



Hartley District Progress Association

Newsletter August, 2008

Next meeting: Monday, 4th 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: David Peters who will tell us about the unique fauna of Hartley and give an update on behalf of the Hartley Highway Action Group.



"Australia's Biggest Morning Tea" - The final amount sent to the Cancer Council for this event was \$515. A message received from the Western Regional office of the Cancer Council asked that we "please pass on our sincere thanks". Well done, Garden Club members and friends.



Garden Club Saturday, 2nd August. Meet at the old school at 9 a.m., to drive to David Peters' property, Hartley Vale. We will walk (approximately two kms) to the remains of the weir that supplied water to the historic shale works and village of Hartley Vale. Wear your walking shoes and carry some drinking water.

BIG BACKYARD PLANNING MEETING 7.00 p.m., Monday, 11th August, in the old school, cor Mid Hartley Road and Great Western Highway.



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 about animals on 6355 2114, Diane about stalls on 6355 2174, or Carol on 6355 2088 for general enquiries.

Nominations for "Spirit of Hartley" Awards will close on Monday, 6th October, 2008 (Progress Association Meeting). Do you know someone who epitomizes the Spirit of Hartley, that is a person who shows a consistent interest in Hartley and its community? Nominations to Carol on 6355 2088 for discussion with the committee. Please be ready to submit a written nomination.



HARTLEY HIGHWAY ACTION GROUP Public Meeting chaired by David Peters was held on Saturday, 26th July at 3 p.m. Those present endorsed the actions of the group in pursuing an alternative route for the proposed Great Western Highway Upgrade/Diversion.

A new weekly publication: The Lithgow Spade will be delivered Friday mornings to business premises in Hartley. Contributions welcomed.

Enquiries to 6352 2887 or editorial@thelithgowspade.com

A barn on fire, a frenzied horse and an hysterical woman!!!!!! Where? At a training day organized by Training Officer, John Lovegrove, for members of the Hartley Bush Fire Brigade. John's imaginative and informative training days are held at 10 a.m., on the third Sunday of each month. Be prepared for a fire emergency. Meet at the Fire Shed on Mid Hartley Road. Enquiries to the Secretary, Lynda, on 6355 2460.



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

"Happiness is not reaching your goal. Happiness is being on the way." Ingvar Kamprad, founder of Ikea

GREAT WESTERN HIGHWAY UPGRADE/DIVERSION PROPOSAL:

The Roads and Traffic Authority invites residents to the school hall, Mid Hartley Road, from 1.00 p.m., to 3.00 p.m., or 6.00 p.m., to 8 p.m., on Wednesday, 13th August to discuss this matter further.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Samantha Watson of Bonny Hills Drive who has been an official judge of show horses for the past 17 years and has judged at various shows from agricultural shows, State Level breed shows and the NSW Horse of the Year Show. The highest honour for any judge is to be invited to judge at a Royal show and Samantha has not only been appointed to judge at this year's Brisbane Royal Show in August where she will judge Connemara ponies, Australian Saddle ponies, warmbloods and galloway hacks, but also internationally at the Royal New Zealand show in Christchurch in November where she will judge Welsh ponies, hunters, and child and adult turnout classes. Samantha has also been invited to judge at the end of October on the North Island of New Zealand at the Waikato's World Show where she will judge hunters, hacks, sport horses and adult riders.

A CONCERT: St John's Congregation invites you to a musical evening, with Ian Hoffman on his Roland piano, Compere and singer, Paul Eastment with his guitar, singing by Pat Connell, Julia Jacklin, flute playing by Sophie and Ella Limbert, and more! We welcome your attendance, please join us for supper afterwards.

CAN YOU HELP? A Hartley couple with baby are looking for mid to long term lease in the Hartley region. Preferably 2-3 bedroom on a few acres suitable for horses and sheds for storage would be ideal. Excellent references, responsible and friendly couple with a very wide range of skills, would also consider a caretaker position. Please 'phone Damon on 0410 310 611, or Jade on 6355 0264.

CEILLI - Hartley School Hall, Mid Hartley Road. Saturday, 23rd August, from 6.30 to 10.30 p.m. (set dance workshop from 4 to 5 p.m.) Foot tapping musical accompaniment, if you don't dance, come to enjoy the music. Please bring a plate of supper to share, tea and coffee provided. Entry by gold coin donation. 'phone Diane for more information, 6355 2174.

EXERCISE CLASSES at Lithgow PCYC, Hoskins Avenue, Lithgow for the Young at Heart: Mondays 10 a.m. until 11 a.m., designed for mobility, co-ordination, strengthening, with light dance movements. A small morning tea is provided after the class. Classes run by fitness instructor, Kerry Braye. All members must be members of the PCYC (can be organized on first visit). Yogalates classes at PCYC on Monday evenings from 6.30 p.m., to 7.30 p.m. For more details, telephone Howard on 6351 2510.

Report that fire: RING 000

Hartley Captain - David Peters 6355 2332
Kanimbla Captain - Guy Tesoro 4787 1361
Need a Pre-School? - Meagan 6352 3798



They're coming back: **GALLOPING GUMNUTS** will recommence at the Hartley School premises on Friday, 15th August. Session from 10 a.m., to 12.30 p.m. Enquiries to Meg on 6352 3798.

Local Pianist and Composer Fiona Jay Hawkins has just returned from recording in the US with Grammy Winning producer **Will Ackerman** (Founder of Windham Hill Records) and will be printing 1,000 copies of *Blue Dream* for October 1st in advance to the official release in 2009. To Pre-Purchase your copy, go to www.fionajayhawkins.com and follow the Buy CD's link where you can either buy on-line or print the order form and post.

A warm welcome awaits you at the little historical Church of St John the Evangelist in Hartley Village. The next service will be on Sunday, 3rd August at 5 p.m., including The Lord's Supper. Please join us in supper after the service. Enquiries to the Rectory 4787 8127, Rev John Gaunt. **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 6355 2114.

ART WORKSHOPS The Hartley School on Mid Hartley Road was the venue for a very busy day of art workshops for the whole family during the last school holidays. Jane Davidson tutored 3 workshops for all ages, Mums and Dads included, and saw a total of 99 participants in through the doors. People came from as far as Katoomba in the east and Portland in the west.

Regular After School Art Classes for primary school aged children will commence on Monday Aug 4th (period of 6 weeks) from 4.00pm as well as a regular Adult Drawing for Beginners class on the same day from 9.30am. Look out for the next school holiday workshops in October with a much expanded program! For any enquiries and a friendly chat contact Jane on (02) 4759 1820 or email on: darjane@optusnet.com.au Jane Davidson BFA(Hons) Contemporary Artist & Teacher

AUCTION - Belgrave Park annual coloured ALPACA auction is on Sunday 28th September - 46 lots - Weanlings, pregnant females, males and packages. See catalogue after 1st September on www.belgraveparkalpacas.com.au or 'phone 6355 2477

Progress Association would be interested in any new venture in Hartley. If you would like to discuss speaking about your particular enterprise at a meeting, please telephone the secretary, Carol on 6355 2088. Membership of the Progress Association is \$5 for one year.

Hartley District Progress Association contacts:

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