



Hartley District Progress Association

Newsletter August, 2006

Next meeting: Monday, 7th August, 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 August meeting:

Karen McLaughlin, who will give a presentation in audio visual and DVD of the beautiful Gardens of Stone and the Stage 2 Proposal to extend the National Parks and create State Conservation Areas. The area extends from Mt Airlie in the north to Modlow Bath in the south.



Garden Club will not meet in August. However, when our gardens have recovered and rejoiced in the rain, **September Garden Club will meet on Saturday, 2nd September**, at the corner of Cranbrook Park Road and Cox's River Road to proceed to "Bracken Hill", Cox's River Road, to the garden of Kerry and Dianne.

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We need bodies!!!

Preferably alive and kicking, and with a little spare time. **The Big Backyard** is in need of helpers if it is to go ahead this year. We rely too much on the willing few, and they are feeling the pressure. Jobs range from generating ideas to making phone calls to help organise stall holders, to putting up shade areas the day before, to manning the gate on the day, and clearing up afterwards.



We will be needing Kitchen Supervisors, BBQ Captains, and some other key figures. Past captains are there to give advice and point you in the right direction, so you won't have to jump in the deep end.



Please help support your local fair day, and call Pam Day on 6355 2114, or Carol Crossman on 6355 2088 and tell us what you are good at. Do it now, remember, the more people who pitch in, the lighter the load for all, because if there isn't an avalanche of offers by the 10th August, The Big Backyard meeting,

we will have to pull the plug for this year. Surprise yourself and join in.

BIG BACKYARD MEETING 7.00 p.m., Thursday, 10th August, in the old school, cnr Mid Hartley Road and Great Western Highway. Enquiries to Pam, 63552114.



Local people are invited to participate in The Big Backyard, showcasing their particular enterprise and or to submit brochures or posters for display in the school hall. Do you have a collection which you would like to display; animals (pens provided); a new venture; art or craft to share? Ideas welcomed. Talk to Pam on 63552114.

Hartley Souvenir tea-towels, for sale at The Teahouse, Henleys of Hartley, and The Farmhouse, a special gift and memento of Hartley. Hartley Big Backyard books also for sale, all the things you wanted to know about Hartley and helpful hints.



A **Community meeting** will be held on Friday, 11th August, 2006, at 7.30 p.m., at the school/hall, Corner Mid Hartley Road and Great Western Highway, to inform us of developments in the Blue Mountains City Council land rationalisation program. This involves land in the Hartley and Kanimbis Bush Fire Brigade areas. Land holders are urged to attend.

*David Peters, Group Captain,
Lithgow District Rural Fire Service*

Nominations for "Spirit of Hartley"

Awards will close on Monday, 2nd October, 2006 (Progress Association Meeting). Do you know someone who epitomises the Spirit of Hartley, that is a person who shows a consistent interest in Hartley and its community? Nominations to Carol on 63552088 for discussion with the committee. Please be ready to submit a written nomination.



DO YOU REMEMBER? Old Technology:

"People only used the telephone for relaying an important message, an arrival time, news of a sick relative, or to wish someone a Happy Birthday. A telephone was considered too important to play around with". From Hugh Lunn's book, "Lost for Words".

Some other gems from Hugh Lunn's book, on GOOD ADVICE: "Always tell the truth, that way you only have to remember one story." Paradoxically, "But if someone asks you a question and it's none of their business, then you're allowed to tell them a lie." (!)

This cold winter has reminded Chris Bird of the days when the River Lett would freeze over, at the crossing on Browns Gap Road, prior to the building of the Joseph Morris Bridge. Crossing the ice was fraught with difficulty. Incidentally, it would be of interest to know that the bridge is named for Olga Martin's father, Joseph Morris.

A warm welcome awaits you at the little historical Church of St John the Evangelist in Hartley Village. Services as advised on the Church door. Services from October will be held on the first and third Sunday of the month at 5 p.m. The Lord's Supper is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month. This service is followed by light refreshments.



Enquiries to the Rectory 4787 8127, Rev Ian Mears, until 3rd September, thence locum Minister, Rev Earl Hughes.

Report that fire: RING 000

Hartley Captain - Brad Barber 6355 2186
Kanimbla Captain - Goy Tesoriero 4787 1361
Need a Pre-School? - Megan 6352 3798

Progress Association would be interested in any new venture in Hartley. If you would like to discuss speaking about your particular enterprise at a forthcoming meeting, please telephone Duncan on 63552043.

Garden Club members would welcome any new ideas of interest to all or to view a newly constructed or reconstructed garden. You may have a novel idea to save water and enhance your garden, or have found plants that thrive here. Garden Club ideas to Pam on 63552114.



A recent Garden Club visit to Mount Victoria and District Historical Society was of particular interest to Hartley residents. A special display was provided for us on the history of Hartley and surrounding districts. There were superb photographs and memorabilia and information supplied by local historian, Jean Arthur, a member of the Historical Society.

The Mount Victoria and District Historical Society is seeking interested people to join. If history is your interest, you would find much to delight you at the Museum. Application Fee \$1 and annual subscription \$10. Great value!

A reminder that meetings of the Hartley Rural Fire Brigade are held at 10 a.m., on the third Saturday of each month in the Fire Shed on Mid Hartley Road. Training is available for interested volunteers. Come along and hear about measures of fire protection for our district. There is a job for everyone in times of fire danger. Enquiries to the Secretary, Lynda, on 6355 2460.



Kanimbla Brigade shed is on the corner of Coxa River Road and Blackheath Creek Road. Activities as arranged. Enquiries to the Secretary, Nancy, on 4787 1909. Both Brigades welcome new members.

Progress Association meetings are held at 7.30 p.m., on the first Monday of each even month. New members welcomed.

Hartley District Progress Association contacts:

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