



Hartley District Progress Association

Newsletter July 2010

Next Meeting: Monday 5th July 2010 at 7.30pm.

Hartley school building, corner Mid Hartley Rd and G.W.Hwy.

Big Backyard planning meeting at 6.30pm, Monday 5th July — before HDPA meeting

President's Report

What a busy month! We have held two public meetings, both a great success. The Planning Meeting on the 19th was very well run, with some great ideas coming from the 38 people attending on what the valley might be like in the future. You can read the report of proceedings and conclusions of the Planning Meeting on the website at www.hartleynsw.com.au and the developments and future directions will be an ongoing process which we will report at each newsletter. I take this opportunity to thank the HHAG committee, and Jeremy Dawkins in particular for the sterling work in making the Planning Meeting such a well prepared and smoothly executed success.

The second meeting was called to begin work on the 200th Anniversary of the 1813 crossings of the Blue Mountains. Held on the 26th June, it was attended by 24 brave souls in the cooler end of the afternoon. Chaired by myself with Joan Kent kindly standing in as scribe for the day, the group listened to short addresses by Neville Castle, Mayor of Lithgow, Ian Jack, President of the Royal Australian Historical Society, and Siobhan Lavelle from the Lands Department Historical Section, whose PhD was on the Blue Mountains Crossing, and Naomi Parry, Cultural Affairs Officer at Lithgow City Council, whose area of expertise is Aboriginal History. The aim of the meeting was to glean ideas for what might be possible and appropriate for the 2013 events, and when the meeting was opened to the floor, a good cross section of thoughts were aired, both large and small. A committee of 14 was formed, which is not yet finalised, as some with an acknowledged vested interest who were not able to attend will be invited to join.

Representatives from this committee will be attending a meeting called by the Royal Australian Historical Society in Macquarie Street in early August, to which all groups who have an interest in the anniversary will be invited.

This meeting is to enable the differing groups to ensure coordination, and make certain there is a unity and flow to the planning. We are fortunate indeed to have people with the skills and experience needed living in the valley, and I look forward to being able to report some very exciting news over the coming months.

The constitution subcommittee is almost ready to report, and the draft as it stands will also be available on the website in the very near future.

If anyone has thoughts and opinions they feel need to be included in any of our current projects, please email Progress at hdpa@pnc.com.au and we will make sure they reach the appropriate people.

HDPA Constitution

The 1957 Constitution of the HDPA has been under review by a team for the past 9 months. A lot of hard work has gone into this and the intent is to have it voted on at a Special General Meeting in August, so as to be the Constitutional document for the AGM in October. It is also intended to socialise the updated Constitution at the July monthly meeting (Monday 5 July), so come along and have your say.

Do you have a feral cat problem?

National Parks and Wildlife at the Historic Village have two cages available for hire to help you reduce the problem. They are hired out in two-week blocks. There is no charge for this service, and instructions are included with the cage. Just leave your credit card imprint, and take the cage for a fortnight at a time. Cages should be returned on time to avoid a \$240 charge for the cost of the cage. Bookings can be made by calling 0355 2117

Skeptics about Septics

It was a generally disgruntled crowd of some thirty people that attended the meeting called by council in the Hartley School hall on 22nd June. Claims of conflict of interest by inspectors, inadequate training, improbability of risk on remote rural properties and ratepayers objection to having to pay a license to operate fee when they already pay a quarterly fee for the inspection and maintenance of their AWTL system dominated proceedings. Attended by two Lithgow Council aldermen, the mayor, the general manager, two senior staff members from council and three representatives from the Sydney Catchment Authority the two hours of meeting seemed to give little comfort to either side. A cup of tea or coffee might have made proceedings more bearable. The most positive thing out of the evening is that the new protocols and procedures relating to the septics program are on display in the council chambers for comment and critique until mid July.

Pasture Rejuvenation in Hartley

The recent years of drought in the valley have left pastures, the lifeblood of farmers, severely depleted. Reduced populations of desirable pasture grasses and increased weed infestations are all signs of the problem that made a pasture rejuvenation workshop held at the Hartley school hall on 8th June a timely event.

