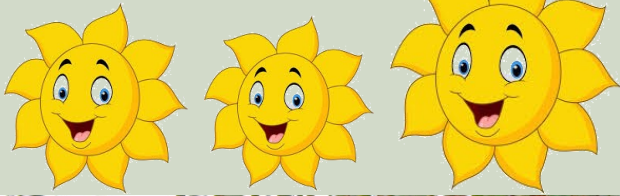


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Breakfast Under The Gum Trees: Sunlight filtered through the trees, as our band of volunteers set the stage for our Australia Day celebrations, and soon the enticing smell of breakfast wafted through the air. Our surrounding bushland provided the perfect backdrop for the large crowd, who came together to participate and strengthen community bonds in our unique community. Councillor Tania Maxwell delivered the Australia Day Address and presented Achiever Awards to our awesome threesome: Matt, James and Heath. The three were recognised by the community for their outstanding contribution, and Ian O'Brian presented an outline of what they had achieved in their service to the community. Margaret Butt, once again provided a quiz, which tested our knowledge of history and sport. The Poetry Slam, which was introduced this year, was well received and the enthusiasm and creativity of the participants was appreciated. Our morning concluded with community singing, accompanied by Ruth on the guitar.

Our thanks to all volunteers who assisted on the day, ensuring that the community enjoyed the spirit of Australia Day.

OUR LOCAL ACHIEVERS AND THEIR FAMILIES



Matt, Jenna, Tarni, Tyson, Hazel and Hayden.

Matt White has been a key member of the team who built the playground, he contributed his time, equipment and most of all his ability to get the job done. There was a time, when we thought we wouldn't achieve the goal of completing the build for Australia Day last year, but Matt said, "we have to give it a shot" and we did.

Heath, Holly and Doug.

Heath is always available, when his skills are needed to get the carpentry jobs done. The retaining wall around our playground would have been completed, but Heath brought his carpentry skills and equipment along, and the job was done without fuss, and a lot quicker with him helping. This was just the start, as Heath continued by leading the job rebuilding the deck on the top dam. He is also an active member of the Native Vegetation Group.

James, Chelsea, Clyde, Stella and Joey.

James' contribution to our community has been invaluable, installing lights and other electrical items to support Hamilton Park. He has also contributed his expertise to connecting the power supply at the top of the dam to the community area.



THE FACES OF HAMILTON PARK- a great place to live:



OUR POETRY SLAM: this was well received on Australia Day and the participants had their voices tuned to the audience ,as they recited their creations. Over the coming year we are delighted to include them in our newsletter.

THE RED MG by Frank Wellman

*I love my sunburnt country
 And my shiny red MG.
 It's beauty and performance
 Make it feel just right for me
 With lowered hood and windows down
 The wind blows through my hair,
 On sunny days or starry nights
 I'd drive it anywhere.
 But when the rain comes tumbling down
 Its in the garage it stays
 The holden with it's heater on will take me many ks.*

MY HOME by Anne Ford

*I love my home and garden
 No views of sweeping plains
 Afoot the Warby Rangers
 It hardly ever rains
 I dream of far horizons
 To sail a jewelled sea
 But "Beauty and Terror?"
 That's "Lulu and Me!"
 Core of my heart, my dog.
 Land of the rabbits galore, thru flood fire and famine
 There's more and more and more!
 Over thirsty paddocks we watch over many days
 The dusty veil of warrens thickens as we gaze. And they graze
 In this open -hearted community lies a wilful, lavish dog
 All you who have not loved her will not understand, though earth holds many splendours , wherever I may roam , it's my canine companion that brings Joy to my home.*



Save the Date



PLANNED WORKING BEES:

Friday 20th March 2026

Saturday 20th June 2026 (tentative)

Friday 16th October 2026

Friday 27th November 2026



Working Bees play a vital role in our community and are not just about the jobs that need doing, but are a ritual, where people catch up, swap stories, welcome newcomers and quietly reinforce the idea that Hamilton Park *matters because we make it matter together.*

Community:

Our “Breakfast under the Gumtrees” was once again a fantastic community event with great weather and a very well received breakfast. A big thanks to our dedicated event team of volunteers who make sure that this is a success, well done to all involved.

It was an excellent opportunity for us all to celebrate our local achievers, and all that these valuable members bring to our community. We were able to hold this event with the financial support of RCOW and this year Tanya Maxwell presented the awards on behalf of Mayor Irene Grant.

It was a great opportunity to discuss future funding to help us complete our playground with a shade sail.

