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Congratulations to our local Achiever Peter Janas.

Peter could not be more qualified to receive this award as he has been a long time resident of Grants Estate and more importantly part of the Hamilton Park Community. Being a long term resident, Peter and his wife Ros have raised their family here and had a role in the developments that have made Hamilton Park, what it is today. Peter is member of the long forgotten tennis club, he had a part in building the original tennis courts that now form a component of our sports hub, he also removed the fence that separated Grant's estate and Hamilton Park back in 1974. Over recent years Peter has become the "Mr Fix It", repairing equipment and making improvements that have allowed the Board to reduce operating costs. Peter has also taken on supervising the pruning pile allowing this much used facility to continue to be available to us all. He gives his time, his experience and skills to our community, so we can enjoy the benefits of living in this great place. *Thank you and well done Peter.*



Well done to the Brigg's brothers who participated in the gum boot throwing competition at the Breakfast Under the Gum Trees event.

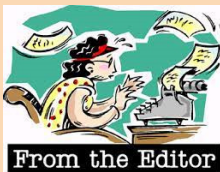


April 2nd - Working Bee.

April 21st— Monthly Luncheon.

May 14/15 - Cool Burn Workshop.

May 28th— 50th Celebratory Lunch and Commemorative History Book Launch.



Welcome to our Autumn Newsletter . It has been wonderful to receive items from community members and I thank all who have contributed, as it enhances our newsletter and provides interesting reading *Dianne (newsletter@hamiltonpark.org.au)*

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Satin Bower Bird



Rainbow Lorikeets



Female Eastern Spinebill



White Choc. Lily

Margaret Butt has shared some of her amazing photos that she has captured around our beautiful bushland. The Satin Bower Bird was munching on one of Margaret's Bean plants and the Rainbow Lorikeets were trying to cool off in the bird bath. Margaret captured the Eastern Spinebill looking forlornly at the grevillea alpine, that this bird had visited numerous times, but now sadly all the flowers had finished. The beautiful Choc Lily was photographed at the bottom of Blackboy Lane. Thank you Margaret for these stunning mages.

Two of our dedicated volunteers cooking up a storm at our recent Breakfast Under The Gum Trees .



OUT AND ABOUT

TRIVIA NIGHT—Our Community Area provided the perfect back drop for a fun, filled night of trivia organised by the Social Committee. Our compere extraordinaire was Damien Feehan , who provided the questions and the music. The Optimists were the winning team with a huge margin of 30 points. Their music knowledge was outstanding and enabled them to take the lead early in the evening. Thank you to the Social Committee and Damien for a wonderful friendly evening.

Compere Damien



MONTHLY LUNCHEONS

Residents are once again enjoying the Monthly Luncheons. January we were at the Benalla Golf Club , February was Milawa Hotel and March Vintage Café .



Happy Trio at Thursday Luncheon

Two members of the winning Optimist Team



THE GARDEN CLUB



The Garden Club enjoyed a relaxed coffee morning at Tina Norton's home recently. The Garden Club is a lovely social group, who share a love of gardening.

HAMILTON PARK COMMUNITY CELEBRATING:

50 Years - 1921-2021

The Board will host an afternoon function to celebrate our 50 years. Residents both old and new are invited. Come along and see the original maps and news clippings of the time. Learn about Doug Hamilton's vision for what



was considered a 'New American Style Housing Estate'.

Please RSVP by the 20th of April

When: 28th May. Where: Community Hub



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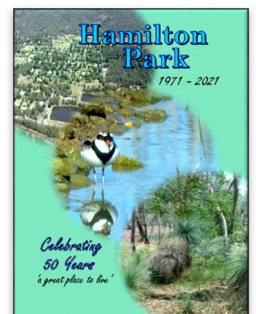
Extending a warm welcome to Anthony & Marion Rak. We hope you enjoy living in our

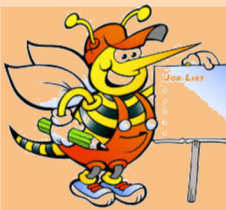


A reminder to all residents that Henley Drive is a 40k zone. This is to ensure the safety of other motorists and pedestrians who use the road.

A limited edition Commemorative Book is now available for pre-purchase at \$34.50 - a 96 page collection of stories and photographs that celebrate our unique community. To pre order or for further information.

