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## HAMILTON PARK CELEBRATING 50 YEARS—1971-2021

A large crowd of past and present residents attended this special event and enjoyed reminiscing and renewing old friendships. A wonderful acknowledgment to Barbara and Doug Hamilton, whose vision has left us a great legacy.

*“Those that drink the water from the well, recognise those that dug the well”, Bob Shaw aptly quoted.*

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## CELEBRATION HIGHLIGHTS

We extend our congratulations and appreciation to the authors of **Hamilton Park, 1971-2021**. Doreen Wheeler, Ros Janas and Margaret Butt. These three ladies spent countless hours researching and compiling this beautiful and professionally presented history. A must read for all residents, as it gives us a great insight into our very unique community. A wonderful testimony to Doug Hamilton, who had a vision for this area. How proud he would be of Hamilton Park today .

Our beautiful Birthday Cake, made and elegantly decorated by Tina Norton. It was scrumptious-thank you Tina!



### OUR CATERERS

Our hard working team of caterers provided a lovely lunch and afternoon tea for the crowd. A big task. Your efforts were much appreciated.

Our thanks to compere Damien Feehan who conducted the official proceedings in a very professional and entertaining manner.



Jo Dickson decorated our tables in a bush theme, so appropriate for the occasion. Thank you Jo for your creative floral displays.



In the weeks leading up to the celebrations many community members were involved in ensuring that our common areas were looking pristine . The Garden Club members spent a busy morning tidying up the Henley Road garden plot. They were able to make use of a driver and ute to take cuttings to the pruning pile. The Arboretum was also weeded and new plants added. Some other community members were able to give the shed a good clean out and our regular volunteers were doing the usual mowing and general maintenance. ***A big thank you to all involved!***





## Working Bee

At last Saturdays working bee (2nd July) a small, but enthusiastic group of volunteers cleared along the track between the pruning pile and the western edge of the bottom dam. This is a well-used track but has fallen into a poor state with dead trees along the edge of the dam. As the number attending on the day was small not all the planned work was completed, we intend to complete it at the next working bee early next month. A BIG thankyou to those who attended, a sausage sizzle and chat was enjoyed at the conclusion of the working bee. Thank you to Dianne Peacock and Jo Dickson for providing delicious slices. **Next Working Bee-August** Keep an eye open for the Working Bee signs.

**Chairmans Report:** The last few months have been extremely busy getting organised for our 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration. We prepared for rain but on the day the weather gods provided a dry day with sun. The event was well attended with the family of Doug Hamilton and many old residents catching up to share their memories of the early days of Hamilton Park. It was particularly pleasing to hear the fond and lasting memories of growing up in HP with cubbies and exploring the parklands and dams. Congratulations to those that contributed so much time to make this a success for all who attended.

As part of the celebration a commemorative book has been produced and there are still a few copies available for sale. If you have a story or experience you would like to share we would love to continue collecting for the future. Go to our website [www.hamiltonpark.org.au/history](http://www.hamiltonpark.org.au/history) to contribute and read others stories or to purchase a book. You can also contact Doreen on 0437555083 to order a book or find out more information.

## Mulch and Firewood Sale - Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 8:30 -12 Only

We have a large amount of mulch and firewood which will be available for sale at the pruning pile, bring your trailer, we will have a Bobcat on site to load the mulch. Mulch is \$20/6x4 trailer load and firewood \$40/6x4 trailer load, **cash only**.

**Positions Vacant:** Hamilton Park relies on a hard-working team of volunteers to keep all the services running and make improvements. This is a big commitment for a few people and we are aware that everyone's time is valuable, so we are seeking to spread the load a little by creating a few important positions which require less time than becoming a board member. If you think that you have the time and the skills please respond by contacting a board member or email the board at [hpboard@hamiltonpark.org.au](mailto:hpboard@hamiltonpark.org.au).

### Mowing Roster Co-ordinator

We are looking for someone to co-ordinate the mowing roster. No special skills or mowing required (unless you are one of our fantastic mowers already) and no need to attend board meetings. It's just simple things like;

- ◆ Maintaining the roster and contacting volunteers as required
- ◆ Making sure there are supplies such as fuel for the tractor
- ◆ Contacting the board if repairs are needed

Basically, it's being a central contact for our mowing team and helping to keep things running smoothly.

