



North East Catchment Management Authority Bush for Birds Project

Bush for Birds is a five year project funded by the Australian Government that aims to help land owners to create and improve habitat to help these birds to thrive. The Board has been successful in receiving a grant of \$5000 to enable the thinning of selected areas in Hamilton Park. Will Ford from Trust for Nature – Will co-ordinate the project.

Implementation Plan—Will Ford will hold an Information Night for interested residents and will liaise with the preferred contractor and with the Hamilton Park Board. Work will be undertaken in June by two contractors over five days. The area in question is divided up into 4 sections – Mistletoe Lane, Orchard Drive North, Kingfisher Lane and Omar Close. Each section has a group of resident volunteers who will meet with the relevant professionals and find out what is required to weed and ecologically thin.



Our Land Management Plan

Hamilton Park Co-operative Ltd is the custodian of a rich diversity of native plants and animals. The Box-Gum Grassy Woodland vegetation community forms the largest area of remnant bushland found within the Common Land. This vegetation community is listed as critically endangered nationally. Box-Gum Grassy Woodland is found in a broad arc (inland) from the Queensland border in the north, to the South Australian border in the south, through inland NSW and NE, Central and SW Victoria. Now less than 5 per cent remains in good condition. Most occurs in small isolated patches like Hamilton Park. It is typically an open eucalypt woodland, with a ground

layer of native grasses and a variety of small wildflowers and a few small shrubs. The majority has been extensively cleared and modified over the years being particularly attractive for livestock grazing and agriculture most of which, being uniquely Australian, are found nowhere else in the world. The Common Land provides essential food, shelter and breeding places for many small native wildlife species. It contains over 80 original native plants and around 50 introduced species (vegetation audit, 2010). It is rare in the 21st century to find so many native species remaining. The Common Land bushland is not just a random patch of bush -it is special. This native vegetation has national and state significance.

This is an excerpt from our Land Management Plan, which is located on our website: <https://hamiltonpark.org.au>



The Native Vegetation Group.

We appreciate the work that this small but dedicated group perform in our bushland area.

The aim of the group is to keep introduced weeds under control in order to let the native vegetation thrive and not get overrun with weeds. The group is led by Colin Atkin and meet on a weekly basis. If you are available to assist please contact Colin on the Hamilton Park Facebook Page.



After Dinner Mint Fudge:

Ingredients: 500g dark choc bits,
400 can condensed milk,
60g butter ,peppermint essence to taste.

Method: Line a 19cm x 29cm lamington tin with glad wrap or baking paper and extend over opposite ends. Combine chocolate bits, condensed milk and butter in a bowl and micro wave gently on a low heat until smooth. Add peppermint essence to taste, mix well and spread into pan. Refrigerate until set. Additional chocolate (milk 100g) can be melted and piped on if desired.

BOARD MEMBERS 2020/21 contact: www.hamiltonpark.org.au



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From our Chair Person

Last week was National volunteer's week and it reminds me that we could not enjoy the great place that we live in without our group of volunteers. Our garden water system relies on a volunteer workforce to maintain it and then there are the parklands that are managed and cared for by our volunteers, be it at a working bee or just offering to mow the grasslands at a time that convenient during the week. These are the more obvious ones but the board of management also lobbies on our behalf to ensure the RCOW continue to meet the obligations of a service that we would get if we lived right in the city centre. Each year we seek a grant for funds to hold our Australia Day

our bushland to reduce the threat of fire and enhance the habitat for birds. Once this work is complete it is planned to conduct a series of cool burns to further reduce the fuel available. More details are available later in the newsletter or on our website.



event and continue to seek support for other projects such as our sports hub or getting our roads resurfaced.

We seek help from everyone to streamline your payments to us for water and park fees. When making a payment to us please quote the invoice number, shown in the top right hand corner, this makes it easy to ensure that your payment is received correctly. References such as "Dam water" are not nearly as useful as the invoice number and while it doesn't happen often we do get the same invoice amount for more than one property. Your assistance in this matter will be much appreciated. Our pruning pile is about to open again (see page 2) this can only happen with the time generously provided by Peter Janas

another group of volunteers has worked on the Common Land Management Plan for our parklands, this has led to us securing a grant of \$5000 to perform ecological thinning of

Finally we need your feedback, we have included a short survey to find out what you think and how we can do a better job, please take the time to give us your feedback.

Ian O'Brien



- June 17th Hamilton Park Luncheon
- June 18th Trivia Night at the Community Centre
- June 28th Garden Club Meeting
- October 23rd 50th Birthday Celebration



From the Editor

We hope that you enjoy reading our latest newsletter. Thank you to all who have contributed items and we extend a special thank you to George and Erin for their contributions. Dianne



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Red Browed Finch

We are so fortunate to be able to experience the beautiful bird life that our area provides. Many thanks to Margaret Butt whose brilliant photography captured these images

Noisy Friar Bird



Galah Family



MONTHLY LUNCHEONS - Over the last few months, residents have enjoyed getting together for the monthly luncheons. We have been to King River Café, The Vintage

Café, The Plough Inn, Town and Country and Benalla Golf Club. A great opportunity to get to know your neighbours over a delicious lunch. The luncheons are held on the third Thursday of the month.

For details contact Tina Norton 0419880761



THE GARDEN CLUB The Garden Club is a lovely social group, who meet on the Fourth Monday of every month at 10am. In March, club members met to weed and tidy up the arboretum. The social club kindly donated \$100, raised from their



Christmas Raffle for new plants in the arboretum. The group will plant these at the May get together. Thanks to Margaret Butt for leading this initiative.

