



Hartley District Progress Association

Newsletter October 2010

Next Meeting: Monday 11th October 2010 at 7.30pm.
Hartley Community Hall, corner Mid Hartley Rd and G.W.Hwy.



Big Backyard 2010

The 10th Hartley Big Backyard is almost here!!!!
Sunday 31st October 2010 9am – 3pm.

This year, we are fortunate to have local Singer / Songwriter Pat Drummond to entertain us. Pat has been making people smile and tap their feet for over twenty five years now, and will bring two of his regular offiders. Simon Watts (The Traveling Fiddler) and singer Karen Lynne. He will oversee a packed programme of entertainment through out the day. (See back page for this year's poster).

Entry is once again by gold coin donation (or more if you are feeling generous), and we have hourly gate prizes (donated by your local businesses) to whet your appetite. Speaking of which, the ladies have devised some tasty treats in the hall for lunch or a snack, and there is also the sausage sizzle to tempt you. This year, all funds raised will be channeled towards the restoration of the historic School Building (1881) and developing the site into a cultural centre for the valley.

BUT WE NEED SOME HELP!

Just 2 hours of your time will help to share the load. We need help in the Food Hall, selling raffle tickets, cashiers and/or servers at the BBQ sausage sizzle. BBQ Admin Co-Ordinator Keith Berry, has drawn up a compre-

hensive roster for the day, divided into 2 hour slots. We would also love some help with the setup on Saturday – putting up some marquees and general prep work. If you have any time to spare, please give Keith a call on 6355 0205, and he will put your name down for as much or as little time as you can handle. THANK YOU in advance!

If there are any generous cooks out there who would like to donate some goodies for sale on the day, any cakes, slices etc. can be left at the Teahouse on the Saturday, or brought to the Hall on the Sunday morning.

If anyone has some photos of people or events in the valley from yesteryear, Joan Kent will be coordinating a display, focusing on the history of the valley, in the Old School. She can be contacted on 6355 2993, or joantomkent@bigpond.com

Meeting Date Changes

The next meeting of the Association has been put back to Monday 11th October @ 7.30pm because of the clash with the long weekend. It will be the last meeting before the Annual General Meeting, which has also been postponed. It will now be held before the Monday 21st November 2010 general meeting. At the September meeting it was felt that it was better to hold the AGM after the Big Backyard rather than just before. This change is now being updated into the draft of our new constitution.

Annual General Meeting

Annual General Meeting: Monday 1st November 7.30pm
In accordance with the new constitution, all official positions will be declared vacant, and nominations are hereby called for the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, three committee members and Hall Hire Officer.

The relevant clauses are:

14 Constitution and membership of committee

(1) The committee is to consist of: (a) the office-bearers of the association, and (b) at least 3 ordinary committee members, each of whom is to be elected at the annual general meeting of the association under clause 15. (2) The total number of committee members is to be 7.

15 Election of members

(1) Nominations of candidates for election as office-bearers of the association, or as ordinary committee members: (a) must be made in writing, signed by 2 members of the association and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the form of the nomination), and (b) must be delivered to the secretary of the association at least 7 days before the date fixed for the holding of the annual general meeting at which the election is to take place.

Nomination forms are available by emailing hdp@pnc.com.au, telephoning the current President on 6355 2043, or by writing to The Secretary, PO Box 372, Lithgow NSW 2790. When completed, forms should be forwarded to the Association at the same address, to arrive no later than Monday 25th October.

1813 Bicentenary

30th May 2013 is a special date in the HDPa calendar. It's the bicentenary of the crossing of the Blue Mountains by Blaxland, Lawson and Wentworth. The crossing led to the development of Cox's Road to Bathurst in 1815, which paved the way for the development of the whole Central West of New South Wales. An HDPa sub committee, (which includes HDPa members Duncan Wass, Joan Kent, Ralph Fairbairn, Jeremy Dawkins, Dick Austen and Ramsay Moodie, along with representatives from various groups, including the Lithgow City Council, Aboriginal Groups and the National Parks and Wildlife Service), has begun to collect ideas on how this anniversary might best be recognised. The sub committee would welcome any ideas on things that might be done to make 2013 memorable. Write to us on hdp@pnc.com.au, or call one of the sub committee members.

Apology to Maple Springs Nursery

In the May Newsletter we ran a story on the good folks at Maple Springs Nursery, and we got the telephone number wrong! We do sincerely apologise to Margaret and Alan, who were very gracious about the error. The Business Directory and the fridge magnet are both correct, but the newsletter was not. To set the record straight, Maple Springs Nursery can be contacted on 6355 2140.

"Happiness is good health and bad memory"

Ingrid Bergman

Planning Workshop

The second meeting in the planning workshop series, initiated by the Progress Association and the Hartley Highway Action group, took place on Saturday 12th September. Its purpose was to consider the "Hartley Valley: Future Directions" Report that was mentioned in last month's newsletter, and which is available on the web at www.hartleyforum.org

The meeting enabled the fifty odd participants to express their views on the opinions and recommendations that came from the first public meeting/workshop held in mid June. These views will now be reflected in the "Hartley Valley: Future Directions" Report, to complement and balance the recommendations from the original workshop.

