



# **Hamilton Park Co-Op Ltd**

## **Keeping You Updated about Your Community**



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### **COMMUNITY SPIRIT**



We are so privileged to be part of this unique community, where there is a great sense of belonging. This was evident recently, as we joined together to celebrate being Australian and embracing the many cultures that form part of this wonderful country. Our day was enhanced with the bush poetry by Ian Dickson and the beautiful voice of Ruth Pendavingh who led the singing. A big thank you to our hard working Social Committee who provided the breakfast.

There have been many occasions during the year, where the community spirit is displayed—The working bees, the trivia night to raise funds for our own Renae, Playground initiative, Melbourne Cup day, Halloween, and the Christmas gathering, where our younger generation were entertained by Santa and his helper. There are also a number of residents who assist in their own quiet way to help maintain our beautiful area. The pruning pile, opened in our winter months and co-ordinated by Pete Janas is another valued part of Hamilton park.



***Community Spirit can be defined as pride within our community, so well done to all.***



Helping a neighbour





# Playground Update

## Community Survey outcome summary:

- 68 returned surveys, mainly completed by Google Forms
- 55 surveys were completed by HP/Grants Estate residents, 10 Glenrowan residents and 3 Wangaratta South residents.
- The survey represented a total of 229 residents of which 40,79% (93) were children.
- 98.5% of the residents responded that Hamilton Park would benefit from having a playground in the common area.
- The survey supports our choice to install a playground for children in the school age (6-12 years) category. With the largest representation of this group (33.3%) and the runner up groups (babies, toddlers, and pre-schoolers) in total representing 75.2%.
- The survey respondents indicated in the survey that they are specifically driving (up to 95 trips per month) into town with the aim to visit a playground.

## Now how to go from here?

We established a GoFundMe page in November which has raised as of today \$1,625 and we commenced a CDS (Container deposit Scheme) fundraiser which has already raised over \$400 in 2 months time! We are still aiming to raise around \$4500 in community contributions towards the playground. The remainder of the funds will be sourced through grant applications and a contribution from the Hamilton Park Board. As we have not reached our target of 4,500 yet, we would like we would like you to consider making a donation towards our community playground. We understand that this is a very large amount to raise in our community and that everyday living expenses are high, but every donation, no matter how small, will help us to get a step closer to having our children playing in a locally accessible playground!

So please consider the HP playground GoFundMe page and keep donating your cans, PET bottles and juice boxes (look for the 10c symbol). And be part of the legacy that would accommodate many generations of play to come.

Please click on the link below, copy and paste it in your browser or find the link on our community Facebook page, to access the GoFundMe page <https://gofund.me/fab4b752>



## PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISING EVENT:

A car booth sale and market fund raising event is held on Saturday 4 May 2024 at the BBQ area. You are invited to join us in a community effort to raise money for the playground. So clean out the shed and the spare room and sell your quality used goods at the car booth sale and/or find some new treasure.

Enjoy a good chat with your neighbour down the road, buy some flowers, find a mother's day present and have a coffee and a slice or enjoy the good old sausage sizzle.

### Stall holder information

Stall holder tickets are \$20 each. Email: [caranorton@bigpond.com](mailto:caranorton@bigpond.com) or alternatively SMS **0419 880 761**, your name and address to secure your early bird VIP stall holder tickets. Alternatively you test your luck on the day and compete with your neighbours for the best spot.

All proceeds of the day will go towards our HP community fundraising effort for the playground.





The water system is often said to be a bit old, tired and in need of some love and attention to keep it working for us all. The pipes are mostly Asbestos Cement, same as most of Wangaratta and Benalla and they are safe as long as they are left wet and undisturbed, but when we do major works it requires some special attention. This happened in early December, not an ideal time to have to shut off the water but we had a large leak to fix. Part of the main was removed and replaced with PVC pipe as well as adding valves to allow us to split the water system in two. A specialised contractor was used to remove and dispose of the AC pipe, seen here looking more like spacemen.

Invoices for Water and Park Maintenance fee will be with you soon and may require some explanation. The water charge is for the 12 month period, not the usual 6 Month. We decided that with water usage low we would only bill once to save the efforts of the volunteers. In hindsight this was not as good an idea as we thought and we will return to the normal bill cycle next year. If you have difficulty with payment please contact us to avoid additional collection charges.

