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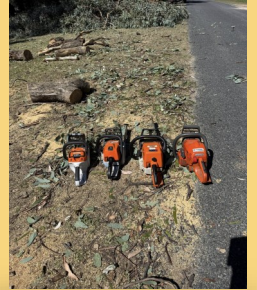


OUR GARDEN CLUB: In the early 1990's a group of residents, who all had a passion for gardening decided to form a garden club. The group met monthly to share knowledge and generally revel in the joy of growing things. In the present day, residents continue to carry out that tradition, set by original members. This enthusiastic group meet at 10am on the last Monday of the month from February to November, with the location usually moving around member's homes. Over time members, have become involved in preserving the Arboretum, which was initiated by Ron Taylor, a Hamilton Park Board Member in 2008. Members are also involved in the beautification of the Henley Drive garden bed, which was created by Margaret Hamilton and son John in the early days of Hamilton Park. These projects are usually undertaken a couple of times a year, with members enjoying a cuppa and chat at the Community Hub afterwards. The Garden Club creates a sense of community and is a great way to learn— hands on friendly and practical, and can open a lot of doors. Everyone is welcome to attend and suggestions for other activities, such as guest speakers or trips to places of interest would be very welcome. For further information or suggestions please contact **Heather Betts** : 0474 475 809





We purchased this block of land in 1979 in the Grants Estate, which was adjacent to Hamilton Park. These beautiful old grey box trees were one of the reasons that we chose the block. There were only three other houses in Warrawong at that time. Over the years both estates have grown and many friends and neighbours have come and gone. Warrawong lane residents have always been a friendly bunch and often have had celebrations together in the street such as our street party every Christmas and some at other times too. Three weeks ago, one of these large trees decided that its time was up. We had trimmed them from time to time, so that they would not drop on our house, so that was indeed fortunate. When they fell it was across the yard, our driveway and right across Warrawong Lane. Peter's first comment was that the twigs were too much for the green waste bin! The branches were huge! On the Friday morning, we set to and started cleaning up the road. Low and behold, a few of our wonderful neighbours just arrived and pitched in to help. Before long the road was clear and we could use our driveway. It was sad to see the trees go, but the silver lining in this was the sense of community that it created and we are very grateful to the group of neighbours, who were there all day and for days afterwards helping us. This is why we live where we live. Thank you, from Ros and Peter Janas. 20 Warrawong Lane.



Monthly Luncheon. Lots of smiling faces pictured at the April luncheon, which was held at the Winton Wetlands Café. Residents enjoyed the picturesque outlook, as well as lovely meals and excellent service.



A tiny adventure, not planned, but members of the walking group embraced the moment with camaraderie and resilience, when they were caught in a downpour recently.



Building a Sense of Belonging Small communities thrive when people feel **seen, heard, and valued**. Events and activities create shared memories that reinforce belonging and pride in the local area and social activities can create connection, belonging and a shared purpose. Even simple gatherings can spark conversation and strengthen the emotional fabric of a community.

At Hamilton Park we enjoy a number of social activities, but welcome any suggestions for further activities. We are fortunate to have a large number of young families living on the estate and would love to see their needs catered for. **Ideas and any offers of assistance** would be appreciated. Please contact the editor at newsletter@hamiltonpark.org.au or a **Board Member**.

A REMINDER

Reminding residents and visitors that Henley Drive is a 40k zone, which ensures the safety of all adults and children using the street.



We extend a warm welcome to new residents Sam, Hannah and Tom. We hope that you enjoy life, in our unique community.

Our appreciation to the staff at the office of Tim McCurdy MP for their valued assistance in the printing of our Newsletter.



WORKING BEES: A big thank you to all the volunteers who attended our recent working bee. The working bees play a vital role in our community and reinforces the idea that Hamilton Park matters, because we make it matter together. Our next Working Bee is tentatively set for **Saturday June 20th**—this date is to be confirmed.



This year we will all celebrate National Volunteers week 18-24th May.

It is an often forgotten part of life where people generously give their time to help with the communities in which we live. Services such as the CFA, SES would not exist without these dedicated volunteers, but there are many other groups that are often overlooked such as Meals on Wheels delivery drivers, Care Van operators, Op Shop volunteer staff and the local Historical Society to mention a few.

HP also rely on our community members who give their time to benefit all who live here, just think what a difference the Pruning Pile makes for us all. But it wouldn't happen without someone giving up their time to manage the entire operation. So next time you are feeling frustrated that something at HP isn't quite the way you think it should be, spare a thought for one or many of our community members that give their time for all of us. Joining in to our community events such as working bees is a great way to meet your fellow residents and to make HP a great place to live.



Water

Next summer could be a very dry time for us all!

The board have been considering the water supply for next summer and the problems that we may face.

The BOM forecasts that the next 3 months will be drier than normal, so rainfall alone may not fill our dams.

Add to this the fact that if it doesn't rain significantly 15 Mile creek will not flow enough for us to pump from.

