

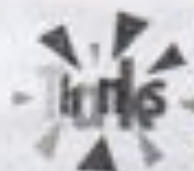


Hartley District Progress Association
Newsletter December, 2004

Next meeting: Monday, 6th December, at 7.30 p.m.

Hartley school building, corner Mid Hartley Road and Great Western Highway
Please bring a plate to share for supper

Guest Speaker for the December meeting:
Tracie Arkley-Smith, Chartered Accountant,
from Cranbrook Park Road, will speak on a
"check list" for starting a small business.



**THE BIG BACKYARD,
2004**

The Committee for the Big Backyard extends a great big thank you to our many volunteers and the community for its wonderful support. The focus on rural safety was appreciated and commented on by many people in attendance.

New President. We are a ship without its rudder!! Do you have the enthusiasm, expertise and time to devote to this position? Meetings are held on each even month and the President represents Progress Association at District functions and liaises with other organizations on our behalf. If you are interested, please come along to our next meeting and discuss it with the members.

Garden Club will meet on Saturday, 4th December at 9a.m., at The Cedars Nursery, Coxs River Road and then visit the remains of an old cemetery off the Gap Road. Garden Club will not meet in January.



COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

will be held on
**SUNDAY, 12TH DECEMBER, AT
6.30 P.M., AT THE OLD HARTLEY
SCHOOL.**

Hartley Progress Association will provide cold drinks, tea, coffee and Christmas Cake (Doreen's famous Christmas cake). Have an early meal and come along, everyone is welcome.



Parents - Santa will be coming, so you may like to bring a "little something" to put in his sack for your kids. Please limit the cost to \$10.

**HARTLEY RURAL FIRE BRIGADE
CHRISTMAS STOCKING raffle**



will be drawn at the Community Christmas Party. There is still time to buy your winning ticket at local businesses.



A THOUGHT: Nobody has everything, that is why we have others.

Hartley Valley Teahouse, the home of "serious coffee" will now be closed on Mondays (except by appointment) and open every other day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. We serve home made cakes, biscuits, slices, hearty soups, gourmet pies and super fresh salads. If you have a preference for tea, try one of our new Tea Tonic herbal teas. These refreshing teas are anti-oxidant rich and caffeine free. Christmas shopping ideas? We have a wonderful selection of hand made gifts including porcelain tiles, metal lacquer art, our own liqueur dessert sauces and chilli sauces, Duck Creek Mountain Macadamias, and a range of puddings from the Newcastle Pudding Lady. Plus we have a **NEW SHIPMENT** of the fabulous eccentric teapots!



St John's Congregation, Hartley Historic Village, invites you to bring a picnic tea to the grounds at 6.30 p.m., on Sunday, 19th December, followed by **Carols by Candlelight** at 7 p.m. in the Church. The little church on the hill looks lovely with candles in the windows. Come and join in the singing and hear Ian's inspirational playing of the organ accompaniment.

Please note that St John's Services in 2005 will all be at 5 p.m. on Sundays.

We apologize to those interested people that the **MYSTERY TOUR** scheduled for Saturday, 20th November, 2004, did not occur due to lack of numbers.

Report that fire:

Hartley or Kanimbila Valleys	6353 1861
Hartley Captain - Brad Barber	6355 2186
Kanimbila Captain - Guy Tesoriero	4787 1361
Hire a hall - Pam Day	6355 2114



HARTLEY APPLESEEDS PLAYGROUP, meeting in the old school building, will be recommencing for 2005 on Tuesday of the second week school resumes. Any enquiries please 'phone Tracie on 63552158.

General hire shop open in Little Hartley

Jim and Sebrina Lawrence-Plant have moved **Blueys Mountain Hire** from Leura to Little Hartley (we are building a straw bale house here) so wanted our business closer to home and hope to provide the local Lithgow area with the same friendly service we provided at Leura.

Blueys is now called **BLUEYS AT HARTLEY** and is situated under the yellow plane on the Great Western Highway at Little Hartley.

We are open 7 days, Monday to Friday, 7.30a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 7.30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. 'phone 63552227 fax 63552277

email: info@blueysathartley.com

website: www.blueysathartley.com

Delivery service available, so drop in and have a chat with Jim about any hire needs you might have, remember **don't buy it hire it.**

p.s.anyone interested in having **BROADBAND ADSL** please contact Jim as we need to have at least 50 people wanting this service before Telstra will make it available in this area.



We wish you a happy and safe Christmas and holiday period and best wishes for the new year.

Hartley District Progress Association

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Treasurer - Roy Armstrong	6355 2398
Secretary - Carol Crossman	6355 2088

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