Some fifty local farmers from the valley and beyond turned out to hear agronomist Luke Pope and our local agronomist Belinda Hackney explore the issues involved in establishing, managing and maintaining good pastures. In addition to classroom work, using a paddock kindly volunteered by local farmer Seamus Casey, the group spent a number of hours scouring the paddock identifying practical issues associated with rejuvenation of pastures.

The workshop provided an opportunity to learn and importantly a time for participants to reflect on their existing strategies compared to alternatives considered in the workshop. All agreed the meeting, arranged by James Cornwell from Industry and Investment NSW with Pam Day providing local co-ordination assistance, was an extremely valuable investment of time. The light lunch provided by Doreen Peters supported by Marie Hoffman added a warming and convivial touch to a most informative day.

Galloping Gumnuts Mobile Van, for children 0-5 yrs, meet fortnightly on Fridays 10-12.30 during the school term at the old School. Parents welcome to participate. Contact Meg or Deidre on 6352 3798.

Hartley Applesseeds Play Group meet at the Hartley Old School, Tuesdays 10am until 12pm. Contact Alison on 6352 4296 for more information.

Aldgate Gallery Exhibition

From June 12th - 27th Aldgate Gallery (see your Business Directory) had the pleasure of hosting Garry Pettit's 5th solo exhibition. Garry was born, educated and still lives in our District. Self taught from 16 years old, Garry had 48 amazing paintings on display. Such is Garry's talent that among the numerous awards he can include Most Outstanding Traditional Landscape at the Sydney Royal Easter Show, 2008. Gallery owners, Duncan and Barbara Wass, held an official opening/drinks on Friday 12 June which was extremely well attended, with about a quarter of the paintings selling at the Opening. Garry thoroughly enjoyed the evening and meeting the patrons. If you missed the Exhibition don't despair log on to Garry's website www.garrypettit.com or visit Duncan and Barbara at Aldgate Gallery Cnr GRH & Baaners Lane.



Gary, Barbara and Duncan

Hartley Rural Bushfire Brigade AGM

On Sunday 30 Jun the HRFB held their AGM. Congratulations to re-elected officials David Peters (President), John Lovegrove (Captain) and the other office bearers whom unfortunately space precludes from naming but without whom the Brigade could not function. Special thanks were passed on from the members to out going Treasurer Roy Armstrong, who has provided 31 years unstinting service as treasurer, Ken Hinwood for his dedication and efforts in raising thousands of dollars over the years for the Brigade through the Stocking raffle and BBQ's and Doreen Peters for the exceptional service provided by the Brigade Mobile Canteen. Congratulations also to Carol Crossman on taking up the position of Treasurer.

*When you find peace within yourself,
you become the kind of person who can
live at peace with others.*

Peace Pilgrim

Pizza & Pearls a Great Success

On Thursday 24 June the Talisman held a 'Pizza and Pearls' evening with 200 locals attending. Ron from the Talisman was taken aback by the response and grateful of the opportunity to provide a night out for those who have been so supportive of the Gallery and Café since they began. The night was also a highlight of community spirit with Ron's friends and neighbours pitching in with gazebo's, lighting for the car-park and assistance setting up the display cabinets with their magnificent hand-crafted jewellery. Local business (or as Ron likes to refer to them "Sister Businesses") also pitched in with lucky door prizes so a big thankyou to Duncan & Barbara from the Hartley Tea-House, Dennis and Connie from Restoration On-line, K-Teens in Lithgow, Mt Vic Cinema, local Mt Victoria artist Paul and the Farmhouse Lolly Shop. With a few logistical lessons learnt, Ron will be holding another evening later this year.

A frog can't empty its stomach by vomiting. To empty its stomach contents, a frog throws up it's stomach first, so the stomach is dangling out of it's mouth. Then the frog uses its forearms to dig out all of the stomach's contents and then swallows the stomach back down again.

