

Hamilton Park Co-Operative Ltd
Native Vegetation Group – Report

June 2026

ACTIVITY	ZONES	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
Remove, dab or cut & paste to control weeds	1-8 Bushland + next to Drain 1	5	Cactus, Privet, weedy wattles, Fleabane, Briar Rose, Thistles, Wonga vine, Asparagus, St John's Wort, Gazania.
Spot spray	29 top dam bank	2	Erodium/Cork screw rosettes – broad leaf selective herbicide.
Weed wiper	7, 8 Bushland W of top dam, 17 W of Hub	2	Targeting annual Purple Veldt grass.
Rabbit control	Throughout	2	Check, dig out any burrows. Netting – patch boundaries
Eco-thinning	All Zones,	6	Remove <i>E. blakelyi</i> seedlings including under powerlines Z32.
Review Plan		8	Review & updating HP CLMP.
Enhance native veg	3 Central bushland	1	Stake Greenhood orchids to protect from mower, planted native geranium seedlings near parent patch.
Flame weeding with Propane gas gun	29 Top dam bank	1	Trial stem scorch on Lightwood wattle seedlings – north end of dam bank.
Maintain walking tracks	7, 8 Bushland W of top dam	1	Prune overhanging branches to provide easy access for walkers. Remove unstable dead Lightwood Wattles bordering track.
	TOTAL	28	

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JOBS TO DO -	DESCRIPTION
Remove, dab or C&P	Weedy shrubs, asparagus, weedy wattles, Bridal creeper etc.
Rabbit action	Check. Prevent any active burrows
Flame weeding	Evaluate gas gun trials on eucs, & wattle seedlings - zone 34, 29 Continue if successful, especially wattles on dam banks
Review Plan	Hamilton Park Common Land Management Plan: 2026 update
Eco-thinning	Continue with <i>E.blakelyi</i> removal
Spot spraying	Continue Corkscrew control on popular dog walking tracks

Flowering Plants Hamilton Park Bushland June 2026



Spreading Wattle
Acacia genistifolia



Cat's Claw Grevillia
Grevillia alpina-Warby Ranges

Grasstrees

Grasstrees throughout the Common Land are sending up flower stalks 4-6 weeks earlier this year. It is still not yet understood what triggers flowering in this species (*Xanthorrhoea glauca subsp angustifolia*). Winter hungry native birds and gliders, possums etc. are eating into some flower stalks. An incredible number of have been observed this year, so far 41 have been counted.



Photos Jan Osmotherly

Fungi

This has been a big year for fungi with many different fungi growing in the soil or on dead wood throughout the park, many colours, shapes and sizes. They are an indicator of a healthy eco system.

The wood fungi scarlet bracket and rainbow fungus below were two of the more spectacular ones.



scarlet bracket
Trametes coccinea
Photo Jan Osmotherly

Fungi near track in central bushland. Showing the importance of leaving dead wood in place on the ground.



rainbow fungus
Trametes versicolor

Wildlife

All these species of native waterbirds were spotted at the Dick Hamilton dam in June. Must be plenty of food for them. Reportedly Redfin in the dam as well as freshwater clams and yabbies.



Australasian Darter



Australasian Grebes



Dusky Moorhen



Eurasian Coots



Yellow Spoonbill



Little Pied Cormorant



Australian White Ibis



Wood Duck



Purple Swamp Hen