To find out more information, RSVP for the celebration day and/or pre purchase a book go to www.hamiltonpark.org.au/celebrate





Working Bees

We are looking to change it up a bit in this space and rather rely on a handful of working bees per year we are planning to run smaller more focused working bees more regularly. The plan is to schedule a **working bee for the first Saturday morning of the month** for the next few months. Based on the success of this change we will then see how we move forward. Would love to see some new faces! **Charles Dubourg**

Hamilton Park to Host Spark



Hamilton Park is thrilled to be hosting a Spark bushfire recovery program workshop including cool burn for the weekend of the 14th/15th of May. The Wangaratta Art Gallery will deliver a tailored creative recovery program in partnership with Bpangerang Traditional owners for people affected by the 2020 bushfires in the Wangaratta region.



The program is designed to strengthen community connection and engagement as well as further develop fire prevention skills with an emphasis on Traditional land management education. The cool burn will be a key element to this project whereby community members will be invited to learn traditional cool burn practices with traditional elders from the Bpangerang community. The field day will also have an art workshop running simultaneously alongside the cool burns where participants will be led by an artist to collaboratively create a sculpture representing the impact of the bushfires on the community. In conjunction with the Traditional cool burns a Virtual Reality film will be created as a part of the Spark program. The film will be focusing on Indigenous fire management practices in the Wangaratta region, sharing stories of fire management and sharing the Bpangerang traditional owner perspectives on the local environment. Email parklands@hamiltonpark.org.au

Pruning Pile:



Pruning pile will be open from Saturday April 23 until Sunday August 28. Opening times will be Saturday 9am—4:30pm and Sunday 9am—4:30pm. The area devoted to the pruning pile has been reduced this year to make space for the mulch and firewood storage, both of these will be available for purchase soon.

- **No large stumps, logs, succulents or yuccas please**
- **No metal or masonry objects are to be dumped**
- **Pruning's should be thrown toward the pile centre and not dumped on the driveway**

This facility is only for the Hamilton Park and Grants Estate residents
Any questions, contact Peter Janas **0432 324 661**

Chairman's Report: As we near the end of a wet summer there is a lot going on at Hamilton Park. The work continues on our bushlands rejuvenation; the next stage is a cool burn as part of the SPARKS Bush Fire Recovery program which will be taking place in mid-May.

Over the coming months we plan to have more working bees to continue work started on the parklands last year as we reduce the growth from the wet summer to make HP a safe place to live, please come along and help us and meet other members of our community. The pruning pile will be opening in April and lastly the HP 50th celebration will be taking place on May 28th at the community area. It will be a great time for past and present residents to catch up and share memories and experiences about living in our community.

As part of the celebration "Hamilton Park 50th Anniversary Commemorative Book" will be launched, there has been an enormous amount of effort put into researching and collecting stories and old photos of the early days, we hope that you will purchase a copy to remember the first fifty years by. **Ian O'Brien**



Water We don't normally say this at the end of summer but we have plenty of water in our storages at present. This is a result of the increased capture of our system and the simple fact that we didn't use a lot of water this year because of the lower temperatures and frequent heavy rainfalls. As a consequence of these heavy falls some of the drains around HP have proved a little inadequate and some properties have suffered water damage. If you have a drainage channel on your property, please take the time to make sure it is clear and open to the flow of water, remember that anything growing in it, like weeds and grass will limit the flow at peak times as well as provides breeding spots for our favourite insect, the mosquito. Keeping these channels clear will make you and your neighbours happy.

Our water pipelines are also something that we need to be aware of when planting trees and shrubs. The pipelines are not all that robust to roots and in drier times these roots seek out the supply of water and cause leaks to the system which are expensive to repair.

If you are unsure where the water supply main is on your property look from your meter in the same direction as the street in either direction for the location of the main. Most are located at the back of the properties.

Finally, meter readings will be carried out in late April early May, so if you need to make any special arrangements for access ring the **water number 0490 809 341** .



Fruit Fly lay their eggs just beneath the skin of ripening fruit. The eggs hatch into maggots where they make their way to the centre of the fruit. The feeding, and the action of rotting organisms introduced when the eggs are deposited, rapidly destroy the fruit. **What you can do:** Remove all rotting and ripening fruit and place into a plastic bag, tie the top of the bag securely and leave the bag in the sun for 4-5 days. This will kill the maggots. Also fruit fly Traps are available from Park Lane Nursery and Linga Awhile Nursery, lasting for three months and requiring individual male & female traps. Please consider your local environment, as the control of these pests requires the co-operation of all of us.



