

Community Association

HAMLEY BRIDGE

Hamley Headlines

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EDITORS NOTE

Happy New Year to all our readers. Please accept our apologies for the delay with delivery of the December edition. All sorted now. Thank you to Mel and the staff at the General Store for their help with the delivery. If there are any young people in the town who might have some time to volunteer to deliver the newsletter each month, that would be very much appreciated. Please give me a call on 0429 155 743 for more information.

Please don't forget to contact me if you want to advertise in the newsletter. It is a great one stop source of contact details for local businesses, clubs and organisations. The contact email address for enquiries about the headlines is community@hamleybridge.com.au

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Hamley Bridge Swimming Pool Committee Meeting is on Thursday 21st January at 7:30 pm at the Institute. All welcome.

Australia Day Celebration is Tuesday 26th January at the Institute 11:30 am to 2:00 pm.

Book Exchange is Tuesday 10am to 12pm. Thursday 2pm to 4pm and Saturday 10am to 12pm. All welcome.

Bowling Club open on Thursday and Saturdays from 4.30pm for a drink and a chat. All welcome. Games on Saturday.

Mixed Martial Arts has started up again on Tuesday evenings at the Institute. Sign up.

Plains Community Church is on Sunday 5 – 7:00 pm at the Uniting Church 18 Gilbert Street. All welcome.

Hamley Bridge Community Association (HBCA) next meeting on Wednesday 10th February 2021 at 7:30 at the Institute. All welcome.

Hamley Bridge Christmas Party Committee wrap-up meeting on Monday 25th January 2021 at 7:30 pm in the Institute. All welcome.

HAMLEY BRIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The next big event for the town is the **Australia Day** celebrations on Tuesday 26th January from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm at the Institute.

This year will be special for the town as Mayor Rodney Reid will be presenting the **Citizen of the Year Award to our President Richard Gregory**. Richard was the outstanding candidate for the award this year.

The Mayor and the Australia Day Ambassador will join the celebrations around mid-day following the citizenship ceremonies being held in Balaklava.

The HBCA committee has organised the food and drinks for the lunch; and the food handling and fire permits for the day. As per our COVID-19 plan we will need to serve the lunch this year rather than allowing people to help themselves. We need to remind you to stay away if you are feeling unwell or have any of the COVID-19 symptoms; and you will be required to use the QR Code or sign in for the event.

We will be decorating the hall on Monday 25th January if anyone would like to come along and help – same COVID rules apply. We always have a bit of fun as part of the set-up of events, but it does take time and the more hands on deck to help, the more enjoyable it is for all involved.

If you would like to keep the celebrations going, the Bowling Club is opening their bar at 2:00 pm so you can head over there after the lunch. A big thank you to the club for opening their doors because until the hotel reopens (fingers crossed), this is one of the places in town where you can go to share a drink and good company with friends and family.

So get out your green and gold and come along to celebrate together in our town on Tuesday 26th Jan.

HBCA COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

The first committee meeting for the year was held on Wednesday 13th January. We had a big agenda to get through. The minutes will be available in our website soon. A few key things we discussed was the fire safety in the town (see updated Bushfire Ready news on pg. 2) and a coordinated grant application process

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to increase our chances of being successful with grant applications. The committee endorsed a grant application proposal form for local groups to fill in so the HBCA can understand what support we are being asked for and how much support there is for a project in the town. Grant providers have indicated “community support” is a key criteria in their assessment process.

Please email the association for a form at community@hamleybridge.com.au or download one from our website www.hamleybridge.com.au

BUSHFIRE READY UPDATE

As a follow up on the Bushfire Ready message in the December Hamley Headlines clarifying there is a difference between a **Bushfire Safer Place** and a Bushfire **Last Resort Refuge**.

There is an area within the township of Hamley Bridge that is a **Bushfire Safer Place**. The Hamley Bridge Institute is within the safer area of Hamley Bridge township.

A map of the safer area is available at the General Store; Institute; Gallery14; Doctors surgery, Book Exchange and Rec Centre or visit the CFS website for more information <https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/prepare-for-a-fire/bushfire-safer-places/>

If you are not able to get to the safer area within the township, then you may choose to seek shelter at one of the Bushfire Last Resort Refuges listed below. **Please note**, the CFS recommends that **you do not** drive away from a Bushfire Safer Place in the township, through a fire affected area, to get to a Bushfire Last Resort Refuge.

Bushfire Last Resort Refuges are listed in the table below:

Site Name	Address	Fire Ban District
Roseworthy Campus Oval	Mudla Wirra Road, Wasleys SA 5371	Mid North
Wasleys Oval	Station Road, Wasleys SA 5371	Mid North

The Bridge Garage

7 Gilbert Street, Hamley Bridge
Ph: 8528 2260

Services available: motor vehicle repairs & service; steel fabrication; welding; repairs to horse floats, trailers and trucks; (older farm machinery – no problems)

Hardware, fodder & fuel available pm 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Monday – Friday.