### Container Deposit scheme is helping HP:

As part of a state government program to reduce our waste stream, HP is benefiting by collecting the containers and turning them into cash for our playground development.

We would like to thanks everyone for leaving their containers at the community area and to the small team who regularly transport them to the Exchange Depot in Newman Street. Since we started the collections we have raised around \$600, this is not an enormous amounts of cash but it is regular and we intend to keep this going for as long as possible to fund maintenance and new equipment for the playground.



A working bee will be held on **Friday 15th March** from 5pm to clean-up our parklands, activities will include grass cutting, removal of fallen trees and branches. At the conclusion a sausage and a beer/soft drink will be provided to say thanks from the community.

### MEET THE HAMILTON PARK BOARD FOR 2023-24:



Ian O'Brien (Chairperson and Water Storage) Keith Arnott (Secretary) ,Euan White (Maintenance), Ian Dickson, Doreen Wheeler (Conveyancing) Marian Rak, Derek Pendavingh (Parklands) and Dianne Peacock (Newsletter).



Dear residents, I hope that you have enjoyed reading about our community and the various functions and activities that form part of life in Hamilton Park. Exciting times ahead , as the community strives to fund the playground and well done to the committee, who are working so hard to achieve this goal.

My thanks to the people who have contributed items for this edition. Dianne



We extend our appreciation to the staff at the office of Tim McCurdy MP, Member for Ovens Valley, who have assisted in the printing of our Summer 2024 Edition.





Our Melbourne Cup day organised by the Social Committee was enjoyed by all attendees. Once again, a sense of community and social interaction as we watched the race that stops a nation. Congratulations to Marion Rak who won the best hat competition and to those people who were successful in the sweeps.



Our Monthly Luncheons continue to be enjoyed by residents, and we concluded the year under the wisteria at the Plough Inn. January saw 22 residents at the Mokoan Hub. This is a great way to get to know your neighbours. Contact person: Tina Norton 0419880761



We extend a very warm welcome to Peter and Nicole Amendola and their family. We hope you enjoy life in Hamilton Park.



Sadly, we recently said goodbye to Karen and Tony Place. We wish them well in their new home in Wangaratta and we look forward to seeing them at future Hamilton Park functions.

### Tomato Relish

This recipe was passed on from my Mother-in-Law and was a staple in their house. Used on toast for Brekkie or a quick meal with or without an egg and cheese on top. I use it now to top chicken schnitzel

with cheese on top (homemade pub parmigiana)

Skin 1.5K)of ripe tomatoes, 500gms diced onion

1 or 2 cloves of garlic chopped (optional)

Place this into a basin and cover with a generous amount of salt for a minimum of 4 6 hours preferably overnight. Strain off brine and place in boiler and cover with your choice of vinegar (I use apple cider) approx. 1 ltr. Plus 1 lb (500gms) sugar. Bring to the boil and boil approx. half hour. (30mins).Add thickening as follows:

A little vinegar, 2 slightly rounded tablespoons of corn flour

1 rounded tablespoon Curry Powder, 1 dessertspoon mustard

Mix together to form a smooth paste and add to rest, bring back to boil, and, boil for at least 5 mins to thicken and cook the cornflour.

If you require a thicker relish add more cornflour however remember it will thicken further on cooling.

Bottle while still hot. (Jo Dickson)



The Garden Club is another valued part of our community. Members maintain the Henley Drive garden plot and the Arboretum. They also enjoy getting together to share their love of gardening on the 4th Monday of the month at various homes. The next meeting for the year will be a cuppa and chat on March 25th at the home of Heather Betts, 31 Avoca at 10am

At this time of year residents have an abundance of vegetables and fruit in their gardens so we have decided to publish these two recipes—thank you to Jo and Di .

### Pickled Zucchini ( Di Jonker)

1 Kg zucchini, 2 small onions, ¼ cup of salt,

Slice finely, place in large bowl, cover with water and salt. Leave 2 hours to drain.

Bring to boil—2 cups white vinegar, 1 teas. Turmeric, 2 cups of sugar, 2 teas. dry mustard. Add zucchini and onions and cook until tender. Bottle in sterilised jars. If using 500g of zucchini just halve quantity of liquid (Di Jonker)