Native Vegetation Group : We extend our appreciation to this group of tireless workers, who meet regularly to keep our bushland clear of invasive grasses and weeds. Some jobs that have been completed in recent months have been : spraying of invasive grasses, hand removal of broad-leaf weeds and on the bottom dam bank, cuttings were taken from a prickly pea that was suffering from being constantly mowed. The plan is to propagate from these cuttings and replant in a protected area.



New Board Member - Ian Dickson: Retiring after a lifetime of both pushing a pencil and running a sheep & cattle farm, Jo & I moved from Crookwell to be closer to our son & his family, should help be needed. Coming from north of the border our pronunciations & geographical knowledge need attention, but we've been overwhelmed by the "people of the Park" in both generosity of spirit and assistance. Having 1100 acres to run left little time for other activities, but from now on I look forward to opportunities that will help others, by whatever talents I possess .

VALE: STAN MILLER 17/2/2022 in Myrtleford.



Sue and Stan lived at 252 Orchard Drive from 2006 to 2011 and Stan served on the board for a period of time. They were very keen gardeners and along with Ron Taylor designed and planted out the Arboretum gardens initially – which I might add, is still growing thanks to a certain quietly spoken resident 'elf' and the odd working bee from the HP Garden Group.

Our condolences to Sue and family.



VALE : CLARA RUTH MCINTYRE. 11/5/1926 - 23/02/2022

Family, friends, community, classical music, literature, gardening, cooking, fashion, nature and fun . These are words that come to mind when reflecting on the years, that we knew Ruth when she lived in Avoca Lane. Ruth was a well known and respected member of the Hamilton Park community for more than 20 years. Ruth, husband Geoff and whichever beagle was around at the time, walked around the park morning and evening greeting all they met by name dogs and humans alike. Ruth, with another neighbour or two, established the current gardening club. She was of course a very keen and active member of the club, providing sumptuous morning teas when hosting, as well as showing off her garden. No old kitchen cups and plates for Ruth, but the loveliest china cups, saucers and plates. Ruth delighted in cooking as well as gardening and on more than one occasion Ruth treated some of us then young mums (with little ones in tow) to morning teas to rival those at The Windsor in Melbourne. Her grand nephews recall being treated to Maccas breakfasts when they stayed over. The "very proper Maccas breakfast " in Avoca Lane was vastly different to the take away food from The Golden Arches breakfasts! All of us, from great nephews to aged neighbours, made sure we packed our best manners when visiting Ruth. Manners and the correct way to do things were held in high esteem by Ruth. Ruth and Geoff, together with two other couples, the Walkers and the Downeys, began a monthly luncheon club which has continued and grown over the years to include many retired folk.

Ruth (and Geoff) spent many an afternoon/ evening enjoying concerts in Benalla and there was always a pile of books to read and another pile of books completed. Ruth loved discussing books she read and was keen to hear of recommendations. Ruth loved a joke and delighted in telling funny anecdotes about things that had happened.

Ruth and Geoff moved from here to Franklin St Wangaratta, and Ruth then to St Johns before her final place of residence in Illoura where she was cared for by very dedicated staff who all loved her.

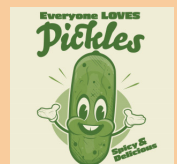
Vale dear Ruth. We all loved you!



Cucumber Pickle—A recipe from Carol (a great way to use up excessive cucumbers)

Ingredients: 3-4 unpeeled green cucumbers, thinly sliced. 3 medium onions thinly sliced, ¼cup of salt, 1 cup of water, 3 cups vinegar, 2½cups of sugar, 2 tablespoons celery seed, 2 tablespoons mustard seed.

Arrange cucumber and onion in layers in bowl sprinkling each layer with salt. Cover and stand for 3 hours. Drain off liquid. Combine remaining ingredients in large saucepan and bring to boil, stirring until sugar is dissolved. Boil for 3 minutes. Add cucumber and onion and bring nearly to boiling point— but do not boil. Place in Jars and seal.



Optional: A dash of chilli and a finely sliced red capsicum may be added.