

Hamilton Park Co-Op Ltd

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Hamilton Park Co-Operative 26 Kurrajong Lane Glenrowan 3675



OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our beautiful bush setting provided a great backdrop for this annual event with Santa arriving during the evening in a stretch limousine, to be greeted by a large number of excited children. Residents enjoyed the camaraderie, welcoming a number of new residents. So pleasing to see so many young families in attendance and the efforts of the social committee in organising the event were much appreciated.



Monthly Luncheon: Thursday 20th Jan. 2022

Garden Group : Monday 24th Jan. 10am at Tina Nortons

Breakfast Under The Gum Trees : 8.30am on Jan. 26th at the Community Area.



Glenrowan Bakehouse and Café.

Thank you to everyone who supported us through Covid and the difficult 2021 year.

Trading hours are:

Saturday to Thursday 5am to 3pm.

Friday 5am to 8pm.

Don't forget pizza night 5pm to 8 pm every Friday night.

Extending compliments of the season to all our valued customers.



LIFE IS BUSY AT HAMILTON PARK

WORKING BEES

Community Working Bees are very important to keep our bush land safe in preparation for the fire season, maintain walking tracks, dams, prune and mulch common garden areas and perform any general maintenance in the park. This year Hamilton Park has been involved in the Bush For Birds Project and a number of working bees have been held in conjunction with this project. The community has been praised by a representative from the Birds for Bush Project for the great effort in clearing the site after the initial ecological thinning was carried out. The volunteers still managed to retain a good amount of timber for the habitat. **Well done to all involved.**



BIRD WATCHING

A group of residents recently enjoyed an afternoon bird walk in our bushland. Close to 40 species were identified including Dollarbirds and Rainbow Bee-eaters. It is anticipated that another walk will be organised in the near future. A great way to see our beautiful bird life. Thank you to the organisers.



HALLOWEEN

This event was enjoyed by many families and it was great to see our streets filled with scary creatures. Thank you to the organisers and to the residents who participated.



FISHING COMPETITION

Congratulations to Anthony Warry who won the fishing competition with a 70cm carp.



MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON

Another great social day with frivolity and enjoyment of being out of lockdown. Congratulations to Tina Norton who won the best hat competition and to the people who were successful in the sweeps.



OUR COMMUNITY AREA

We are very fortunate to have our barbecue area available for the community to use and Finn's family were able to make use of the facilities recently, when he was celebrating his 15th Birthday. Due to the unexpected cold change they needed a suitable venue with space and a heater just what this area provided .



We extend a very warm welcome to our new residents:

Derek and Ruth Pendavingh, James and Chelsea Thomson and children and Garry and Carmel Dickson.

We hope you will enjoy being part of our community.



CONGRATULATIONS JOAN

The Community extends its congratulations to popular resident Joan Rowlings. Joan received Life Membership of the Glenrowan Indoor Bowls recently. Well done Joan.

GEOFFREY MCINTYRE 18-6-1928 - 29-11-2021

Geoff, together with his wife Ruth and beagle Nutmeg, was a resident of Avoca Lane Hamilton Park from 1986 – 2005. Residents of the time will well remember Mr and Mrs McIntyre and Nutmeg (and later Bess) morning and evening strolling through the park greeting each dog and their owners, in that order, by name. They always had time to stop for a yarn.

Geoff was a well-respected and engaged community member. He spent time on the Board and was a regular attendee at social functions and was an active member of Probus, where for many years he was involved in organising the group's activities.

A health issue motivated the move to Franklin Street in 2005 and Geoff was delighted that the mowing now took only 10 minutes. Additional health concerns then resulted in a move to Illoura. Geoff was a great reader with a special interest in military history.

A true gentleman has left this world. His wife Ruth (Illoura) and beagle Millie (Wagga Wagga) survive him.

A private Funeral Service was conducted, prior to his cremation.

Vale Geoffrey.

WELL DONE JO

Jo Dickson has been very busy during our covid lockdowns and has made over 100 face masks in beautiful colours. The Thursday Luncheon Group were privileged to receive one each recently. Some of Jo's beautiful creativity has also been included in the Christmas Hamper Raffle.