HAMLEY BRIDGE AGED CARE FACILITY INC.

Revised Constitution

A new draft constitution has been distributed to the Board for consideration. Comments from the Board and sub-committees are being collated and expected to be circulated to the community for comment in February.

Aged Care Assessment

In mid-December a two day assessment of the Hamley Bridge Aged Care was carried out by the Aged Care and Quality Commission. A subsequent report was provided to the Board at the end of December.

The Board and sub-committee members met in early January and with staff assistance provided a response to the Commission on the assessment report.

The Board acknowledges the support provided by staff and sub-committee members in providing a response in the short timeframe within which we have had to respond.

More information on both the Constitution and Aged Care Facility Assessment will be available in the next edition of the Hamley Headlines.

Hamley Bridge Aged Care Facility Inc Board

Gallery 14

Located at 14 Light Street Hamley Bridge, Gallery 14 is a Cafe offering Lavazza coffee, snacks and light refreshments and now a Hair Salon!

Open Mon 7:30 am – 8:30 pm; Tues, Wed & Fri 7:30 am - 3:30 pm; Thurs 10:30 am – 2:30 pm; Sat & Sun 8:30 am – 3:30 pm.

While you are there check out the delicious pies and hang in there – the cupcakes will be back soon!

Your Home & Café

7 Light Street, Hamley Bridge

Specialising in Homewares, decor and giftware that is On-trend and current in today's market. Products include : Planters, Prints, Side tables/ stools, kitchenware, candles, gift baskets, cushions plus so much more.. Along with a Café, you can enjoy Hot + Cold foods/ drinks, with a great selection of sweets.

OPEN HOURS

Mon-Fri 9am - 5pm

Sat-Sun 10am - 3pm

*Every 2nd Sunday of the month closed



LIGHT STREET UPGRADE PROJECT

A report will be going to Council in February with costings and recommendations for the project.

The Community Reference Group is in the process of summarising all the community feedback from the meeting in December on the proposed design. We will send the summary along with our ideas to Council for consideration.

Thank you to the people who have provided comments. We will be living with the new design for the town into the foreseeable future so it is important that we like what we end up with.

HAMLEY BRIDGE SWIMMING POOL



We are hoping for an end of January opening of the pool. As soon as we have a definite date, we will let you know.

Meanwhile, you might like to fill in the short survey included in the last headlines edition or you can pick one up from the store, fill it in and post in the box marked "HB Swimming Pool Survey". We would really like to hear your ideas.

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COMMUNITY BUS DRIVERS

If you would like to volunteer as a Community Bus Driver for the Wakefield Regional Council or wish to know more about the volunteering process, please contact Community Liaison Officer Larissa McPharlin at Wakefield Regional Council on 8862 0800 or email admin@wrc.sa.gov.au.

Media contact: Nicole Alberton, Communications Officer, Ph:8862 0817 M:0479 023 802

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41 Gilbert Street, Hamley Bridge - Phone: 8528 2095 A/Hours: 8528 2046

THE HAMLEY BRIDGE INSTITUTE

The Hamley Bridge Institute is available for Hire.



General Hire fees:

Hall & Bar \$130, Supper Room \$85, Kitchen \$80, Meeting Room \$20

Whole Hall Cost (not including the meeting room) \$250 (15% discount)

Bond \$250

Community Hire fees available upon request.

Please contact the booking officer, Melissa Collinge 0400 282 574, for all bookings and enquiries.

HAMLEY BRIDGE SECONDHAND COLLECTABLES

16 Light Street – next to the pharmacy.
Specialising in pre-1960's furniture, household goods and tools. Open Fri 9am to 5pm. Sat 10am to 4pm. Buying or selling on consignment. Phone 0403874716.

HAMLEY TAKEAWAY

20 Light Street

Open Tuesday & Wednesday 4:30 to 8:30 pm;

Thursday to Saturday 11:30 am to 8:30 pm;

Sunday 11:30 am to 8:00 pm.

Pizzas on Thurs to Sunday from 5pm. Oven roast

Chicken Sat & Sun from 4pm.

Regular menu includes burgers, hot dogs, toasted sandwiches, yiros, milkshakes. Buy bread, milk and drinks.

Swap Elgas bottles, delivery available. Phone orders welcome 85282205.

