



Hartley District Progress Association

Newsletter December, 2008

Next meeting: Monday, 1st December, at 7.30 p.m.

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

STOP PRESS!!!

RTA RELEASES PLANS FOR HARTLEY'S DESTRUCTION!

JOIN THE FIGHT!

ATTEND ALL RTA MEETINGS

SPEND 2 MINUTES ON www.hhag.com.au AND REGISTER YOUR PROTEST!

THIS MAY BE YOUR LAST CHANCE!

Please contact Dennis Plink at the Hartley Highway Action Group on 02 6355 2003 or email dplink@bigpond.com.au for more info or to offer your support.

Guest Speaker for the December meeting:
Peter Ticehurst, Dietician at Lithgow District Hospital. Peter will tell us about good food choices and understanding labels on food products.



Garden Club with a difference - meet on Saturday, 6th December, at the old school, at 7 p.m. for a sausage sizzle and cuppa, then proceed to Blackman's Creek Road where we'll be viewing the night sky through a six inch refracted telescope, assisted by Andrew, an ex Astronomy teacher. Please bring a plate to share for supper.

Sunday, 14th December, commencing at 6.00 p.m., COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY for all ages (new residents especially welcome), will be held at the Old Hartley School. What's happening? Fun and games, sausage sizzle by donation, cool drinks, tea and coffee provided, and SANTA. Parents - as Santa will be coming, you may like to bring a "little something" to put in his sack for your kids, say 0 - 12 years. Please limit the cost to \$10. **HARTLEY RURAL FIRE BRIGADE CHRISTMAS STOCKING** raffle will be drawn at 7 p.m., at the Community Christmas Party. Join us for a cuppa, provided by HDPA (bring a cake or slice to share) and witness the draw. (There is still time to buy a winning ticket at local businesses.)



St John's Congregation, Hartley Historic Village, invites you to **Carols by Candlelight** on Sunday, 21st December, at 7.30 p.m. in the Church. The windows of the little church on the hill sparkle with candles for the service. Come and join in the singing, hear the Christmas message and Ian's inspirational playing of the Carols. Visitors are invited to join the Congregation for supper afterwards.

HARTLEY RURAL FIRE BRIGADE training/meeting days 10.00 a.m., third Sundays of each month. Sunday, 21st December at 10 a.m., all welcome to join Brigade members at the Fire shed, Mid Hartley Road for training and a Christmas morning tea.



BIG BACKYARD, 2008 The Committee for the Big Backyard would like to thank all who helped to make this day so successful. The interest shown and practical help provided before and on the day was really appreciated. The scrumptious cakes, scones, slices and biscuits home baked especially for our fund raising were well received. Gate contributions alone paid our insurance for the entire year, further profits will enable us to make a donation to a local charity. Final results will be discussed at the December meeting of Progress Association. Well done, and **thank you to Hartley residents and friends.**



RTA Hartley meetings at the Old School buildings Wednesday 26th November 12 noon to 2 p.m., and 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Seize the opportunity to be heard.

THE SPIRIT OF HARTLEY award went to David Peters this year. Thank you, David, for your contribution and ongoing commitment to Hartley and its residents.

At the October Annual General Meeting of the Hartley District Progress Association, Office Bearers were elected for 2008 - 2009 as follows:

Seamus Casey, President, 6355 2113
Ian Campbell, Vice President
Roy Armstrong, Treasurer, 6355 2398
Carol Crossman, Secretary, 6355 2088
Pam Day, Hire school buildings, 6355 2114.

Thank you to outgoing Vice President Chris Bird for his wise counsel and practical help so readily given.

AUSTRALIA DAY Family bike ride or walk to Hyde Park to have damper and cold drinks (supplied by Progress Association) or bring your own picnic tea. Meet at the old school, Mid Hartley Road, at 6 p.m., and don't forget to put a flag on your bike. **SEE YOU THERE!**

BEE SWARMS HAVE YOU WORRIED? Erle will come to your rescue and remove them without harm to them or you! 'phone 6355 2242

REMINDER: Advertising space in the newsletter remains at \$35 for six issues, February to December. Payment of \$35 is requested by the end of February to advertise in 2009. Cheques payable to HDPA, Mr R. Armstrong, Pitts Lane, Hartley Vale 2790. Change in details to Carol 6355 2088

THANK YOU Progress Association thanks C & W Printing for continued support in printing excellent quality newsletters prior to each meeting.

Mark (the Hammer) O'Carrigan - Carpentry and Building Maintenance - lic no 534708 member NSW Master Builders Association. New work or restorations and repairs, assistance to owner-builders ph 6355 2777 or 0488 552777

HARTLEY APPLESEEDS PLAYGROUP, meeting in the old school building, will be recommencing for 2009 on Tuesday of the second week school resumes. Any enquiries please 'phone Alison on 6351 4296. This friendly group would welcome new members.

GALLOPING GUMNUTS mobile van, also meeting in the grounds of the old school, fortnightly, Fridays from 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., welcomes new members. Dates for Term 1: 6th & 20th February; 6th & 20th March and 3rd April. Children, birth to five years, and parents welcome. For enquiries about new enrolments telephone Meg or Deirdre on 6352 3798.

St John the Evangelist, Hartley Historic Village, WONDERFUL NEWS!

St John's will soon reach the grand age of 150 years. Join us to celebrate next year! Date to be advised in the February newsletter. Please note that St John's Services in 2008 will all be at 5 p.m. on the first Sunday 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. Subscription only \$5, which covers your insurance during involvement with Progress Association activities. Your input would be appreciated. **NEXT MEETING MONDAY 2nd FEBRUARY, 2008 AT 7.30 P.M., in the old school building, Mid Hartley Road.**

Garden Club meets on the first Saturday of each month, excepting January (and sometimes excepting July). New members always welcome. 'phone Pam on 6355 2114

Fire Brigades: Kaimbula meetings and training by arrangement, 'phone Nancy 4787 1909. Hartley meets for training third Sunday of every month at 10 a.m. 'phone Lynda 6355 2460. Both Brigades welcome new members. Join in and learn new skills, share the opportunity to protect your property in the event of fire.



We wish you a happy and safe Christmas and holiday period and best wishes for the new year. "Peace on Earth, Goodwill to all men" *Hartley District Progress Association*

Report that fire: RING 000

Bush fire Brigades

Hartley Captain - John Lovegrove 6355 2460

Kaimbula Captain - Guy Tesariero 4787 1361

Need a Pre-School? - Meagan 6352 3798

Progress Association contacts:

President - Seamus Casey 6355 2113

Treasurer - Roy Armstrong 6355 2398

Vice President - Ian Campbell

Secretary - Carol Crossman 6355 2088

Hire a hall - Pam Day 6355 2114

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