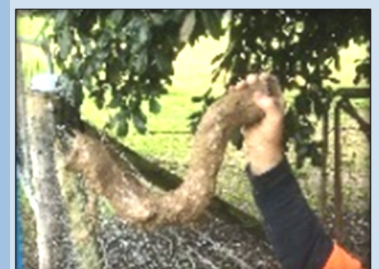
### Grants Manager

We are seeking someone from our community to assist with applying for grants to build important infrastructure for the community. The first project will be a playground to compliment the sports hub which was built several years ago with the assistance of a grant from RCOW.

- ◆ Monitor media and government websites for suitable grants
- ◆ Produce or assist in the preparation of the grant application
- ◆ Provide support to board with communications to the grant provider to achieve a successful outcome.

**Water Report:** Water meters have been read recently and invoices will be in your letter boxes very soon. Thanks to the hard working team of volunteers for their work in reading meters

Tree roots are an ongoing problem to our aging water supply network a recent leak in Henley Road was traced to a crack in the 4" water main that required repairing by the plumbers. These are costly to the community and while existing trees cannot be relocated please consider the location of the water main before planting new trees or shrubs.



*Pictured is our plumber with the tree root that caused the issue in Henley Road.*

**Hamilton Park Water**



Report leaks & supply issues

**0490 809 341**

[waterdistribution@hamiltonpark.org.au](mailto:waterdistribution@hamiltonpark.org.au)





### NATIVE VEGETATION GROUP

The Native Vegetation Group's activities have been interrupted by the ongoing wet weather. Our ongoing activities include the removal of garden escapees such as Asparagus, Privet, Cotoneaster and palms. The regrowth of Eucalyptus seedlings is ongoing. In the areas of bushland that have been thinned the seedlings are now quick to take the opportunity that the parents are out of the way. The seedlings are easy to remove before they have the time to grow a tap root. The annual winter grasses, in particular the veldt grasses are now enjoying the cold wet season.

If you would like to assist in maintaining the HP parklands, come and meet our group of volunteers, who meet on a Wednesday morning for approximately an hour. No previous experience is required.



### MONTHLY LUNCHEONS

Our Monthly Luncheons are very popular, with residents enjoying the company of each other at various venues. In April we were at the Plough Inn, May our venue was the King River Café Oxley and in June we travelled to Moyhu Hotel. A great way to get to know your neighbours.

### ANOTHER PROJECT

Over the last few months some volunteers have constructed a bridge between Omar and Warrawong Lane.

Pictured: Peter Janas and Ian O'Brien, Photographer-Ian Dickson.



### SPARK

Some Hamilton Park residents recently enjoyed participating in a Spark Workshop at our community area. The workshop was part of a series of weaving workshops delivered by master weaver Cassie Leatham and local Indigenous weavers. The workshops have been run in the bush in the King and Ovens valleys, The Warby Ranges and the Mullinmur Billabongs. All of the workshops have used locally sourced materials to weave the sculpture which supported participants to connect with the land and their local environment. Participants have been able to share stories, connect community and learn more about local Indigenous culture. The Spark Program will conclude with a Virtual reality film at the Wangaratta Art Gallery Friday the 29th of July 5.30-730 pm. RSVP Weds 27th July 0357220761 or online wangarattaartgallery.com.au The planned burn was postponed.



We extend a warm welcome to new residents Geoffrey and Lynette.

We hope you enjoy life in our community.

A big welcome to baby

Leo Dirkjan Pendavingh

Congratulations to parents Elisabet and Dan, big sister

Juliet and proud grandparents Ruth and Derek.



Monthly Luncheon  
3rd Thursday of the month.

Garden Club  
4th Monday of the month.

To attend contact Tina on 0419880761



I hope you have found our Winter Newsletter interesting, and I extend my appreciation to all who have contributed. Photos, recipes, stories etc are always welcome and can be e-mailed to [newsletter@hamiltonpark.org.au](mailto:newsletter@hamiltonpark.org.au) -Dianne

### DATE AND GINGER SCONES

**Ingredients:** 4 cups of SR Flour, 300ml thickened cream, 250g finely chopped dates ,300 ml ginger beer

**Method:** Pre-heat oven to 200 degrees, Mix ingredients roughly by hand before tipping out onto a well floured bench ( it will be quite sticky so you can add flour to dry the mixture out a little). Flatten down dough and then cut out with scone cutter. Place together on baking tray, so when they bake they will stick together on sides and bake upwards, supporting each other. Bake 15 minutes or until golden brown.