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NORTHEAST PROFESSIONAL COUNSELLING Mobile Counselling Service

Counselling in the comfort of your own home
A confidential, caring and compassionate service

Registered Counsellor: Susan Lacey

Services Provided:

- Relationship
- Grief and loss
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- Thought Field Therapy
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After hour Counselling available

To book a session ph: 0487 191 875

RICHARDS RAMBLINGS

It's 2021 and we have finally left 2020 behind. Last year was a year of moments we would like to forget but it has changed our lives forever. Cleanliness will be foremost on everyone's minds as we go about our daily lives. The QR codes are in every shop or business and we will have to scan in as part of our daily ritual whilst shopping. We call Australia the lucky country and we certainly are. As far as the COVID crisis goes we have been world leaders. The respective Premiers of each state have been proactive in setting guide lines although some have been questionable. If we look at other countries such as England and the United States we are very lucky where the death toll has been horrendous and it has been so bad that families have been not able to say their last goodbyes to loved ones.

I know here in Australia our lives last year were disrupted considerably where many family functions weren't held and we had to keep our distance from elderly family members. I see light at the end of the tunnel but the tunnel will be long with hidden obstacles. If we do the right things then life will be brighter and much more enjoyable.

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I have been writing this column for 30 years. I believe it was 1991 when I started my rambling thoughts and taking the “mickey” out of people who I didn’t actually name. It certainly had people asking questions for example, “Who was the bloke who forgot to wind back the tarpaulin before adding the fertilizer? The list is endless but now I’m doing a January Ramblings which I have never done before and earlier in the month as well. Things are getting tough for this aging typist with one finger considerably shorter now. I now have people refusing to talk to me just in case their deeds go into this prestigious column. The incumbent “mayor” of Stockport who is pretty good at digging information out of people doesn’t talk to me just in case his harvesting misdemeanors make this column. I have tried to reassure him that he hasn’t anything to worry about but obviously he doesn’t trust me. I find true life stories much funnier and far easier to write about. Some months I have trouble finding something to write about but generally there is always someone ready to spill the beans. What I’m saying is, just be yourself folks and the ramblings will continue to flow.

In this time when it has been a struggle to hold events the Hamley Bridge Community Association the Christmas Party was a great success. On again, off again, do we or don’t we. The committee worked really hard to have an event that was safe for everyone. Due to constraints on the oval’s playing surface which has been damaged by vehicles in the past leaving ruts where our athletes can sprain ankles, knees etc. and the poor old mower operator getting a bumpy ride, we have kept heavier equipment off the oval itself. The amount of positive feedback from the some 400 strong crowd was very uplifting for the committee. When you hold an event not everything goes according to plan but the weather was good, stall holders were happy, animal relocation education was popular, midgee toss was also popular, kids games went well and G Force played some great music to finish the night off. The visitor from the North Pole was very popular with the children. Many thanks to all those who manned the COVID-19 check points and for the crowd who respectfully scanned the QR code. It’s all about the smiles on the children’s faces as they run around and enjoy the spirit of Christmas; and it’s about the parents knowing their children are safe on our magnificent sporting arena.

The power of togetherness - An American veteran who was part of the D-Day invasion described meeting Churchill prior to the launch of that bloody offensive against the forces of Nazism. He said D-Day was the most frightening experience of his life. “In fact” he said, “I don’t

think some of us would have been able to do what we did if it weren’t for a visit we got just before we crossed the English Channel.” That visit was from Winston Churchill, he rode up in a jeep, got out and mingled with the troops. “He shook hands with us and even hugged some of us.” The veteran recalled. “He spoke of his own wartime experience and identified with our emotions.” Then, he stood up in his own jeep and gave a five minute speech. He spoke the whole time with tears in his eyes. Here’s what Churchill said: “Gentleman- I know you are afraid. I remember being afraid when I was a soldier. I had the privilege of defending my country...through dark days when we didn’t know whether we could accomplish what we had been given to do. But this is your moment. We are counting on you to rise to the occasion and everything you set out to do. The fate of the free world rests on your shoulders. May this be your finest hour!” The veteran said, “Needless to say, our group of frightened soldiers turned into a band of men who were ready to take on anybody.” Togetherness-it’s a powerful thing when you put it into practice.

Richard Gregory Chair of the HBCA

Christmas Party Feedback

In the December headlines we asked for feedback on the Christmas Party. We asked:

What did you like about the Christmas Party?
Was there anything you did not like about the Christmas Party?
How could we improve the Christmas Party?
Other comments

You can drop comments into the box in the General Store marked Christmas Party Feedback.



Australia Day BBQ Lunch

26th January 2021

at the

Institute 12 Gilbert Street

Hamley Bridge

11am—2:00 pm

Free lunch and drinks provided

Presentation of awards by the Mayor

Hosted by the

Hamley Bridge Community Association