




**Hartley District Progress Association
Newsletter February, 2006**

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

Hartley school building, corner Mid Hartley Road and Great Western Highway


Please bring a plate to share for supper



AUSTRALIA DAY at 6 p.m., flag lowering and get-together at the old school, Mid Hartley Road. Aussie barbecue/sausage sizzle, drinks, tea and coffee provided. All welcome.

Guest Speaker for the February meeting: Ian Wilkinson of Lithgow Fire Protection, speaking on the new regulations for smoke detectors in the home.

The Garden Club will meet at 9 a.m., Saturday, 4th February at Little Hartley Diner, Great Western Highway to proceed to Wheeler Place to the garden of Barbara and Anne.



Garden Club members have many and varied interests, so if you have a business or hobby that you would like to share with us on the first Saturday of the month, (excepting January) please 'phone Pam on 6355 2114.

Clean up Australia Day

Sunday 5th March, 2006. Our clean-up team will meet at the old school, Mid Hartley Road, at 9.30 a.m. You can make a difference.



Christmas Party: Thanks to Pat Connell and Ian Hoffman for their wonderful contributions to making the evening such a success. "We could have danced and sang all night". Santa too was a welcome visitor.

Congratulations to Peter Gray, winner of the Lithgow Council Christmas Light Competition. His cheery display at the foot of Victoria Pass gave us all something to smile about.



Please be aware that your dogs can cause havoc among neighbours' stock and still be back looking innocent at home when the alarm is sounded. Please make every effort to keep them on your own property. They will learn very quickly to scale a mesh fence if it is not high enough, or not topped with strained wire. A fencing contractor will be able to advise you on what type of enclosure you need for your breed of dog.

Healey's at Hartley was broken into on the 14th January by some very determined thieves, so please keep your eyes open for any suspicious activity in the area. If we can let undesirables know that we are taking note of what goes on in our district, we may be able to deter them from feeling that they will get away with it.

INTEGRAL YOGA CLASS Change of day: Classes will resume on Wednesday, February 8th at 8.30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Cost remains the same, i.e., \$13 per session or \$45 for 4 classes paid in advance (\$11 concession). Bring a mat, cushion and blanket. Please be five to ten minutes early. Enquiries to Kriyadhara (Catherine Vaubell) 0407 203 771 or 4788 1502.



St John's on the hill in Hartley Village welcomes visitors on all Sundays at 5 p.m. Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday in each month. Enquiries: contact Rev Ian Mearns, telephone 4787 8127

Worship commenced at St Johns in 1859

Hartley and Kanimbla Rural Fire Brigades protect our valley. All members are volunteers. Training is available for new recruits, there is a job for everybody. **Hartley Brigade** meetings are held at the Fire shed, Mid Hartley Road, on the third Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. Secretary, Lynda, 63552460.

Kanimbla Brigade meets at their shed, Coxs River Road, on the first Saturday in March and the first Saturday in July. For details of Kanimbla activities contact Nancy on 4787 1909. Both Brigades welcome new members.

Are you new to the district? You would be welcome at Progress Association meetings which are held on the first Monday of each even month. The Progress Association is interested in local issues and concerns and bringing our community together for the common good.

Wishing to hire a hall? The school and adjacent hall are available for hire at very reasonable rates. Sorry, unable to hire for 18th or 21st birthday parties. Contact Pam on 63552114.

GATEMATE - Automatic gate and door systems operating in Hartley. Contact Peter 0438 260 240

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If you have set up a new business in Hartley, your business will receive publicity in the Hartley Newsletter free of charge initially. Contact the Secretary on 63552088, for information.

Advertisements in the newsletter run for twelve months, from February to December, that is for six issues, at a cost of \$35 each. **Payment for current advertisements is due prior to the next issue of the news bulletin.** If you do not wish to continue advertising, please advise Carol on 6355 2088 as soon as possible, as there are several people waiting for advertising space to become available.

HARTLEY

The Big Backyard is where we live
And wondrous gifts it has to give
The eagle soaring way up high,
An echidna passing slowly by.
Wood ducks nesting in the trees,
The gentle buzzing of the bees.
A lake of mist on the valley floor,
The sun breaks through and it is no more.

The bright yellow wattle, spring's on its way,
A tiny new lamb, born yesterday.
The hot summer sun, burning down,
Turning the grass dry and brown.
The autumn colours, a sight to behold,
Leaves turning orange, red and gold.
The snow white frost on a winter's morn,
Horses, in rugs, all snug and warm.

The fresh clean air that we breathe,
Why would we ever want to leave,
As the hand of friendship is extended to all,
And if you need help, you just make a call. *B*

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Report that fire: RING 000

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

President - Duncan Watt 6355 2043
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