Hamilton Park Water



Report leaks & supply issues

0490 809 341

waterdistribution@hamiltonpark.org.au

WATER DISTRIBUTION A number of maintenance duties have been carried out over the past months. These have included cleaning out a number of meters that had low pressure or dirty water and flushing out a number of hydrants to remove sediment and odor problems. This issue may have been caused by rotting vegetation caught in the system over a wet winter. Many thanks to Pete Janas who has assisted with the maintenance. Meters have been read and accounts sent out.

NATIVE VEGETATION GROUP

This group of volunteers contribute many hours to maintain our native vegetation . In October they removed eucalyptus regrowth (zone 34), removed some rabbit burrows and removed weeds in an area (three corned garlic listed noxious) . November saw them treat invasive pasture grasses before seed set ,monitor for St. Johns Wort (various localities) remove log stacks (to reduce rabbit habitat and fire danger) .**The Community extends it's appreciation to this hard working group .**



From the Chairperson

As we enter the festive period we can sit back and enjoy the successes of the year, we have managed to achieve this despite the restrictive times we have been living with. One of these successes are the thinning project for our bushlands and the subsequent clearing of all the heads and felled timber. This has been a big project and one that will continue into next year as we complete the clean-up and maintain the bushland into the future.

We have had to postpone the 50th celebration, but we hope to be able to hold it in Autumn next year, along with the launch of our Hamilton Park Book. This has been a mammoth task, collecting photos and stories from old residents, and has progressed around the restrictions of the pandemic. The next newsletter will have more details so stay tuned.

Over the COVID period, with the reduced face to face school times we have seen the building of bike jumps around the park, mostly around the pruning pile area. The board had hoped to partner with the riders to make the pruning pile area an accepted area for jumps, but after consultation with our insurer we have been advised that the underwriters won't accept the risk for bike jumps that haven't been professionally designed and installed.

The safety of residents is of paramount importance to the board, but so is the elimination of legal action against the Co-Operative. This unfortunately leaves us with no option but to insist that no further jumps be constructed, if they are we will be obliged to remove them. This may seem harsh at first, but if we don't take this action the Co-Operative, of which we are all members, could be exposed to legal action. The board has agreed that this risk cannot not be accepted on behalf of the shareholders.

The new year will start with a Breakfast under the Gums trees on January 26 and the ever popular quiz for all to enjoy, we hope to see you all at 8:30 to start the year as a community. On behalf of the Board and their families I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe festive season. Ian O'Brien

Welcome to new Board Member and Secretary Paul Sait

Paul has a long history with Hamilton Park, as his parents were one of the first to build a house here and he grew up in this beautiful place.

He moved from Hamilton Park to Melbourne for work, then to Sydney, where he met Trish. After getting married they moved back down to build their house, right next door to where he grew up, and now they have 4 chickens and two cats.



"Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before! What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. What if Christmas...perhaps...means a little bit more!" -Dr. Seuss,

I hope you have enjoyed our latest newsletter and I extend my appreciation to all the people who have contributed items. May you all enjoy a wonderful Christmas and I hope that 2022 is filled with all of life's blessings. **Dianne-newsletter@hamiltonpark.org.au**



White Chocolate and Cranberry Shortbreads



Ingredients: 2½ cups of plain flour, 200g diced cold butter, ½ cup of caster sugar, 2 teaspoons vanilla, 2 large egg yolks, 100g white chocolate, 30ml of cream, ½ cup of diced cranberries, icing sugar.



Method: Put flour, butter, sugar, vanilla and egg yolks in a processor and blend until mixture changes into dough. Turn onto lightly floured board and form into a sausage shape about 25cm long and 3cm diameter. Wrap tightly in cling wrap and chill for 1 hour. Preheat oven to 180C—fan 160C. Cut the dough into 5mm thin slices. Bake on lined trays for 15mins. Leave to cool. Melt chocolate and cream and then stir in chopped cranberries. Join the biscuits together with this mixture. Enjoy



From Trish - ideal for school lunches and a great way to use zucchinis - <https://aseasyasapplepie.com/zucchini-cheddar-cheese-savory-muffins/>

