

Hamilton Park 2020 AGM – Chairpersons Report

We have now survived our second year with COVID-19 and from the boards point of view it has been a successful year despite having to meet mostly on Zoom. Some of the key points that have been addressed over the year are listed below.

- After a successful grant application, we have been able to have some thinning work carried out by contractors. This has only been the start of the improvement of our bushlands, after several well attended working bees we cleared most of the heads for chipping and once this work is completed we are moving onto the next stage, a cool burn to be conducted once the hot weather has passed
- The newsletter continued to provide a way for us all to keep in touch, congratulations to Diane Peacock for all her efforts in keeping us up to date with HP news.
- Throughout the year and today we have continued to meet via “zoom” this could not happen without someone to organise this. Thanks to Charles DeBourg and Trish Sait for making this happen.
- Our 50th celebration has been again postponed, we hope to make this happen early autumn next year and we are working hard on a book about HP for all to enjoy. Thanks to Tina Norton, Doreen Wheeler, Margret Butt and Ros Janas for the many hours contributed so far with this task.
- Our roads have been a key focus in discussions with RCOW and we expect that Kurrajong Lane will be re-sealed soon. Well done Bob Shaw for continuing to remind council that we need their assistance to keep our roads in good shape.
- It has been said many times that HP is a great place to live and there is no better way to evaluate this by watching the increasing property values as sales happen. Our conveyancing process is now well understood by our local legal groups and continues to see share transfers working well for all. Thanks Doreen Wheeler and Peter Ockendon for your efforts with this.
- A considerable amount of work was undertaken to restructure our finances so all the portfolio costs could be clearly seen. This will allow us to set budgets and understand better where our fees and charges are best spent in the future
- At this AGM we are saying farewell to Bob Shaw who has been a big part of our community for the last 15 years. He is not leaving our community, just stepping back to enjoy life a little more. Bob has been the “grant master” of HP and we will miss his enthusiasm.

Finally, this co-op could not function without with the input from a group of people who volunteer and work hard on our behalf. The board is an obvious group but there are also the people that organise and help out at working bees and the social committee with events such as Australia Day and the Christmas party. But there are also the silent volunteers that work during the times that they have available. Congratulations to you all we appreciate what you do for us all.

Ian O'Brien - Chair of Hamilton Park Board