One of the key differences of opinion between the two meetings was the second group showing a greater interest in subdivision, and generally rejecting suggested restrictions on population growth.

On the concept that the whole valley should be treated as a heritage conservation area, the meeting was addressed by Patsy Moppel, an independent land planning professional.

Patsy was invited to the meeting particularly to talk about the heritage conservation area issue. Despite being clearly heritage sensitive, Patsy presented a compelling case that a wide area heritage conservation zone would not be feasible. She said there may be benefits to be achieved by heritage classifying unique heritage areas within the valley, but not the whole area. This led to the meeting not supporting this suggestion from the June workshop. We thank her for her counsel.

The meeting agreed to present the report to Lithgow Council as a source of information for their community consultation on the soon to be published Land Use Strategy. The final version of the report, reflecting the opinions of both meetings, will be published on the Hartley Forum website very soon.

"Laughter is the shortest distance between two people"

Victor Borg

Constitution

Our draft constitution has now been in circulation for community critique for more than a month, and at our last meeting we discussed some elements of it. A number of small changes were made. The first was to make the alterations consistent with the proposal to hold our AGMs later in the year, and we have also introduced a provision to clarify our voting process. A further change was made to introduce the potential for any resolution to be deferred and treated as a special resolution if 20% of those voting so desire. This is principally to protect the views of any minority and ensure that all voices have an avenue to be heard.

The draft new constitution is now awaiting adoption, and can be viewed on the HDPH website under Draft New Constitution at: www.hartleynsw.com.au

Zumba® comes to Hartley

As part of this year's Live Well Lithgow – healthy lifestyle festival, a series of FREE Zumba Gold® classes will be held in Hartley.

The original Zumba® is the latest fitness craze, a Latin-inspired dance fitness class that blends a range of international rhythms (such as salsa, tango, flamenco and even belly dance) with a fun, calorie burning workout.

On the other hand, Zumba Gold® classes are carefully designed to be suitable for beginners and active seniors, with low impact, easy to follow dance moves. Much more achievable, and still loads of free fun.

Zumba Gold® will commence from 14 October running for four weeks at 10am on Thursday mornings at the Hartley Community Hall on Mid Hartley Road, and promises to deliver a bundle of laughs.

For more information and details about Zumba Gold or other Live Well Lithgow activities, contact Angela Mills on 6354 9985 or 0421 700 188.

Hartley Community Hall

The Hartley Community Hall has now been painted inside and looks splendid. Our thanks to Douglas Plummer and team for a clean and efficient job.

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. Kanimbla Brigade meets at their shed, Coxs River Road, on the last Friday in February and the first Saturday in July. Training is held on the first Sunday in February, May, August & November at midday. For details contact Nancy on 4287 1909. Both Brigades welcome new members.

Vale "Bid" Baaner

It is with regret we note the passing of Bid on September 16th 2010. At 102 years, she was the oldest resident of the Hartley Valley. Eveline Annie Baaner (nee Mathews) came to Little Hartley in 1931 when she married Fred (P.M.) Baaner. They ran an apple orchard and tea rooms, and worked together in the Lithgow Small Arms Factory. After Fred died in 1957, Bid continued to improve the property, running cattle. She made a garden that is still spectacular today, and which will remain as a tribute to her strength and beauty. She will be sadly missed by all who came in contact with her.



Bid Baaner

Hall Hire – For that special occasion, such as a family reunion, information seminar, or other local activities, contact Pam, 6355 2114. Very reasonable rates. Sorry, we are unable to let the hall for 18th or 21st birthday parties.

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 Appleseeds Play Group meet at the Hartley Old School, Tuesdays 10am until 12pm. Contact Alison on 6351 4296 for more information.



REFRESHMENTS

Sausage Sizzle, Sandwiches,
Scones, Home-made Cakes,
Cool Drinks, Tea & Coffee

ENTRY BY DONATION

All Proceeds go towards
Restoration of the Old School Building

Squeetow Competition!!
Make one, and bring it along!
Winners announced at 11.30 am

MONSTER RAFFLE

Hourly Gate Prizes

Stalls

Regional Produce

Alpacas

Poultry

Plants

Jewellery

Craft

Sunday 31st October 9am - 3pm

Highlights

Pony Rides
Local History Display
Wood Turner in action
Farm Machinery Display
Reptile Awareness Display
Fire Engines, Vintage Cars
Childrens Games of yester year
Gallopig & Munch Childrens Corner

Live Music All Day
from Singer/Songwriter
Pat Drummond

Simon Watts (The Travelling Fiddler)
Karen Lynne ... and more!

Hartley School

Cnr Great Western Highway & Mid Hartley Road - Ph: 6355 0201

Hartley District Progress Association meetings are held on the first Monday of each month. We welcome new members, whose input would be appreciated. Membership is only \$5, which covers your insurance during involvement with Progress Association activities.

Report a fire: RING 000

Hartley Captain - John Lowegrove 6355 2460

Secretary of the Hartley Brigade - Lynda 6355 2460

Kanimbla Captain - Jim Commens 4787 1193

Secretary of Kanimbla Brigade - Nancy 4787 1909

Hartley District Progress Association contacts:

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Treasurer - Barbara Johnson 6355 2047

Secretary - Vacant

Hire a Hall - Pam Day 6355 2154