



## Hartley District Progress Association Newsletter December, 2006

Next meeting: Monday, 4th 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:

Gail Kendell, Relay for Life Co-ordinator, The Cancer Council NSW. Relay for Life spreads an important message of hope and support to local cancer patients and their families whilst raising funds for cancer research, education and support services. We have a team registered as Hartley Progress Association. To join the team, come to the December meeting and give us your details, or you can go to [http://www.relay.cancercouncil.com.au/2007/lifhgw/hartley\\_progress\\_association/](http://www.relay.cancercouncil.com.au/2007/lifhgw/hartley_progress_association/) and hit "join a team" and enter your details, or just make a donation and save yourself the walking. It's eleven dollars to join and you get a T-shirt as well.



As a fund raiser for Relay for Life we will be having a **trivia night** on the 26th January, Australia Day, during our usual get together, so get a team together and polish up your brains. Come along for a night of fun and frustration. Some great prizes to be won.



**The Garden Club** will meet on Saturday, 2nd December, at 9a.m., at The Old School, Cnr Great Western Highway and Mid Hartley Road. We will be visiting the garden of Wayne Levi, host of the Permaculture stand at The Big Backyard. As usual, we each bring something to share for morning tea. Our Garden Club is very informal and friendly, and newcomers are always welcome. **Garden Club will not meet in January.**



Vale, Barbara Marvell, good friend and enthusiastic, loyal supporter of Progress Association and Garden Club. Our heartfelt sympathy to Barbara's family, sister Anne and her family.



**VALLEY VARIETY:** Prepare yourselves for a great evening of music, song, and more by residents of the Hartley Valley. On Sunday, 26th November, in the Old School Hall, Hartley at 7.30 p.m., we will be holding a fund raising evening for all the family. Proceeds will be put towards a Community Noticeboard. See the enclosed flyer. If it's not there, ring Duncan on 6355 2043 for details.



**COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY:** for kids 0 to 12 years will be held on **SUNDAY, 10TH DECEMBER**, from 4.30 to 6.30 P.M., at the Old Hartley School.

**What's happening?** Fun and games, cool drinks, a Jumping Castle, provided by locals, Shantel and Rick; AND **SANTA**. Parents - as Santa will be coming, 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 6 p.m., at the Community Christmas Party. Join us for a cuppa, provided by Hartley District Progress Association, and witness the draw. (There is still time to buy your winning ticket at local businesses.)



**A note from our President:** This year's Big Backyard was a great success, and congratulations to the veritable army of helpers who all combined to make the day run smoothly. It was pleasing to see the newer members blending so well with the old hands.



Welcome too was the generosity of people in response to the request for a donation on entrance. This alone covered half of our insurance costs. Our grateful thanks go to community members who gave significant items towards our raffle prizes. Thank you also to those who so generously baked and donated cakes and scones to aid with our fund raising. Well done to all! Congratulations to our Spirit of Hartley Award winners, Barbara Orr, Carol Crossman and John Facchina, fitting winners who have all been selflessly diligent in our community. *Duncan Wass, President*



**Spare a thought for your Postie:** How high or how low is your Mail Box? Can it be found easily? Your mail box should be placed so that the slot is between 0.9m and 1.2m above the ground. The slot should be at least 230mm wide and 30mm deep, with the number clearly and prominently displayed. Clear away any hazards such as thick shrubbery and help your Postie. Your local Postal Manager has information leaflets about mail boxes for residential premises. When buying your mail box look for the Post Office approved symbol.



**Some thoughts:** Children seldom misquote - however, they often repeat, word for word, what you shouldn't have said!  
The best medicine you can take is yourself - with a grain of salt!

At the **October Annual General Meeting** of the Hartley District Progress Association, Office Bearers were returned for 2006 - 2007, i.e.,  
Duncan Wass, President,  
Seamus Casey, Vice President,  
Roy Armstrong, Treasurer,  
Carol Crossman, Secretary,  
and Pam Day, Contact to hire school buildings.  
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**HARTLEY APPLESEEDS PLAYGROUP**, meeting in the old school building, will be recommencing for 2007 on Tuesday of the second week school resumes. Any enquiries please 'phone Teresa on 6353 1934 or Alison on 6351 4296. This friendly group would welcome new members.



**GALLOPING GUMNUTS** mobile van, also meeting in the grounds of the old school, Thursdays from 9.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m., welcomes new members. For enquiries about new enrolments telephone Meg or Deidre on 6352 3798.



St John's Congregation, Hartley Historic Village, invites you to **Carols by Candlelight** on Sunday, 17th December, at 7 p.m. in the Church. Visitors are invited to join the Congregation for supper afterwards. The little church on the hill looks lovely with candles in the windows. Come and join in the singing, hear the Christmas message and Ian's inspirational playing of the Carols.



Please note that St John's Services in 2007 will all be at 5 p.m. on first and third Sundays of each month. Join us for supper after the Communion service held on each first Sunday.

**Hartley District Progress Association** meetings are held on the first Monday of each even month, i.e., February, April, June, August, October (Annual General Meeting), and December. We welcome new members. Your input would be appreciated.

**Garden Club** meets on the first Saturday of each month, excepting January (and sometimes excepting July). New members always welcome.



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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