



Hartley District Progress Association Newsletter April, 2009

Next meeting: Monday, 6th April, 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 April meeting: Helen Bellette, of the Transport Workers Union, talking about safety on our roads for drivers and our community.



The Garden Club is becoming dormant due to attendance being deciduous. We will be having special event Garden Club meetings which will be advertised in the newsletter. If you would like to show your garden, or know of an interesting garden to visit, telephone Pam on 63552114.

Support your local show, Lithgow Show opens at 2 p.m., on Friday April 3rd, and finishes at 9.30 pm, at the Showground. Saturday the Show will be from 10 am until 10 pm. Some highlights: King of the Mountain foot race, an event popular twenty years ago; Toyota Hilux event; Yamaha free-style motocross; wood chop, arts and crafts, side shows, fireworks and more. Entries in the Horticultural Section are always of a very high standard and well worth a visit. Sunday, Equestrian events from 8 am until approximately 4 pm. Pony Club events, etc.



St John the Evangelist, Anglican Church, Hartley Historic Village will celebrate its Sesquicentenary of worship in the valley on Sunday, 5th April, at 5 p.m. The service will be led by Western Area Bishop Ivan Lee, assisted by Blackheath Parish Minister, Rev John Gaunt. Refreshments will follow at the Royal Inn opposite the Church. Memories will be shared from local residents and visitors who remember events at the Church more than fifty years ago. You are very welcome to be part of the celebrations. More details, Carol 6355 2088.



AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA - supporting the Cancer Council

Please join us at the old school, Mid Hartley Road, on Saturday, 2nd May, from 10 a.m., to 12 noon. Come for a few minutes or stay the whole time, new residents come to meet your neighbours in the valley.

You are invited to make a donation towards cancer research. Tax deductible receipts will be issued.



HARTLEY HIGHWAY ACTION GROUP

We appear to be moving into the next phase in the Great Western Highway upgrade project. Indications are the Roads and Traffic Authority will soon be announcing a public meeting to restart the process. We expect to be told if the Newnes Plateau Corridor option has been considered viable to move to the next stage of "Routes within corridors". That is if Newnes Plateau will be wiped from consideration and we will be stuck with one of the other four options going through our Valley, neighbourhood and properties. When an announcement is made every resident in Hartley should attend.



On a disturbing note, Central West Transport Needs Study has been released, but only to the organization of Central West Local government Councils and not to the public. This study should be the basis for making transport means decisions both road and rail for this and other projects. To restrict the access suggests there is something to hide, something unpalatable for either side. The only way to have real discussion on any issue is with the release of all relevant information.

David Peters, Chairman HHAG

Clean up Australia Day - Sunday 1st March, 2009 There were five people collecting rubbish on behalf of the Hartley Community. Their efforts yielded many full bags and certainly made a difference to the appearance of the area. However, there were industrious people collecting rubbish on other days, their efforts were noticed and much appreciated. Let us all be vigilant and keep Hartley beautiful.



Little Hartley Diner under new management is open seven days from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Monday to Friday, and 10.30 a.m. - 3.00 p.m. Sundays. Cuisine: sea food and a la carte. Telephone 6355 2331

FUN WITH HYPNOSIS NIGHT Roger Johnson and volunteers provided a night to remember and hearty laughter. Those who attended willingly donated towards the appeal for victims of the Victorian bush fires. Together we raised \$250 which was deposited with the National Australia Bank for distribution. Thanks also to Bill's Cake Shop in Lithgow for donations towards supper. The cakes were delicious and really appreciated. Adam's Shed provided gifts and C & W Printing printed our advertising posters. Thanks to all.

Hartley Chainsaw and Mower repairs With summer behind us and the cooler weather on its way now is the time to get your chainsaw tuned or the chain sharpened so it's ready to tackle the firewood season. Maybe your mower or whipper snipper needs a service or some repairs after a gruelling mowing season. If so why not give Andrew Lawson a call on 6355 2336 or 0410626307. Andrew provides free local collection and delivery and can service or supply spare parts for most makes and models.



St John's on the hill in Hartley Historic Village is open for worship on the first Sunday of each month at 5 p.m. There are no morning services. Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month.

Supper provided at this service. Visitors are very welcome! On other Sundays, the Congregation worships at St Peter's, Great Western Highway, Mt Victoria. Service at 8.45 a.m. Enquiries: Rev John Gaunt, telephone 4787 8127

Rural Fire Brigades are active and protect our valley. Hartley Brigade meets on the third Sunday of each month at 10 a.m., at their shed on Mid Hartley Road. Contact the Secretary, Lynda, on 6355 2460. The latest training involved field work on the dangers of grass fires and how to fight them.



Kanimbla Brigade meets at their shed, Cox's River Road, on the last Friday in February and the first Saturday in July.

For details contact Nancy on 4787 1909. Both Brigades welcome new members.

Are you new to the district? You would be welcome at Progress Association meetings which are held on the first Monday of each even month. The Progress Association is interested in local issues and concerns and bringing our community together for the common good. Your community welcomes you.

If you have set up a new business in Hartley, your business will receive publicity in the Hartley Newsletter free of charge. Paid advertisements cost \$35 and run for twelve months, that is six issues of the newsletter. Contact the Secretary on 6355 2088, for information. **Payment for current advertisements is now due.** Thank you to those who have paid for 2009. There are still some accounts outstanding, please pay, or 'phone Carol on 6355 2088 to relinquish your space for somebody waiting.

Wishing to hire a hall? The school and adjacent hall are available for hire at very reasonable rates. Sorry, unable to hire for 18th or 21st birthday parties. Contact Pam on 63552114.

Report that fire: RING 000	
Bush Fire Brigades	
Hartley Captain - John Lovegrove	6355 2460
Kanimbla Captain - Guy Tesoriere	4787 1361
Need a Pre-School? - Megan	6352 3798

Hartley District Progress Association contacts:	
President - Seamus Casey	6355 2113
Vice President - Ian Campbell	
Treasurer - Roy Armstrong	6355 2398
Secretary - Carol Cronman	6355 2088
Hire a hall - Pam Day	6355 2114

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