Water:

Everyone will have noticed it’s been hot, really hot and for many days in a row. Most of us have been able to keep our gardens surviving, just, even if we had to sacrifice our lawns which have turned to crunchy brown grass.

Congratulations to everyone for sharing the responsibility of taming their water usage to a level that we can sustain with our relatively small storages.

It is expected that we should be able to continue to with the current Stage 2 restrictions that are currently in place, assuming that it does start to cool down soon.

Fire at Hamilton Park:

One Saturday night in mid-January, we had a short thunder storm with some welcome rain. Everyone thought that it was good to get some summer rain to help us survive the dry conditions, but we also got something we didn’t expect, a lightning strike on a tree along the railway line between Henley and Blackboy lane.

Thanks to the quick response from the Glenrowan CFA all was brought under control quickly and the danger was averted.

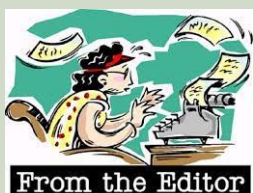
Remember to think about fire plans as suggested at the recent CFA information morning!



We extend a warm welcome to new resident Travis and we hope you enjoy life at Hamilton Park.



Exciting news for Terry and Marie Craig who recently welcomed the safe arrival of their newest grandchildren, Ivett, Nell and Marti, triplets born in Spain. Congratulations to all family members.



Dear Friends, Our Hamilton Park Newsletter is at its best, when it reflects the voices, achievements, and creativity of the people who live here. Whether you’re running an event, celebrating a milestone, launching a project, have a favourite recipe or simply have a story worth sharing, we’d love to feature it. My thanks to Margaret Butt for the great photo of the kookaburras featured on our cover—Dianne



Thank you to the staff at the office of Tim McCurdy MP, who once again have kindly printed our newsletter.



Our re-cycling initiative with volunteers Ruth and Derek.

We collect and bag the cans and bottles about once every 10 days and trailer them to the Container Deposit depot in Wangaratta. So far we've earned over \$4000 for the HP Playground upkeep and improvements. We'd like to thank all the families who contribute their containers.

Cheers Derek and Ruth



Our Street Library has become a popular community feature, through a simple **take a book, give a book, share a book** exchange. It is wonderful to see Gillian and Paul's initiative grow into such a large vibrant selection of books, for adults and children. Leo and Joey are pictured enjoying some special reading time together, with books from the collection. We have just completed a tidy up so there are new books for your enjoyment.



FOR YOUR DIARY:



Hamilton Park Luncheons:
The 3rd Thursday of the Month.
All welcome

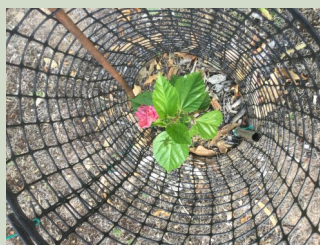


Garden Club: The last Monday of the Month
All welcome

We walk every Thursday morning, except the third Thursday. All welcome for the walk, or just join us in Glenrowan for coffee.

Garden Corner: The extreme dry spell that our area has experienced has been brutal for our gardens, as the heat seems to have turned the soil into concrete.

Some tips for protecting your plants: Water deeply, not often. Use mulch. Shade your most vulnerable plants with temporary shade cloth and water early of a morning.



My Native Hibiscus: Several months ago I ordered three native hibiscus seedlings on line and have nurtured them ever since. Sadly, Peter Rabbit liked the look of one and managed to get under the protective covering. Imagine my surprise during the extreme heat to find a flower on one. The surviving two are looking green and healthy. I am a learner gardener so this little plant has boosted my confidence!



Passionfruit Cream Biscuits

Ingredients: 125g butter, 2 teaspoons grated lemon peel, 75g caster sugar, 2 table-spoons of golden syrup, 1 cup of SR flour, 100g of plain flour, ¼ cup of passionfruit pulp.

Method: beat butter, sugar, rind until light and fluffy. Add golden syrup, beat until combined, stir in sifted dry ingredients and pulp. Turn dough onto floured, surface, knead gently until smooth. Cut dough in half, roll each portion between sheets of baking paper to 5mm thickness refrigerate 30 minutes. Preheat oven to 180 degrees and line trays with baking paper. Cut rounds with biscuit cutter and bake in oven for 10 minutes. Join together with icing when cool.

Icing: 2 tablespoon of passionfruit pulp, 90g butter and 1 cup of icing sugar—mix together.