



Hartley District Progress Association

Newsletter October, 2008

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

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

Please bring a plate to share for supper

THE BIG BACKYARD

SUNDAY, 26TH OCTOBER, 9 A.M., TO 4 P.M.



You are warmly invited to join us in your community backyard, at the old school, corner Mid Hartley Road and Great Western Highway for a day for the whole family: animals to see and cuddle, demonstrations to help you in your home backyard, small motors, Mt Victoria and National Parks local history photographs, items to purchase, good food to enjoy, a wood turner at work, lively music, Hartley Bush Fire Brigade Christmas stocking, and MUCH MORE!



A donation at the gate to help with our insurance for the day would be appreciated.

October Annual General Meeting - Election of office bearers for 2008-2009. Membership subscription of \$5 is due at the meeting. The fee covers your insurance for any Progress Association activities, including the Big Backyard.

Guest Speaker: Before the AGM, Rebecca Kalmar, Herbalist and Iridologist and her understanding of the eye and what it can tell about diagnosis. Visitors not wishing to stay for the AGM could leave after message.



Garden Club Saturday, 6th October meet at the old school, Mid Hartley Road at 9 a.m., to carpool and travel to visit Fran at Dargan who has a food producing and a cool climate garden. Fran will also explain how she lives without mains electricity.

BIG BACKYARD PLANNING MEETING Monday, 13th October, at 7 p.m., in the old school.

BIG BACKYARD 9 a.m., to 4 p.m., Sunday,



October 26th Some more of our highlights: animal nursery, alpacas, calves, poultry, produce, community plant nursery, Galloping Gumnuts for pre-schoolers, informative talks on landscape gardening, animal care, the legal obligations of landholders, art demonstrations, and more. Refreshments served all day, sit down or take away, sausage and onion sandwiches, minimum!



Advertising is well under way. Look for our eye-catching posters, designed by Tania and Maggie, Graphic Design and printed by Ramsay Moodie. Thank you, Maggie, Tania and Ramsay! Full page advertising and information is in the October issue of *imag*, kind courtesy of Mark O'Toole, local electrical contractor. Thank you, Mark! Thank you also to National Parks and Wildlife, Hartley Historic Village for financial assistance. Thank you, Steve!

BIG BACKYARD Cake appeal, please - if you could donate home-made cakes, biscuits, etc., for HDPA to sell for refreshments and fund-raising, we would be really grateful.



Your past donations have been very welcome. Telephone Carol on 6355 2088 to let her know if you are able to help. Cakes to be delivered to the old school on either Saturday 25th 9.00 to 12 noon, or Sunday morning 26th after 8.30 a.m. Thank you.

BIG BACKYARD IS YOUR COMMUNITY EVENT

Working Bee: Saturday October 18th 9.00 a.m., to tidy the grounds and clean school and hall, if you could spare an hour it would be a great help. Also, **Saturday October 25th, 8.30 am** to help set up. There will be plenty of jobs to be done. Enquiries: telephone Pam 6355 2114, Diane 6355 2174 or Carol 6355 2088.

Hartley Rural Fire Brigade Christmas Stocking is located at Adam's Shed. Call in and have a look. Tickets \$1 also on sale at The Farmhouse, Talisman Cafe, The Teahouse and The Diner. The Stocking will be on view and tickets for sale at The Big Backyard. The raffle is traditionally drawn at the Progress Association Christmas Party, this year on 14th December at 6 p.m. Can you spare an hour or two to help sell raffle tickets? Dates Saturday 11th October, and Saturday 15th November. The stocking will be located in the Lithgow Plaza, telephone Ken on 6355 2280 for more details.



Girls and Boys 14 years and over - an opportunity exists for you to be trained in fire safety, understand the role of a fire fighter by practical exercises and to become a member of Hartley Bush Fire Brigade. Mums and Dads, no young person under 16 would be taken to a fire. Please contact a Brigade member at the Big Backyard who will explain membership details.

UPDATE FROM THE HARTLEY HIGHWAY ACTION GROUP The RTA are to decide if the Newnes Plateau will be included in the "Study Area" for the new Highway before the end of the year. They also hope to have some corridor options on the table soon after a decision is made. We are told the decision will be made based on Transport Modeling. That is, predictions of use calculated from traffic statistics and movements.

Meanwhile we now have confirmed and registered sightings of the Spotted Tail Quoll (also known as Native Cat - Tiger Quoll) in the Hartley Vale village, the middle of the current study area. This rarely seen native will require the RTA to closely consider the habitat destruction caused by a new road. We have found other special natives, including the Long Nosed Bandicoot. Further investigations will hopefully reveal the believed extinct Eastern Quoll of which there have been unconfirmed sightings.

It is not too late to write to Federal and State politicians and protest about the wholesale destruction this new road will create through this special and important valley. If you need details and don't have the list in our earlier HHAG newsletter another will be out soon or ring me on 6355 2332. *David Peters, Chair HHAG*

Report that fire: RING 000

Hartley Captain - John Lovegrove 6355 2460
Kambilla Captain - Guy Tesoriero 4787 1361
Need a Pre-School? - Megan 6352 3798

A dung beetle workshop and paddock walk will be held at the Hartley School on Wednesday, 8th October, commencing at 10 a.m. and concluding at around 12.30 p.m. with a free BBQ. John Feehan, an Australian expert will speak about the benefits of dung beetles on soil health and pasture production. Please RSVP to Peter Evans on 6350 3111 by 7th October for catering purposes.



A warm welcome awaits you at the little historical Church of St John the Evangelist in Hartley Village. Services are held on the first Sunday of each month at 5 p.m. Holy Communion followed by supper. Enquiries to Rev John Gaunt, 'phone 4787 8127

Trivia night at Mt Victoria school on Friday October 24th from 7 p.m. The Trivia Master for the night will be Mr Doug Walters (former Australian cricketer). Cost is \$15 per person and includes supper. Tickets can be purchased from Mt Victoria Public School. For further information, please contact Tracey on 6355 2316 or 0415 529 562

GARAGE SALE 9 a.m., 18th October at St Peter's Anglican, Great Western Highway, Mt Victoria. Goods for sale may be taken to the hall on Friday 17th October.

The Farmhouse, Great Western Highway, open every day during school holidays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends. There are many delicious lollies and treats available.

Talisman Gallery and Cafe, Great Western Highway, open every day during school holidays, Monday to Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Thursday to Sunday 9 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. Try their tasty woodfired oven baked pizzas.

A thought: "It takes a great deal of living to get a little deal of learning" John Ruskin

GARDEN CLUB first Saturday of each month, excepting January. Call Pam 6355 2114 for details.

HALL HIRE - the old school and adjacent hall are available for hire at reasonable rates. Sorry we are unable to hire for 18th or 21st birthday parties. For other community hall hire activities, contact Pam on 6355 2114.

Progress Association meetings are held on the first Monday of each even month. New members always welcome. Meet people in the Valley and share your ideas. Next meeting, Monday, 1st December, at 7.30 p.m.

Hartley District Progress Association contacts:

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