Add to this further, the current situation in the middle east will make the pumping significantly more expensive and that is if we can obtain diesel fuel at all. So consider changing your gardens to use less water by mulching, if replanting, buy plants that will require less water. There are many websites that can help here, so have a look and start preparing now.

<https://www.yvw.com.au/help-advice/saving-water/saving-water-outdoors>

<https://apsvic.org.au/low-water-usage-gardening/>

Pruning Pile 2026

The pruning pile will be re-opening Saturday **May 16**. Opening hours will be Saturday and Sunday 9.00am till 4.30pm. Last opening day for the year will be Sunday **September 6**. This year the pruning pile was burnt off on April 15th and this proved very successful, as the pile was able to dry out over the summer months.

This facility is for the residents of Hamilton Park and Grants Estate only.

Remember this is run by volunteers.

- **No metal or masonry objects are to be dumped.**
- **No garden soil.**
- **Pruning's should be thrown toward the pile centre and not dumped on the driveway.**
- **No large stumps, billets of timber, logs, yuccas or succulents, **THEY DO NOT BURN.**** Billets and logs of timber suitable for firewood may be left near the gate for a future sale as firewood, for continued playground development.
- The picture is a stump that has been through two burnings, and is still in great condition. Any questions, please contact Peter Janas **0432 324 661**



Recent Burn

Stump



Mistletoe Bird, Orchard Drive. (Photos courtesy of Jan Osmotherly)

This secretive little bird is hardly ever seen. It was a 40 degree day and birds really struggle with temperatures of 30 degrees plus as they have no sweat glands. Panting and drooping their wings are two attempts to cool down, they also like a bird bath, often just perching motionless near the water. Many small birds are visibly smaller due to evaporation on extremely hot days. The Mistletoe Bird (*Dicaeum hirundinaceum*) is highly dependent on the fruits of Mistletoe plants for its survival .

NATIVE VEGETATION NEWS

Welcome to our first resident **Wombat**.

Over recent months, two large burrows have appeared near the walking track in the NW corner of Hamilton Park bushland (above top dam).

Some cool facts about wombats:

Generally solitary – so we probably have just one

Nocturnal -- so we may not see him/her

Highly territorial – maybe this is a young adult establishing a new territory?

Mark out territory with their distinctive cube shaped poo deposited on a prominent feature e.g. on top of log. The square shape stops it rolling off. Keep a look out....

Eat native grasses, sedges and the roots of native shrubs and trees – rough stuff

Have continually growing teeth

Skilled at digging burrows – can dig up to 1metre in one night

Females have backward facing pouches – to keep the dirt out when digging! True

Use multiple burrows –usually rotate between 3 -4 main burrows –so, we might see more burrows.



A local wombat spotted walking along Taaffe Rd at 9.30am, 4 July 2024 – a bit late home from the party?! Photo Jan Osmotherly

Rabbits

Thanks to all residents who have joined with us in ridding Hamilton park of rabbits. The early autumn rain triggered breeding early in the season, so another big effort is required. Any open burrows on the Common Land have been dug out since summer, so numbers are very low. We aim to keep it that way. Lets all work together to remove breeding burrows within the whole Hamilton Park area.



Jo's Sponge

Ingredients: 1 cup of GF plain flour, ½ cup of GF cornflour, pinch of salt, ¾ cup of sugar, 3 eggs, 3 tablespoons of butter or marg., 3 tablespoons of milk, 1teaspoon cream of tartar, ½teaspoon of carb soda.

Method: Melt butter and milk in dish in microwave. Put sifted flours, salt, sugar, then eggs in mixer, pour over melted butter and milk. Beat for 3 minutes with whisk attachment. Add cream of tartar and carb. soda, mix in. Pour into 2 six inch cake pans and bake for 25minutes at 185 degrees. **Note** if making it has an ordinary sponge leave out the cornflour

Ode to the walking group by Gill Althrop

I live in HP not far from BP (if you travel by car)
If you follow a star,
Glenrowan is not far
We walk every week (on Thursdays)
We seek a good coffee, but not with a toffee,
Scones, biscuits or cake, we get what we take,
Providore, 1880 or even the Bakery, it's not bad
for a cakery.
So lets cheer for H.P.
We won't charge a fee for breakfast today
It's hip hip hooray.
Let's celebrate well, so we have stories to tell
About life in H.P.

POETRY CORNER



Morning Tea by Heather Betts

I love my cup of morning tea,
I've brewed it since a child you see,
I warm the pot and steep the leaves as
steaming tendrils weave.
Of days gone by and stories shared and bickies
dunked with glee!
My mother drank hers weak and black, my
father liked his strong and white, so best not
to let it draw too long says Mum, but let Dad's
wait and stew a while.
It makes me smile when my sister comes to
share that fragrant pour in china cups with
me, she likes hers weak and black , but I like
mine strong and white, you see.