



**Hartley District Progress Association  
Newsletter December, 2005**

Next meeting: Monday, 5th 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:** After the meeting our president, Duncan Watt, will give us a short talk on his twenty odd years as an actor on stage and screen. His is a career that began at six with being painted black all over and holding a large fan, to appearing as a large piece of fruit. And they were just the highlights.

**Speed Zones in the Village** Last month your President, Secretary and several members, attended a meeting called by the National Trust and held at the Farmhouse. This meeting passed three resolutions.

1. That the Hartley District Progress Association and the Lithgow Regional Branch of the National Trust approach the Local Traffic Committee of the Lithgow Council to conduct a road safety audit of the village of Little Hartley.
2. That the Hartley District Progress Association and the Lithgow Regional Branch of the National Trust approach the appropriate bodies and members of parliament to encourage the Bells Line of Road expressway.

3. That the Hartley District Progress Association and the Lithgow Regional Branch of the National Trust approach Lithgow Council to define Little Hartley, from "Roadside" to Bonners Lane, as an historic linear village to be registered in its entirety as a discrete single item on the Lithgow Council schedule to the LEP.

Accordingly, these resolutions will now be put to our next meeting. If you have an opinion that we need to hear, please come and give it, in as cordial a manner as possible, so we can gauge the feeling of those affected by any changes, which, as the highway runs right through the middle of the valley, is most of us. Of course, if you wish to vote on any of the resolutions, you will have to be a member, and that will only cost you \$5. *Duncan*

The Garden Club will meet Saturday, 3rd December, at 9 a.m., at the school, then proceed to Dick and Yvonne Austen's property, "Karingal". Garden Club will not meet in January.

**Saturday December 3rd 1.30 p.m. PADDOCK PLANTS** identification and management with Bruce Clements, Agronomist, Department Primary Industry, also in attendance to answer your questions, will be Elwyn Wolfenden, Ranger, Rural Lands Protection Board and Alison Roy, Community Support Officer for Catchment Management. Meet at the school for a "paddock walk" on a nearby property (boots and hat). Enquiries Pam 63552114

If you have any questions about feral animal control, contact our local ranger, Elwyn Wolfenden on 0427499519.

**COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
**SUNDAY, 11TH DECEMBER, AT 6.00 P.M.,**  
**AT THE OLD HARTLEY SCHOOL.**  
Fun and games for all ages including the Hartley traditional "Ladies Gunboat Throwing"  
Tea, coffee, cordial and Doreen's famous Christmas cake will be served. 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.  
You are invited to stay on for a sausage sizzle and evening of light entertainment, some musical items, dancing, all for only \$5. All welcome.  
**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.



**The Big Backyard, 2005** Thanks to all who helped in so many ways and to those who supported us despite the inclement weather. Rain was the highest recorded for some time and whilst welcome made conditions very uncomfortable. However, in true Hartley tradition the "Show" went ahead. Thanks in particular to Mary Hailstone for the donation of one of her original paintings, Central Tablelands Rural Lands Protection Board who sponsored newspaper advertising, The Farmhouse, for sponsorship of Reptile Display, The Teahouse, for sponsorship of "Spooky Men's Chorale", Newnes Wilderness Retreat for donation of holiday week-end and Wornbar Trails for donation of trail ride for a family. The "Spirit of Hartley" Awards went to Michael Gavan, Doreen Peters and Pam Day. Thanks and congratulations to them for their special contributions to our Community.

**"HANDS ON" Straw bale building** demonstration postponed on 30th October, will still go ahead but will be early next year. The date will be advertised.

**Newnes Hotel Cabins** A new breath of life floats down the Wolgan Valley and through the abandoned mining town of Newnes. Four years ago Thomas and Helen Eberholt bought the historic Newnes Hotel (built in 1907) and they are planning to bring the local icon back to its former glory. To create a cash flow they have built two beautiful holiday cabins which invite guests to a very special break.

Surrounded by the wilderness of Wollumbi National Park, spectacular sandstone cliffs, rain-forested canyons and the historic ruins of the former shale oil mining town, the guests are offered an experience of pure nature and Australian history. The "Wolgan" Cabin, sleeps 6 and the "Capertee" Cabin, sleeps 4. Both cabins have modern kitchens and bathrooms. There is also an on site caravan and campground where well behaved pets are welcome.

The development is designed in an ecological, sustainable way. It runs on solar power and it has its own underground sewerage treatment plant.

You might want to check it out on [www.hip.com.au/~newnes](http://www.hip.com.au/~newnes) or come down for a visit.

#### Report that fire: RENG 000

Hartley Captain - Brad Barber	6355 2186
Kanimbla Captain - Guy Tesoriero	4787 1361
Need a Pre-School? - Meagan	6352 3798
Hire a hall - Pam Day	6355 2114

**Hartley Applesseeds Playgroup**, meeting in the old school, will resume on the second Tuesday after school commences, 10 to 12 noon. Enquiries: Tracie 6355 2158

**St John's Congregation**, Hartley Historic Village, welcomes you to **Carols by Candlelight**, Sunday, 18th December, at 5 p.m. in the Church, followed by supper.

**Hartley souvenir tea-towels**, designed by Maggie Renvoize and Tania Edwards, our local artists, are available from Healey's, The Teahouse and The Farmhouse - \$8 each. An unique Christmas Gift!

**Scott McKinnon Tree Lopping**, specialising in large dangerous trees, limited access no problem. Reliable service, land clearing, bobcat hire, free quotes, cheap rates - fully insured 'phone 026355 2423, or mobile 0438635524

**A Door Ajar** A new radio play by Little Hartley writer Dale Turner has won the Weatherboard Theatre Competition for new work, sponsored by 2Blue FM, and will have a public reading on the 29th November at the Carrington in Katoomba. The cast is Shane Porteous, Phillip Dodd, Maureen Green, Claire Jones, Annie Byron and Duncan Wass. The play is set in the Blue Mountains, and touches on the Cox's River. It features many local characters, their thoughts and dreams, and captures a period of time long gone, 1890 to 1950. Admission is by donation and the evening begins at 7.30 p.m.

**Are you on the register of those interested in broadband?** You are not tied to anything if you register, but if the level of interest is enough, we can all have the choice at last. The enclosed form is prepaid, so please send it off. You are not obligated in any way to follow through, but it may well give all of us access to state of the art internet. Please go to <http://www.telstra.com.au/demand/index.cfm>

Particular thanks to C & W Printing for their generous support in printing newsletters throughout the year, and posters Greg and Michelle for delivery.

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

*Hartley District Progress Association*

*Apologies for any inconvenience caused by errors and omissions in the October Bulletin. CC.*

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