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Breakfast Under the Gum Trees: Our beautiful bushland provided the perfect backdrop for a very large crowd to come together to celebrate being part of this unique community, and to acknowledge the traditions and many cultures of this wonderful country, that we are privileged to live in. Following the formal introduction to the morning, residents were served a cooked breakfast and enjoyed pondering over the Australia Day Quiz provided by Margaret Butt. The morning was further enhanced by Ruth Pendavingh entertaining residents with the Lamington Poem and Ian Dickson lending his voice to some great bush poetry. Ruth also led the gathering in some traditional Australian songs, which added to the spirit of the morning. Our thanks to the team providing the breakfast, all who assisted with setting and clearing up and to Jo Dickson who used her artistic skills to decorate the tables with native flowers and greenery. A special thank you to our awesome Master of Ceremony Keith Arnott.



Congratulations to our Local Achievers 2025 -Elisabet Pendavingh and Julia Michael .

Elisabet has been a driving force in setting up fundraising opportunities, writing grants, attending and holding meetings, building a team of volunteers to support her efforts, and has raised \$30,000 towards the playground. Julia has worked with Elisabet to get the dream up and running. Writing the proposal with Els to the Hamilton Park Board and then following up with the design and costings. Her plans and work have allowed them to submit high quality grant submissions. We acknowledge the amazing work that these two young women have contributed, while working and raising young families, to achieve their dream of a playground for the community.



How we built Hamilton Parks new playground:

Over the COVID years it became even more apparent to the Board that a playground was needed for our community that was starting to renew with young families. The earlier attempt of a climbing tower had been removed some years before.

In our Winter 2022 newsletter, the Board advertised for a grants manager to raise funds for the playground.

In July 2023, Els Pendavingh approached us asking if we still needed help, saying that she would take on the task. If only she knew what this would entail.

Els and Julia put a proposal to the board, which was approved, the target to be around \$40K. The grant applications were now underway and a budget was put together. Some unused equipment was sold to kick it off, slasher, trailer and the Furphy tank, we now had around \$5.5K

Quotes were sought for the equipment; this is when we found out exactly how expensive this project would be. Els pushed on and raised funds via grants and the go fund me page, Tina Norton and the social club organised a car boot sale and December 2023 we started the CDS program which has contributed \$2.5K so far, thanks to Derek and Ruth Pendavingh doing the regular trips to Newman street.

All was looking good but we still didn't have enough funds to build a good playground, the equipment was so expensive. In August 2025, Els found the bargain we had been looking for, a second hand near new playground that met our requirements of being built to Australian standards. This was a bonus, about \$25K worth of equipment for only \$4K. But we had to dismantle it in Tullamarine. Some new pieces of equipment would still need to be purchased to complete the project. With the budget looking achievable, the layout could now be designed, thanks to Julia's expertise.

In early October a team set off to disassemble a playground and turned it into a puzzle. In early January a keen group started the assembly process, once this was completed, we needed a team to spread the 50m3 of softfall. In what is most likely the biggest working bee HP have ever held, around 40 people including some small people turned up with rakes and wheelbarrows and here we are with the playground we always wanted.

The work is not complete but we are really close, retaining wall and rock platform is still to be completed. In the future we hope that we will have shade sails and a Alyse is working on funding a defibrillator at our community area as well.

This could not have happened without a lot of community input and the board would like to make some acknowledgments.:

Dismantling team: Derek Pendavingh, Peter Janas, Lucus Brook, Greg Betts, Paul Derezycky, Tim Jones, Ian O'Brien

Reconstruction Team: Matt White, Derek Pendavingh, Peter Janas, Greg Betts, Ian O'Brien, Euan White (sourcing provision of materials) and his experience.

Financial contributors: Glenrowan Solar farm, Rural City of Wangaratta, Glenrowan Lions club, ARTC, Go fund me, Container deposit scheme, Sale of Furphy Tank, Sale of Trailer, Bendigo Bank - Connected communities, Car Boot sale as well the generous donation of time and funds by so many of our small but vibrant community.

But now we need to thank the most important people, our Local achievers of the year, Els Pendavingh and Julia Michael, without their enthusiasm we would never have succeeded . Els, you told me that we would open it with a glass of bubbly and a slide and that is what we did on Australia Day 2025.

Our community now has a playground that we can be extremely proud of, this effort is what makes HP a great place to live!



The community appreciates the many donations that were received for the playground to enable the project to come to fruition. Robyn and Warren Coles representing the Warby- Glenrowan Lions Club were presented with a certificate of appreciation for the club's generous donation at our official opening

Other projects around HP:

Last year the board re-evaluated our electricity usage and supplier. In doing this we were able to purchase our electricity at a lower cost and also make use of an extended off peak period to reduce overall water pumping costs. During this evaluation it became apparent that the service to the community area was a significant cost to us, we buy about \$100 of electricity per year but pay about 6-7 times that as a service charge, on the other hand adding \$100 a year to the pump on the top dam would be un-noticed. With the advice and assistance of James Thomson, our local sparky, a connection to the top dam pump looked very possible, all we needed was a long trench to the top dam pump shed.