One day at a time--this is enough. Do not look back and grieve over the past for it is gone; and do not be troubled about the future, for it has not yet come. Live in the present, and make it so beautiful it will be worth remembering.

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..... Meet Your Local Business Personalities

As part of the drive to promote local businesses through the Hartley District Business Directory your Newsletter will now contain articles on those who make their Business in the Hartley District.

This Edition we look more closely at:

BELLA ROSE REMOVALS
ADAM'S SHED - WINES AND GOURMET DELIGHTS

BELLA ROSE REMOVALS

If you are thinking of moving (or know someone who is), then why not think of moving with the Bambury Family. David has been in the removal business for 18 years and for the last three, David (with wife Marci as the company secretary) has owned and run Bella Rose Removals and now, as the business grows, they have been joined by son-in-laws Ian and David. Additionally sons Justin, Alex and Zachary also pitch in when school allows. The Bamburys have lived in and around the district for years and 7 months ago moved into Little Hartley, but it is not just the local and professional service that makes Bella Rose a great company to do business with, it's the "Heart within" that makes them special. The name Bella Rose stems from their grand-daughter Isabella, who suffers from Cystic Fibrosis, and the Rose stems from "65 Roses" which is from the folklore story of a little boy's effort to pronounce his sister's condition, Cystic Fibrosis. Instead he called it "65 Roses". The family donate all the BAS the business makes to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

So for the complete removal service local, intra and interstate, including all packing and un-packing, give the Bambury's of Bella Rose a call.

Please note their new number 1300 720 275 and email address bella_rose_removals@westnet.com.au



Marci and David

ADAM'S SHED WINES AND GOURMET DELIGHTS

Well we all know the crew from Adams Shed by now (and if you don't you really should pop in), as we have covered the Agricultural Supplies side of the business in the February Newsletter. However with winter well ensconced, perhaps the notion of curling up with a good book and treating yourself to some of the gourmet delights that our region has to offer appeals? Or maybe a gathering of family and friends and a superb local wine or two to take the winter's chill out? Either way Louise and Maree have a great stock of treats, wines and ciders from the Central West Tablelands and don't forget the specials bin! Honey, jams, marmalades, olives, tapenades, coffee, olive oils and so it goes.....ah and don't forget the wines from the Megalong Valley and westward!



Adams favourite part of the store

Basic Computer Maintenance

There are quite a few steps to keeping your computer (laptop/desktop) running trim fit and fast. The more of these you do the longer the computer will behave and stave off the dreaded upgrades.

Step 1 – Security

It is imperative in this day and age to run good security on computers. Macs and Linux based machines are inherently more secure but can also be a little overwhelming to run on a day to day basis for some people.

There are quite a few steps to having a secure environment but mostly it comes down to common sense.

Staying safe is antivirus/antispyware.

Antivirus – There are a number of products available a lot of them free here is a quick list.

- AVAST home for private use
http://www.avast.com/eng/avast_4_home.html
- MS SECURITY ESSENTIALS (free for anyone with a valid copy of windows)
http://www.microsoft.com/Security_Essentials/
- AVIRA personal (free for home use)
<http://www.free-av.com/>

Step 2 – Antispyware

- Malwarebytes personal (free for home use)
<http://www.malwarebytes.org/>
- Spybot search and destroy (free)
<http://www.safernetworking.org/en/spybottd/index.html>

A very important point to make is to be sure your security is up to date. An antivirus program that is out of date is pretty much useless.

Also be sure to run an actual "scan" of your hard drive at regular intervals as the resident protection (one that runs in the background) may miss some sneaky Trojans.

Step 3 – Updates

First step is make sure Microsoft updates are scheduled to run, but that isn't all. You really should run windows update/Microsoft update form the computer. Here is how:

Start/all programs/windows-Microsoft updates.
This can give you updates like Internet explorer 8 for example, a much stable and secure browser than the older ones.

Software updates for your programs.

This is easy enough, most programs will come with a check for updates function; if not just go to the vendor site for example: <http://get.adobe.com/reader/>

Doing these steps should keep you relatively safe and up to date.

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