

**Hartley District Progress Association**  
**1813 Bicentenary Sub committee**  
**Record of Meeting 14 October 2012**  
**At Hartley Valley Teahouse**

**Present:** Jeremy Dawkins, Joan Kent, Tom Kent, Ramsay Moodie, Susie Moodie, Robbie Park, Trish Ryan, Duncan Wass.

**Apologies:** Ian Campbell

**In the Chair:** Duncan Wass

**Visitors:** Representatives of "Blue Wave" led by John O'Sullivan

The meeting commenced at 4:00pm

**Blue Wave:** John addressed the meeting, describing the proposed re-enactment next year of the 1813 crossing. Starting at Emu Plains and finishing at Mt Blaxland, the crossing is timed to reach Hartley on 31 May. Seven people, four pack horses and five dogs will make the journey (these numbers comprised the original party). The event will be filmed and designed for exhibition in Primary Schools.

Descendents of the original party are involved in the planning, as is The Australian Trail Horse Riders' Association (ATHRA). Penrith and BMCC are in support. Planned to reach Mt York 28 May for a major function. Staying at Comet Inn from 29 May. Glenroy overnight 31 May.

The Governor will host a function for Blue Wave on 21 November.

2013 Committee suggested that Blue Wave contact Mt Blaxland area property owners (Jennifer Monaghan, Glenn Ryan among others) and "Glenroy" owners Brad and Rosemary Barber.

Blue Wave contacts are: [www.bmbw.org.au](http://www.bmbw.org.au) and email [info@bmbw.org.au](mailto:info@bmbw.org.au)

Discussed the steepness of the tracks from Mt York to Hartley Valley (John and party had inspected local routes earlier today).

Both groups pledged support and further contact if required.

Thank you to Blue Wave for coming today.

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**Previous Minutes:** Duncan reported: Minutes of 20 September have been circulated.

**Business Arising:** Duncan reported: Venue now Hartley School Buildings. HDPA President Seamus Casey and Manager HHS Steve Ring have been advised by letter.

Financial support received from Dick Austen: Cheque for \$10,000.00

Letter of thanks to go to Dick.

**Email to Wendy Hawkes** seeking contacts: no reply as yet.

**Mike O'Kane** available to help with planning. Available until Christmas.  
We need to advise M O'Kane further.

**Acknowledgement:** Joan has deferred contact with Kath Schilling until after the Elders meeting at Hartley. Joan will report to the next meeting, information on acknowledging custodians of the land.

**355 Committee of LCC:** Duncan reported on the notional allocation of funds.

Plaque and Mounting	\$2,500
Image Printing	\$4,000
Toilet facilities	\$1,500
Marquees	\$2,000

**Granite Boulder and Time Capsule:** Discussed source of granite. Need to consult on indigenous significance of granite removal.

**LCC Mayor:** Suggest the Mayor be invited to the next 2013 Committee meeting.

**Wiradjuri Elders Meeting:** Held at Hartley School Hall. 26 people attended. Hartley reps were Jeremy, Joan, Ramsay, Susie. Discussed how to progress the work and move to next steps. There is great sensitivity on many matters. Do we contact Helen?  
Recommend we attend conference in Mudgee and continue full engagement. Ramsay will develop list of matters which could raised with Sharon, circulate these and seek further get together.

**Jobs List:** Duncan tabled the list he has produced. Titled "The Day" Duncan will circulate this document.

**Hartley School Site Inspection and Events Mgr Report:** Robbie reported. He has quotes and will forward these to Duncan. The commemoration will comprise many activities. Awareness of the event should not only focus on the Saturday. There will be multiple activities at other venues.

**Thoughts on "The Crossing":** Jeremy led the discussion around sensibilities and real purpose of the 1813 expedition. "The destination was this valley", designed to find land which would be a vital part of the survival of the Colony. It was not about the first three tourists to the Blue Mountains". True purpose was beyond the Mountains, beginning a new era for the Colony.

**Feasibility of horses on Coxs Road:** Duncan suggested we also look at Rydal Hampton Road. Heading east into Mt Blaxland and west to the Fish River from Greens place on Cuthill Road.

Trish will contact Hartley Saddlery - would they want a role in the planning?  
Festival of Walking: Robbie reported on this initiative of Blue Mtns, Lithgow, Oberon which is currently underway, ends mid October.

**Mayoral Statement:** Should encourage this. Jeremy will send an updated version of our 2013 brochure to Robbie as a basis for the Mayoral Statement.

Brochure: needs to be updated. Jeremy will follow up.

**Western Crossings meeting:** October 26<sup>th</sup> at 2pm to 4 pm Lithgow City Council Chambers

**Publicity Strategy** is based on the brochure. Once the brochure updated we will ask Kate Miller to further the publicity for the events next year.

**Tasks list** needs further development, mainly to allocate to individuals.

**Next 2013 Committee meeting :**

Sunday 4 November at 4pm Hartley Valley Teahouse 6355 2043

There being no further business,  
the meeting was closed at 6:10

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