After a few false starts, we started work on this project in early January. Things don't always go well and we broke the water main from the top dam on the hottest day, but at the end of the day we had a trench to bury the connection in.

The connection will be made soon and the service disconnected, saving us around \$700 to \$800 a year.

Another significant piece of work undertaken was to remove the 25 plus, mower destroying stumps left below the community area after the thinning project a few years ago.

This has only been possible with generous support from Greg Adamo from G&J Tree Services, and Terry Craig who has provided a connection to make this all happen.

If you have any tree work, from trimming or removing trees to stump removal, mention that you appreciated the help that G&J Tree Services provided to us.



Water Restrictions now in place:



As the last of summer and the hottest part of this year so far drags on, we are constantly looking at the level of water in our storages. At present we believe that we have enough water in reserve if we all use it carefully. But the levels have now dropped below a threshold and we are now introducing water restrictions for the first time since 2021.

Initially Stage 1 Restrictions are now being introduced to ensure that we don't completely run out, but in the future it may be necessary to increase these to Stage 2.

The restrictions are based on the North East water guidelines for consistency.

Stage one restrictions are as follows:

Hand watering:

You can water residential or commercial gardens and lawns at any time, on any day using a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle.

Watering systems:

You can water gardens and lawns using a watering system (manual, automatic, spray or dripper) only on alternate days between 6am - 10am and 6pm - 10pm.

Alternate days:

If your property number is odd, then you are allowed to water on the odd days of the month

If your property number is even number, then you are allowed to water on even days of the month

All residents can water on the 31st of each month

Refer to our website for full details, <https://hamiltonpark.org.au/live-here/2074-2/>

HAMILTON PARK—A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE



Santa was greeted by excited children, as he arrived in style to our community Christmas Party. Accompanied by his elf helper he entertained our younger generation, as well as the adults present. Residents enjoyed mingling and chatting to their neighbours on a beautiful balmy summer evening. Our three raffle winners were: Bob, Holly and Ruth. Another great event, organised by our social committee and we extend our appreciation to them. These events are always good fun and enable residents to get to know their neighbours socially.



Monthly Luncheon—The 3rd Thursday of the month—contact person Tina Norton—0419 880 761 - a great way to meet you neighbours.

We walk every Thursday (except the 3rd Thursday) to Glenrowan, enjoy a coffee and then walk back. People are welcome to join us for part of the walk or just for coffee and a chat. Contact person : Dianne Peacock 0421348711



Garden Club: Meet on the last Monday of the month at 10am at various homes for a cuppa and to share garden ideas. Contact person: Tina Norton 0419880761



Managing Fruit Fly in Hamilton Park:

Those of us that are keen gardeners are well aware of those rotten little white grubs in our fruit and vegies and our gardens are only as healthy as those of our near neighbours.

If you do not use all the fruit off your trees a handy hint is to knock off the blossoms in Spring with the back of a leaf rake, presto no fruit to pick up next summer!! Works like a charm!! There are a few very useful fruit fly traps available from Park Lane Nursery, as added protection from the darn fruit fly. Remember the little pests can fly 500m which means into your neighbours property!! If all of that is an effort, consider removing your unused fruit trees.

Once long ago we didn't have fruit fly in Victoria, hopefully we can say that about HP sometime soooooon! (Tina Norton)



The community extends a warm welcome to baby Ellie-May born on the 15th of January and we congratulate new parents Meg and Tony.



From the Editor

Thank you to the residents who have contributed items for this edition. An exciting start to 2025 with the opening of our playground and we look forward to further developments in this area. Dianne newsletter@hamiltonpark.org.au

We extend our appreciation to the staff at the office of Tim McCurdy MP, Member for Ovens Valley, who have assisted with the printing of our Newsletter.



RECIPE CORNER



Anna's Spicy Tuna roll bowl serves 4-6 people

Ingredients 3 cups cooked brown rice 300g tinned tuna. (I use a big tin of Sirena tuna in oil, I think it's 425g)

Salad 3-4 cos lettuce leaves per serve , 1 carrot shredded, 1/2 Lebanese cucumber sliced per serve, 1/2 radish sliced per serve, 1/4 - 1/2 avocado per serve, 1 tbsp sesame seeds, 1/2 cup coriander leaves, pickled ginger (optional).

Spicy mayo: 1/4 cup kewpie mayo, 1 tbsp sriracha (to suit your taste), 2 tsp lemon juice, 2 teaspoons sesame oil 1 tsp soy sauce

Mix all dressing ingredients together in a bowl or jar

Assemble about 1/2-3/4 cup rice per bowl. Add all other salad ingredients to each bowl with divided tuna on top. Drizzle with spicy mayo and sesame seeds, coriander and ginger.

Devour! Hopefully there's some left for lunch the next day.