



Hartley District Progress Association

Newsletter October, 2006

Next meeting: Monday, 2nd October, at 7.30 p.m.

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

Please bring a plate to share for supper

October Annual General Meeting - all positions filled, so one will be conscripted into a position, so please come along.



Guest Speaker: Ian O'Rourke, Director of Treeview Estates, homes for retirement living, to be situated at South Bowenfels. Initially sixteen stylish, comfortable homes will be built.

Garden Club Saturday, 7th October meet at Old School, Mid Hartley Road at 9 a.m., to proceed to the property of Brendan and Sarah Childs at South Bowenfels. They grow peonies for the cut flower market.

Garden Club Saturday, 4th November, meet at turn-off to Kanimbla Drive, off Cox's River Road at 9 a.m., to visit Tony and Stephanie Culliton's Native Garden. We will also see Lucy's Arizona inspired cacti and succulent garden.



BIG BACKYARD 9 a.m., Sunday, October 29th The focus this year will again be on **SUSTAINABLE LIVING**. Some of our highlights: Animal Nursery, pony rides. Fluffy and furry animals for littlies to cuddle, alpacas, calves, poultry, produce, alternative building. Lithgow City Band, The Blue Mountains Ecopella Choir, permaculture; Hartley Rural Fire and their Christmas Stocking, National Parks and Wildlife Historical Photo display; farrier; community nursery, State Emergency Services, AND MUCH MORE!!!!



Big Backyard has become renowned for the quality and taste of its food provided at the outdoor Sausage Sizzle and the Tearoom. Many of our local cooks provide

delicious cakes, biscuits and slices, for morning and afternoon tea, or lunch. We would appreciate donations.

BIG BACKYARD Cake appeal, please - if anyone could donate home-made cakes, biscuits, etc., for HDPA to sell for refreshments and fund-raising, it would be greatly appreciated. Telephone Carol on 63552088 to let her know if you are able to help. Cakes to be delivered to school on either Saturday 28th 9.00 to 12 noon, or Sunday morning after 8.30 a.m. Thank you.



Working Bees: Saturday October 21 at 9.30 a.m., to tidy the grounds and clean school and hall, if you could spare an hour it would be appreciated.

Saturday October 28th 8.30 am to set up.

Enquiries: Pam 63552114.

Valley Variety We are organising an evening to celebrate the talent in the Valley. November, 26th around 7 p.m. Mark your diaries now. We are not yet sure of what shape this will be, it's still changing and growing as we discover more skills, and unearth new performers. More information closer to the day. It is looking like about 75 minutes long with a bit of music, a lot of fun and a bit of a singalong, with supper thrown in. Featuring (among others):



Fiona Hawkins: classically trained pianist and composer, currently working on the final stages of her second CD

Ian Hoffman: pianist from wayback with all the old numbers at his fingertips.

Rebecca Daniel: Singer and former Sydney Symphony Orchestra violinist.

Duncan Wass: Actor, in the original Sydney cast of Les Miserables

Pip and Bill Childs: Multi-talented brother and sister.

Boris Hunt and sons: with their own special music.

Pat Cornell: Long time resident and pretty flash on the keyboard.

If you have a performing talent we don't know about, call Duncan on 6355 2043, and we'll make a space for you.



Bush Fire Alert: There have been several fires in the Hartley/Kanimbla area in recent weeks. Thanks go to our volunteers at Kanimbla, Hartley and South Bowenfels for protecting the local community.



HARTLEY VOLUNTEER BUSHFIRE BRIGADE (Mid Hartley Road, next to old school) **WILL HOLD AN OPEN DAY** ON November 4th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come along and inspect our equipment, ask questions, enjoy a sausage sizzle. Bring the whole family and enquire about joining, membership welcome aged from 16 years and over. Come and join us and help protect your property and that of your fellow residents against one of nature's extreme disasters, bush and grass fires. Looking forward to seeing you there. *Hartley Rural Fire Brigade members.*

Need a Justice of the Peace? Tricia and Darrell Smith will be happy to oblige. Telephone 6355 2362

Report that fire: RING 000

Hartley or Kanimbla Valleys 6355 1861

Hartley Captains - Brad Barber 6355 2186

Kanimbla Captain - Guy Tesoriere 4387 1363

Hire a hall - Pam Day 6355 2114



GALLOPING GUMNUTS

Mobile Children's service van operates pre-school at the old school grounds at Hartley, Mid Hartley Road, weekly on Thursdays from 9.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. Limited positions available for the remainder of 2006. Taking enrolments for 2007. Contact 'phone number 673523798, Meg or Deidre.



CONGRATULATIONS to C & W

Printing, Winners of Lithgow Business Awards, Business of the Year, 2006. They were also category winners for General Service Business, 2006. Thanks also to C & W for their generous help to Hartley District Progress Association.



CONGRATULATIONS too to

Hartley Valley Teahouse, Duncan and Barbara Wass and Staff, winners in the best restaurant/cafe/bistro business. Well done!

A warm welcome awaits you at the little historical Church of St John the Evangelist in Hartley Village. Services are held on the first and third Sundays of each month at 5 p.m. The Lord's Supper is celebrated at the first service of the month. This service is followed by supper.

Heard on ABC Radio - Hartley is the best place outside of Sydney to view the night sky, the stars are brilliant!!!

Noticed on a truck, you don't need a good memory if you always tell the truth!

Progress Association meetings are held on the first Monday of each even month. New members always welcome. Come and make a difference.

Need a Pre-School? - Meagan 6352 3798

President - Duncan Wass 6355 2043

Vice President - Seamus Casey 6355 2113

Treasurer - Roy Armstrong 6355 2398

Secretary - Carol Crossman 6355 2048

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