



Hartley District Progress Association Newsletter February, 2008

Next meeting: Monday, 4th 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

Guest Speaker for the February meeting, commencing 7.30: Department of Primary Industries Liaison Officer will give a general talk on the effects and expected outcome of equine influenza. Meeting to follow.

Resignation of President: Mr Duncan Wass has resigned as President of Hartley District Progress Association. We thank Duncan and his wife Barbara for their considerable input into Hartley community life, since Duncan's election to the Presidency in June, 2005. Thank you, Duncan and Barbara.

The Garden Club will meet on Saturday, 2nd February at 9 a.m., at the Lithgow end of Hartley Vale Village to visit the property of Erle and Sandi Bartlett.



It will be a varied morning, including Erle's composting methods, hand made musical instruments and mud brick house extensions.

The Garden Club Saturday, 9 a.m., 1st March, will again meet at the Lithgow end of Hartley Vale village to visit Lawson Park, which has a European modelled potager (a work in progress). A delightful property tucked away in Hartley Vale.



Clean up Australia Day



Sunday 2nd March. It isn't your rubbish, it isn't our rubbish, but somebody has left it here to deface our beautiful valley. Please help our clean-up team, perhaps bring a team of your own. Even one hour can make a difference. Meet at the old school, Mid Hartley Road, at 9.00 a.m. Gloves and bags provided.

HYDE PARK - a community meeting was held at Hyde Park on 8th December, 2007. Subsequent to this meeting a draft plan of management was on display at Lithgow City Council until the end of January. The Australian Museum has also conducted a heritage study of the area. Preservation and access work has been done on the Londonderry Reserve at Joseph Morris Bridge, also on the reserve at the corner of Jenolan Caves Road and the Great Western Highway. For further information telephone David Durie on 6354 9999.

NSW FARMERS' ASSOCIATION Free chemical card training: Wednesday, 7th February at Lithgow. Telephone Robyn Diamond on 6884 8822

COURSES FOR LAND USE AND FUNDING FOR RIVER HEALTH A joint project between the NSW Department of Primary Industries and the Hawkesbury-Nepean Catchment Management Authority is underway to address the problems associated with river health and land degradation. The project aims to encourage landholders to apply practices that will promote sustainable land use. This is done by providing subsidised training packages to farmers/landholders to develop their understanding of natural resource management issues.

Courses offered include **PROGRAZE**™, **LANDSCAN**™ and **PADDOCK PLANTS**. These courses will allow landholders to make effective grazing management decisions, to operate within the constraints of their farm's natural resources and to identify important plants in their environment. Once farmers have completed some training, they will be eligible to apply for financial incentives to assist them implement beneficial land use changes. Funding is available for the establishment of perennial pastures, to implement sustainable grazing systems and increase biodiversity. For further information contact Helena Warren on 40286646 or email Helena.warren@dpi.nsw.gov.au

TO ALL THOSE WHO LOVE TO GET TOGETHER AND HAVE A GOOD TIME: Come to the CEILI at Hartley School Hall, Mid Hartley Road, off Great Western Highway. SATURDAY, 9th FEBRUARY, 6.30 to 12.30 p.m.

(Set dance workshop from 4 to 5 p.m.) There will be Irish Set Dancing, Rock'n'Roll and a little Old Time



Dancing (all Set Dances taught and called).

Bring a plate of light supper to share. Tea and coffee provided. Entry by gold coin donation. For more information, telephone Diane on 6355 2174.

What is Set Dancing? *Set dancing is a form of Irish social dance that is organised around couples dancing in groups or a set of eight. It is a vibrant and fresh style of dance, based on dancing Quadrilles, which originally came from France. The Irish have added their own unique steps and music to this dancing to make it energetic, rhythmic and great fun. Want to know more, telephone Diane on 6355 2174. Diane is keen to help us learn and is willing to teach Irish Set Dancing in Hartley.*

Rural Fire Brigade activities: Kanimbla Brigade meets at their shed, Cox's River Road, on the first Saturday in March and the first Saturday in July. For details of Kanimbla Brigade activities contact Nancy on 4787 1909. Hartley Brigade meets on the third Sunday of each month at 10 a.m., for training and information sessions. Contact Lynda on 6355 2460. Both Brigades welcome new members. **Learn how to protect your property and the properties of your neighbours from fire.**

Galloping Gumnuts Pre-School - regretfully no longer at Hartley Old School. For information on an alternative site, contact Meg Mendham, telephone 6352 3798.

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 6355 2088, for information.

Report that fire: RING 000

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

Advertisements in the newsletter run for twelve months, from February to December, that is for six issues, at a cost of \$35. **Payment for current advertisements is now due.** Those advertisers who paid in April 2007 are in credit for \$5, please pay \$30. New advertisers will pay \$35. Cheques payable to Hartley District Progress Association, Mr R. Armstrong, Lot 1, Pitts Lane, Harley Vale. If you do not wish to continue advertising, please advise Carol on 6355 2088 as soon as possible.

A thought: The moving finger writes and having writ moves on, not all your piety or wit can lure it back to cancel half a line, nor all your tears wash out a word of it. *From the Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam*

Good, loving home(s) wanted for Bubble and



Saffy - beautiful four year old female (desexed) border collies. Very gentle and affectionate, great companion dogs. Good if they can stay together. Can

separate if unavoidable. Owner reluctantly moving away for family reasons. 'phone 6355 2285



BUDDY - Our lovely old horse, "Buddy" was gently put to sleep early in January. I would like to thank everyone who helped me care for him over the last few years. Also all those who would check if he was down as they drove past and took an interest in his welfare. All your help made his last years happy ones. Thanks to everyone. *Sincerely, Barbara Orr.*

St John's on the hill in Hartley Historical Village welcomes new worshipers. Services 1st and third Sundays at 5 p.m. ALL WELCOME!

Elke Holmes - Professional make-up for that special occasion. Telephone 6355 2425

Hartley District Progress Association welcomes new members, meetings 7.30 p.m., first Monday of each even month. \$5 joining fee, which covers your insurance for Association activities.

President - Vacant position
Vice President - Seamus Casey 6355 2113
Treasurer - Roy Armstrong 6355 2298
Secretary - Carol Crossman 6355 2088

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