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Working Bee

A big thank you to the thirteen people who attended the recent Working Bee. The group was able to complete a number of tasks. These included

removal of overhanging branches and dead branches on ground around sports hub, weeding and general tidy up of arboretum beds, Removal of dead tree on west side of middle dam, Removal of timber piled in drain east of communal area, Removal of steel used for cubby in drain- where zone 41 and 13 meet. **Well done to all involved**



CFA Fuel Moisture monitoring at Hamilton Park Over the summer of 2022/21 Tina Norton, Pete Janas & Peter Ockenden assisted CFA in collecting some important Fine Fuel Moisture Monitoring

data. Our participation in the program was a spinoff from the revision of the Common Land Management Plan. We took measurements on the drying rates of the fine leafed ground fuel in the bush. Every week one of us visited the same two bush land areas (near Warrawong Lane and the BBQ area) to take measurements. We were surprised how consistently drier the northern site appeared. CFA and Bureau of Meteorology use the information from across the North East at 20 different sites in computer modeling to assess weekly fire. Colin Atkin

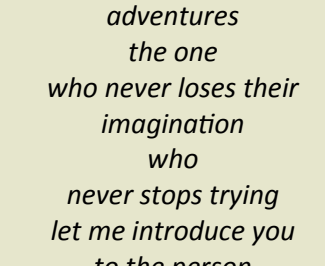
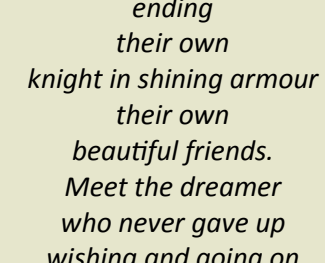


The Pruning Pile—The pruning pile in Henley Road is opening for the residents of Hamilton Park and Grants Estate on the first Saturday in June. The gate will be open from 9.00 am till 4.00 pm each Saturday and Sunday till the end of

August. A few things to note if you intend using this facility. Please do not put any of the following on the pile as they do not burn up in the 'cool burn-off' used by the CFA:

- metal/concrete objects
 - grass
 - succulents
 - logs or stumps
- If you have any unwanted timber and firewood, it can be left to the right of the gate for other residents to recycle/use. Pete Janas

Fairy Tale by Erin Hepburn
Meet the believer dreaming of their life hoping one day it will be the anecdote that they have always wished for. Meet the hopeful soul wanting their own happy ending their own knight in shining armour their own beautiful friends. Meet the dreamer who never gave up wishing and going on adventures the one who never loses their imagination who never stops trying let me introduce you to the person who treats their life as a story book of their own writing on stars.



Trivia Night June 18th 2021 Community Barbecue Area



The Social Club invite all residents for some **fun and frivolity** at their trivia night. Please bring your own food and drinks. The evening will commence at 6.30pm with the pizza oven and barbecue available. The trivia quiz compared by Damien Feehan will begin at 7.30pm. This is a great family evening and a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new friends. For details contact. Tina Norton 0419880761



Celebrate Hamilton Park's 50th Anniversary 23rd October



Although Hamilton Park is a young community we think it is worth celebrating and recording our short but important history. Ros, Margaret, Peter and Doreen have been busy gathering information. We are well advanced but would still love to hear from earlier residents, those who built their own homes and children who have grown up in Hamilton Park. We would also love to hear from families that have come to the park in recent times and why they love living here. **Would love more photos!** The Social Committee and the Board are planning a function to celebrate this important occasion Saturday the 23rd of October, we would love many old and new residents to attend. Contact: conveyancing@hamiltonpark.org.au or call **Doreen 0437555083 or Ros 0357662421**

Did You Know? Now is a good time to cover your water meter to ensure that it protected from potential frost. This will reduce the potential for failures in our water system. It's also a reminder to ensure your hoses are rolled up and timers on your taps are turned off if not being used. The Wangaratta Library offers free plastic meter covers (they fit the newer style brass meters), supplied by NE Water. Otherwise we suggest some sort of homemade protection.



We extend a warm welcome to Emma, Robyn and family in Avoca Lane and Mathew and Ariana in Orchard Drive. We hope you enjoy being part of our unique community.

OUR GEORGE



I was born in Edinburg in 1926 and was part of a large family (eight sisters). After leaving school, I commenced work as an electrical apprentice, but at the age of 18 I was called up in the British Army. I trained as a signaller and was posted to Egypt at the end of the war. I worked in Alexandria for the first 12 months and I was then transferred to Palestine. After the formation of Israel, I was demobbed, after two and a half years of military service. Returning home, I joined the Police Force and then met my wife June. Our son George was born during this time. After working the beat for five winters in Edinburg, but missing the warmer climate, that I had experienced in the Middle East, we decided to start looking at other options. We considered Bermuda, Canada and Australia. However my aunty living in Melbourne convinced us to become Ten Pound Poms. I was offered a job with the Victorian Police Force, so we immigrated in 1955. We were eventually able to move to Eltham, as land was very cheap in those days.

Our Daughter Yvonne was born in 1957 and in 1972, as a family we went back to the UK, to visit family and tour Europe. I also attended a police training academy in London for a month, which focused on teaching and training. After returning home, I moved into training recruits and received a promotion to Sergeant and later was promoted to Inspector, which was the position I retired at.

We lived in Collingwood for a number of years, as this was close to June's work. June retired in 1991 and we moved to Mt Martha until June passed away in 2017.

I then moved to Hamilton Park to live with Yvonne and Keith.

