





## Hartley District Progress Association Newsletter February, 2009

Next meeting: Monday, 2nd 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*

There will not be a Guest Speaker at the February meeting. Meeting to commence at 7.30 p.m. Please think about activities for Progress Association for 2009, such as the invitation to Guest Speakers, preparation for The Big Backyard and any other matters of concern to you.

 The Garden Club - Hassans Walls will be the venue for a discussion concerning the direction of Garden Club for 2009. Meet at the old school on Saturday, 7th February at 9 a.m. Everyone and their ideas very welcome. Bring some morning tea to share.

**BUSH DANCE AND CEILI** : Come one come all to the Hartley School Hall, Mid Hartley Road, off Great Western Highway, on Valentine's Day, SATURDAY, 14th FEBRUARY, 6.30 to 10.30 p.m. There will be a workshop from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., for those interested in learning the basics of Irish Set Dancing. No experience necessary. 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 or email [greenoak@tpg.com.au](mailto:greenoak@tpg.com.au) for more information. 


### SPECIAL EVENT:

**FUN WITH HYPNOSIS NIGHT**, with guest, Roger Johnson, Saturday 21st February, 2009 at 7.30 p.m. Indulge in an evening of riotous laughter. All ages, family and friends welcome. Learn the true facts about hypnosis. Release the real you, volunteer to be part of a demonstration (must be over 18). No one will be embarrassed in any way whatsoever. Volunteers will be called from the audience. Cost \$5 to include supper. 

### Clean up Australia Day



**Sunday 2nd March.** Once more we need to tackle the rubbish left beside the roads in our area. Please spare an hour to 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 1.00 p.m. Gloves and bags provided.

**1859** In the days when travel was by foot, horseback or for the lucky few, horse and buggy or cart, the Church of St John the Evangelist was built in Hartley, now the Hartley Historic Village. To celebrate the 150th year of commencement of worship in Hartley, the St John's Congregation and the Parish of Blackheath invite you to share with us for a service led by the Bishop of Western Sydney, Ivan Lee, assisted by our own Rev John Gaunt at 5 p.m., on Sunday 5th April. To further help us celebrate, please stay for a light tea afterwards and catch up with former Ministers, old friends and neighbours. Enquiries or to let us know you are coming, 'phone Carol on 6355 2088. 



**DRAGON BOAT PADDLING** - Great new water sport has started in the area. "Lithgow Flash Dragons" train Wednesdays 6 p.m., and 9 a.m., Sundays at Lake Wallace (Wang Dam). A dragon boat has 16 - 20 paddlers - junior, senior or combined (male and female over twelve years). Paddlers may want to be "social paddlers" or train for regattas. Any questions? 'phone Sandi on 6355 2242 or Pam on 6355 2114.

**A thought:** We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop.  
*Mother Teresa*







With temperatures soaring in recent days there is more than the usual risk of fire. Our valley and homes need to be protected from fire. Learn how to protect your property and the properties of your neighbours from fire through training at your local bush fire brigade. Practical exercises are regularly undertaken to familiarise members with the use of equipment, how to read a map, the use of radios and understanding terrain in the context of the danger of bush fire.

**Rural Fire Brigade activities: Kanimbla Brigade** meets at their shed, Coxs 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.

**St John's on the hill in Hartley Village** welcomes visitors on the first Sunday of each month at 5 p.m., for service and Holy Communion. Stay after service for a light supper and warm fellowship. Enjoy Ian's sensitive and lively organ playing. Enquiries: contact Rev John Gaunt on telephone 4787 8127 or email [john.gaunt@ozemail.com.au](mailto:john.gaunt@ozemail.com.au) or email the office at [blackheathanglican@gmail.com](mailto:blackheathanglican@gmail.com)



See our notice on the front page about celebrations for the 150th Anniversary of commencement of worship in the Hartley area.

**THE BIG BACKYARD** - At the December Progress Association meeting members discussed expenditure of fund raising from The Big Backyard, 2008. Enquiries are being made into some Council approved play equipment for installation in the old school grounds, also the Association is giving a donation to the work of the Lithgow Hospital Auxiliary.



Report that fire: RING 000

Bush fire Brigades:

Hartley Captain - John Lovegrove 6355 2460

Kanimbla Captain - Guy Tesoriero 4787 1361

Need a Pre-School? - Megan 6352 3798

**DID YOU KNOW?** Governor Macquarie reported on June 10th 1815, describing the road put in by William Cox and his team, "...it suddenly terminates in nearly a perpendicular precipice of 676 feet high, as ascertained by measurement. The road constructed by Mr Cox down this rugged and tremendous descent, through all its windings, is no less than three quarters of a mile in length ...." It is worth exploring today, go to Mount York lookout, Mt Victoria and follow the signs.

Hartley residents are again faced with the prospect of yet another road through our valley. Your concerns and opinions matter. Please see the enclosed Hartley Highway Action Group newsletter, take your own action, write or email, addresses as shown on HHAG website, and keep informed.



**NEW BUSINESS?** If you have set up a new business in Hartley, your business will receive free publicity in the Hartley Newsletter. Further publicity in the form of paid advertising can be made as space becomes available. Contact the Secretary on 6355 2088, for information.

**ADVERTISING** - 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.** Cheques to be made 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.

**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 6355 2114.

**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. An annual registration fee of \$5 is payable, covering members for insurance involving Association activities.

**Hartley District Progress Association contacts:**

President - Scamus Casey 6355 2113

Vice President - Ian Campbell

Treasurer - Ray Armstrong 6355 2398

Secretary - Carol Crossman 6355 2088

Hall Hire - Pam Day 6355 2114

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