct an extra-ordinary meeting to pass the minutes and the financial statements, anyway we found a way to complete the AGM and look forward to a more conventional meeting this year.

Thank you to those who attended the meetings and for your tolerance of our missing documents and the difficult environment that we found ourselves in, we will not let it happen again.

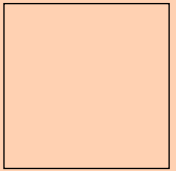
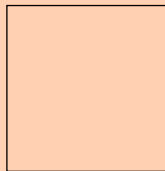
Now we are back to a more normal life style at last and we have been able to have our Australia Day event, well that is what we thought. On the 26th January we decided with the rain clouds gathering and the BOM forecasting a big dump of rain around 8am to postpone the event for one week. With much improved weather and the help of the ever hardworking volunteers we had a great event with Tony Kosch being awarded the "Local Achiever of the year" award.

We have after many years to decide to cease having a post office box address, instead we will now have a letter box in the Kurrajong Lane letter boxes. We expect that this will open up communications between the board and the community, now you will be able to drop a note in the box without using Australia Post.

The board wants to hear from community, but Facebook is not the way to contact the board, continue to use it to keep in touch with each other, but if you want to contact the board please write to us either at HPboard@hamiltonpark.org.au or drop us a note in the new box. If you have a water problem, we have our dedicated number 0490 809 341 for assistance.

We also plan to make a start on the long promised solar project in the next six months. This will reduce our annual expenditure on electricity significantly which will benefit us all. Keep an eye out on our website for further details as the project progresses. Ian - waterstorage@hamiltonpark.org.au **The next Board meeting is on Thursday February 18th**

BOARD MEMBERS 2020/21 - www.hamiltonpark.org.au



Bob Shaw Secretary	Peter Ockenden Water	Euan White Maintenance	Charles De-Bourg Parklands	Doreen Wheeler Conveyancing	Dianne Peacock Newsletter	Dale Unwin Parklands	Rob Spencer
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All written correspondence should now be addressed to:

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We hope you enjoy reading our latest Newsletter.

All contributions are welcome as they enhance our little production and make for interesting reading - Dianne.

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